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Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization

INTERIM HVMPO MINUTES

For the 04/21/2022 Meeting

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

Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	Selectman Richard Straiton
Bridgewater	First Selectman Curtis Read
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	Rick Schreiner
CTDOT	CTDOT Transportation Planner Sara Radacsi (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Darien First Selectman Monica McNally, Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox, Weston First Selectman Samantha Nestor, Westport First Selectman Jennifer Tooker, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were FHWA Transportation Specialist Jennifer Carrier, FTA Community Planner Leah Sirmin, United States Senate Outreach Assistant Trayvonn Diaz, Andrea Goodman, Jacob Buckman, Enoch Lenge and Tracey Alston from EVERSOURCE, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, Jennifer Johnson from Westport, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Jennifer Johnson from Westport requested the Meeting packet and a recording of the meetings be posted on the WestCOG Website. Jennifer Johnson advised that the merger process should be approached carefully and all consequences understood and offered to provide further information if there was interest.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

Member-Directed Community Project Funding: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of the March 17th 2022 Meeting minutes: After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, the March 17th, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

CTDOT Air Quality Conformity: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel Selectman Richard Straiton and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal the CTDOT Air Quality Conformity Determinations were unanimously approved.

Traffic Calming Plan and Design Guidelines Project: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Bethel Selectman Richard Straiton, the Traffic Calming Plan and Design Guidelines was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m.