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INTERIM MINUTES

Council/ Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

for the 08/18/2022 Meeting

Held via Zoom Webinar

COG Chairman Rudolph Marconi/ Vice Chair- Julia Pemberton

Treasurer -Lynne Vanderslice/ Secretary Kevin Moynihan

HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi/ Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

SWRMPO Chairman Lynne Vanderslice/ Vice Chairman Kevin Moynihan

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel.....First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker -COG/HVMPO
Bridgewater.....First Selectman Cutis Read - COG/HVMPO
Brookfield.....First Selectman Tara Carr- COG/HVMPO
Danbury.....Absent- COG/HVMPO
Darien.....Absent- COG/SWRMPO
Greenwich.....Selectman Lauren Rabin COG/SWRMPO
New Canaan.....First Selectman Kevin Moynihan COG/SWRMPO
New Fairfield.....First Selectman Pat Del Monaco COG/HVMPO
New Milford.....Mayor Pete Bass COG/HVMPO
Newtown.....Absent COG/HVMPO
Norwalk.....Mayor Harry Rilling COG/SWRMPO
Redding.....First Selectman Julia Pemberton COG/HVMPO
Ridgefield.....First Selectman Rudy Marconi COG/HVMPO
Sherman.....Absent COG/HVMPO
Stamford.....Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise SWRMPO
Weston.....First Selectman Samantha Nestor COG/SWRMPO
Westport.....Absent COG/SWRMPO
Wilton.....First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice COG/SWRMPO
Transit Representative.....Rick Schreiner HVMPO
Transit Representative.....Absent SWRMPO
CTDOT..... X (Non-voting MPO member)
MPO Staff.....Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, Summer Fellows Liam Ford and Lilly Adamo, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were Environmental Analyst at CT OPM Bruce Wittchen, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, and Jennifer Johnson from Westport.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meetings were called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public offered comment when asked to do so.

COG ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the July 21st Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the minutes of the July 21st meeting were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling.

BUILD Reallocation Award – Regional Value Capture Mechanism Study Resolution: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella Provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass the BUILD Reallocation Award – Regional Value Capture Mechanism Study Resolution was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Project Solicitation: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. Proposals will be accepted until 4pm on October 7th. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice the LOTICIP Project Solicitation was unanimously approved.

SS4A Letter of Support: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the SS4A Letter of Support was unanimously approved.

Central Business District Tolling Program- WestCOG comments: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview. It was decided that Francis will draft a letter of the comments for the COG's approval.

COG INFORMATION ITEMS:

CEDS Update: WestCOG Project Manager Betsy Paynter provided an update and a slide presentation.

Regional Flood Mitigation and Project Management Assistance Program Update: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an update and a PowerPoint presentation.

Sustainable CT Update: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle introduced the WestCOG summer fellows Liam Ford and Lilly Adamo. Liam and Lilly provided an overview on the work they have performed at the office this summer.

HVMPO and SWRMPO INFORMATION ITEMS:

CT DEEP Volkswagen EVSE Phase 1 WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview.

USDOT SMART Program WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview.

HVMPO and SWRMPO ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the July 21st, HVMPO Meeting Minutes After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco the minutes of the July 21st 2022 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of the July 21st, SWRMPO Meeting Minutes: The July 21st, SWRMPO Meeting Minutes were tabled to the September 22nd meeting.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (HV) WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi the 2021-2024 HVMPO TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman Rudy Marconi announced that Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker will be stepping down to take the position of Town Administrator for the town of Wilton.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 22, 2022

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:22 p.m.