

## APPROVED MINUTES

### Council/ Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 09/22/2022 Meeting

The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex- 66 Prospect St. Ridgefield, CT 06879

*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 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.