

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES

For the 03/17/2022

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

Chairman Lynne Vanderslice- Vice Chairman Kevin Moynihan

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	First Selectman Monica McNally
Greenwich	Selectman Lauren Rabin
New Canaan	Absent
Norwalk	Absent
Stamford	Absent
Weston	First Selectman Samantha Nestor
Westport	First Selectman Jennifer Tooker
Wilton	Absent
CTDOT	Kathryn Faraci (non-voting)
Transit Representative	Kimberlee Morton
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Brookfield First Selectman Tara Carr, New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton, Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, 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, EVERSOURCE Community Relations Specialist- Tracey Alston, HARTransit Transit Operations Manager- Guyauth Gabbidon, CTDOT Transportation Planner- Sara Radacsi, Meg Haffner and April Chaplin from the Kennedy Center, and Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

CALL TO ORDER

Member at large Monica Mc Nally called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No members of the public identified themselves or offered comment 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

SWRMPO Approval of February 17th 2022 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin and seconded by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally the minutes of the February 17th 2022 meeting 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 MPO 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.