

## APPROVED MINUTES

### Council/ Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 11/30/2022 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..... Acting First Selectman Rich Straiton- COG/HVMPO  
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read- COG/HVMPO  
Brookfield..... First Selectman Tara Carr COG/HVMPO  
Danbury ..... Mayor Dean Esposito- COG/HVMPO  
Darien..... First Selectman Monica McNally- 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..... Absent- COG/HVMPO  
Newtown..... First Selectman Dan Rosenthal- COG/HVMPO  
Norwalk..... Absent- COG/SWRMPO  
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton- COG/HVMPO  
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi- COG/HVMPO  
Sherman ..... First Selectman Don Lowe COG/HVMPO  
Stamford..... Chief of Staff Bridget Fox- 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..... Kimberlee Morton- SWRMPO  
CTDOT ..... Kevin Tedesco (Non-voting MPO member)  
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, Weston Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, New Canaan Grant writer Greg Reilly, Jennifer Arienti from CTDOT, Guyauth Gabbidon from HARTransit, , WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Charles Vidich, Mike Wilson, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, Betsy Paynter Victoria Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, and Executive Director Francis Pickering. Also in attendance were, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Paul

Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, Meg Haffner and John Wardzala from the Kennedy Collective, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meetings were called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chair Rudy Marconi and SWRMPO Chair Lynne Vanderslice.

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

**Approval of the HVMPO/SWRMPO 11/30/2022 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes of the 11/30/2022 HVMPO Meeting were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Darien First Selectman Monica Mc Nally the minutes of the 11/30/2022 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

**Approval of the COG 11/30/2022 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes of the 11/30/2022 COG Meeting were unanimously approved.

**HV/SWR MPO Action Items:**

**2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (SWR & HV):** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review, a motion made by Darien First Selectman Monica Mc Nally and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the SWRMPO 2021-2024 TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

**COG Action Items\*\***

**CEDS Approval:** WestCOG Project Manager Betsy Paynter gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Weston First Selectman Samantha Nestor, the CEDS was unanimously approved.

**Letter of Support and Resolution for RPIP Grants:** WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Weston First Selectman Samantha Nestor and seconded by Danbury Mayor Dean Esposito, the Letter of Support and Resolution for RPIP Grants was unanimously approved.

**Letter of Support for Stamford's FEMA BRIC Pump Station:** Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin and seconded by Danbury Mayor Dean Esposito the Letter of Support for Stamford's FEMA BRIC Pump Station was unanimously approved.

**Climate Resilience Fund Applications**

**Track 1: Riparian Corridor Protections, Zoning/Local Regulation Implementation:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Bethel Acting First Selectman Rich Straiton, Track 1: Riparian Corridor Protections, Zoning/Local Regulation Implementation was unanimously approved.

**Track 2: Regional Flood Mitigation and Project Management Services Application (and Update):** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview and update. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally and seconded by Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox, the Regional Flood Mitigation and Project Management Services Application was unanimously approved.

**USDOT SMART Grant Application:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the USDOT SMART Grant Application was unanimously approved.

**COG Information Items:**

**Legislative Committee and 2023 Legislative Priorities:** Executive Director Francis Pickering provided a review.

**2023 Proposed Meeting Dates:** Francis gave an overview.

**2023 Annual Dues:** Francis gave an overview.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan Check-in:** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided a review.

**HV/SWR MPO Information Items:**

**Safety Performance Targets:** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update. The Safety Targets will be presented for endorsement in January.

**Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided the update.

**Other Business:** Chairman and Ridgefield First Selectman commented the Ms4 permit will require an update and could have impacts on municipalities.

**Next meeting:** MPO/COG/Legislative Reception: Thursday, December 15, 2022

**Adjournment:** The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:00 p.m.