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South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organization

## **INTERIM SWRMPO MINUTES**

For the 01/20/2022

Held via Zoom Webinar

Chairman Lynne Vanderslice- Vice Chairman Kevin Moynihan

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	First Selectman Monica McNally
Greenwich	Selectman Lauren Rabin
New Canaan	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Absent
Stamford	Mayor Caroline Simmons
Weston	Absent
Westport	Absent
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
CTDOT	Kathryn Faraci (non-voting)
Transit Representative	NTD CEO Kimberlee Morton
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, Brookfield First Selectman Tara Carr, Danbury Mayor Dean Esposito, New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, New Milford Mayor Pete Bass, Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton, and Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, were in attendance. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were Commissioner and Gov. Lamont’s Sr. Infrastructure Advisor Mark Boughton, HARTTransit CEO Rick Schreiner, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Tracey Alston from Eversource, Erika Lindeberg from Traffic Operations and Safety Engineering Division, Natasha Fatu from the Office of Traffic Operations and Safety Engineering, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Guyauth Gabbidon from HARTransit, Dan Gundersen Vice President of Camoin Assoc., Paige Lawrence from CTrides, James Michel from Greenwich, Mariah Okrongly, and Bruce Wittchen State of CT Environmental Analyst.

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lynne Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No members of the public identified themselves or offered comment when invited to do so.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items this month.

## ACTION ITEMS

**SWRMPO Approval of December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

**CTDOT 2022 Safety Targets:** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the CTDOT 2022 Safety Targets were unanimously approved.

**Transportation Improvement Program:** Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Monica Mc Nally and seconded by Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin the Transportation Improvement Program amendment was unanimously approved with an abstention made by Kimberlee Morton.

**MPO Officer Elections:** WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. For the South Western region Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice was nominated Chair, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan was nominated Vice Chair. After review and a motion made by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally and Seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the SWR MPO officers were unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Metro-North Railroad New Canaan Branch Noise Pollution Abatement Feasibility Study was discussed. The Board members provided suggestions on how to proceed with this study

## ADJOURNMENT:

The next MPO meeting is scheduled for February 17th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm