

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES

For the 03/17/2022 Meeting

Held at: The RVNA 27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	Absent
Brookfield	First Selectman Tara Carr
Danbury	Absent
New Fairfield	First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford	Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown	First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Redding	First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman	First Selectman Don Lowe
Transit Representative	Guyauth Gabbidon
CTDOT	Kathryn Faraci (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Darien First Selectman Monica McNally, Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin, Westport First Selectman Jennifer Tooker, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Charles Vidich, Nicole Sullivan, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were United States Senate Outreach Assistant Trayvonn Diaz, District Director for Congresswoman Jahana Hayes- Jennine Lupo, NTD CEO Kimberlee Morton, EVERSOURCE Community Relations Specialist- Tracey Alston, CTDOT Transportation Planner- Sara Radacsi, Meg Haffner and April Chaplin from the Kennedy Center, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public identified themselves as present or spoke when invited to do so.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Federal Certification Review: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview.

Implementation of WestCOG Strategic Plan – MPO Merger: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview.

CTPASS Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview.

CTDOT Air Quality Conformity – Public Comment: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. The Public Comment period runs from March 10th to April 10th 2022.

State Matching Grant Program: Todd provided an overview. The deadline for this program is May 2nd 2022.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of the February 17th 2022 Meeting minutes: After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Delmonico, the February 17th, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering Congratulated Kathryn Faraci on her retirement as the Supervisor of the Council of Governments Coordination Unit at Connecticut Department of Transportation. He then welcomed her successor Sara Radacsi, who will be filling Kathryn's position as WestCOG's CTDOT Liaison.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m.