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INTERIM MINUTES

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

for the 09/22/2022 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..... Absent -COG/HVMPO
Bridgewater..... Absent - COG/HVMPO
Brookfield..... Absent - COG/HVMPO
Danbury Absent - COG/HVMPO
Darien First Selectman Monica Mc Nally - COG/SWRMPO
Greenwich..... First Selectman Fred Camillo - 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..... Dan Rosenthal - COG/HVMPO
Norwalk..... Mayor Harry Rilling - COG/SWRMPO
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton - COG/HVMPO
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi COG/HVMPO
Sherman..... Don Lowe - COG/HVMPO
Stamford..... Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise - SWRMPO
Weston..... First Selectman Samantha Nestor - COG/SWRMPO
Westport..... First Selectman Jennifer Tooker – COG/SWRMPO
Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice - COG/SWRMPO
Transit Representative..... Rick Schreiner - HVMPO
Transit Representative..... Absent - SWRMPO
CTDOT..... Sara Radacsi (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, Kristin Floberg, Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, Edgardo Block and Ricky Milliner from CTDOT, Inspector General Judge Robert Devlin Jr, Chief Inspector James Viadeor, and Inspector Frank Capozzi from the Inspector General's Office, Anita Carpenter from the city of Stamford, Jennifer Johnson and Pippa Bell from Westport, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

CALL TO ORDER

The meetings were called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi and SWRMPO Chairman Lynne Vanderslice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Jennifer Johnson spoke to the use of Census urbanized areas in transportation planning. Pippa Bell seconded Jennifer's comments and spoke to transit planning including routes and bus shelters.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: Edgardo Block and Ricky Milliner from CTDOT provided a presentation on the Developing Congestion Performance Measure Targets for the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area.

Approval of the SWRMPO/HVMPO, and COG 08/18/2022 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes from the 08/18/2022 COG and HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Newtown First Selectmen Dan Rosenthal. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Monica Mc Nally and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the minutes of the 08/18/2022 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

HV/SWR MPO Information Items

CTDOT - Municipal ADA Compliance Assessment Survey: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. Kristin requested that Municipalities complete the survey by September 30th.

HV/SWR MPO Action Items*

Approval of the SWRMPO 07/21/2022 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 07/21/2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (HVMPO/SWRMPO): WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the HVMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally and seconded by Weston First Selectman Samantha Nestor the SWRMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: Inspector General Judge Robert Devlin, Jr, Chief Inspector James Viadeor, and Inspector Frank Capozzi from the Inspector General's Office provided a presentation

on the Police Accountability Bill. A recoding of the presentation may be viewed by visiting the WestCOG website: <https://westcog.org/>

COG Action Items**

Reconnecting Communities- Letter of Support: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the Letter of Support for Reconnecting Communities was unanimously approved.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Greenhouse Gas Emissions: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Greenhouse Gas Emissions was unanimously approved.

Urban Green & Community Garden Initiative -Letter of Support: Anita Carpenter from the city of Stamford provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice the Letter of Support for the Urban Green & Community Garden Initiative was unanimously approved.

COG Information items

Flood Mitigation Project management update: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella and Paul Hearn from Baralmar LLC provide an update

Regional Data Collection Services: WestCOG Planner Kristin Floberg provided an overview.

CEDS Update: WestCOG Manager Betsy Paynter provided an update.

Next meeting: MPO/COG: Thursday, October 20th, 2022

Adjournment: On a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:12 p.m.