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## INTERIM MINUTES

### Council/ Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 01/19/2023 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..... Selectwoman Lauren Rabin - COG/SWRMPO  
New Canaan..... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan- COG/SWRMPO  
New Fairfield..... First Selectwoman Pat Del Monaco- COG/HVMPO  
New Milford..... Mayor Pete Bass- COG/HVMPO  
Newtown..... First Selectman Dan Rosenthal- COG/HVMPO  
Norwalk..... Absent- COG/SWRMPO  
Redding..... First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton- COG/HVMPO  
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi- COG/HVMPO  
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe COG/HVMPO  
Stamford..... Absent- SWRMPO  
Weston..... Absent- COG/SWRMPO  
Westport..... First Selectwoman Jennifer Tooker- COG/SWRMPO  
Wilton..... First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice- COG/SWRMPO  
Transit Representative..... Absent- HVMPO  
Transit Representative..... Absent-SWRMPO  
CTDOT..... Kevin Tedesco (Non-voting MPO member)  
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** City of Stamford Transportation, Traffic & Parking Bureau Chief Frank Petise, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Charles Vidich, Nick Trabka, Tucker Beckett, Betsy Paynter, Mike Wilson, Nicole Sullivan, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were CPA Martin Henry from Henry, Raymond and Thompson, LLC, Mende Blue Pacca and Elaine Mintz from Fairfield County's Community Foundation, Eversource Community Relations Specialist Austin Samuelson, John Wardzala and Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meetings were called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Rudy Marconi and SWRMPO Chair Lynne Vanderslice.

**Public Participation:** No members of the public made any comments when asked to do so.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION:** CPA Martin Henry from Henry, Raymond and Thompson, LLC provided a review of the WestCOG 2022 Audit.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION:** Fairfield County's Community Foundation CEO Mende Blue Pacca and Vice President, Strategy & External Relations Elaine Mintz spoke about the foundation and how they are serving local communities in Fairfield County. For more information, please visit their website at: <https://fccfoundation.org>

**FEATURED PRESENTATION:**

WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg along with Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka, and Data Scientist Tucker Beckett shared the Metropolitan Transportation Plan including the data they have collected. A public hearing will be held at the March 16<sup>th</sup> MPO meeting. For more information on the MTP plan, please visit the WestCOG website at:

<https://westcog.org/transportation/foundational-plans/metropolitan-transportation-plans>

**Approval of the 12/15/2022 SWRMPO/HVMPO Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally the minutes of the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectwoman Pat Del Monaco, the minutes of the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Bethel Acting First Selectman Rich Straiton.

**Approval of the COG 12/15/2022 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read the minutes of the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 COG meeting were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Bethel Acting First Selectman Rich Straiton.

**HV/SWR MPO Action Items:**

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

**Highway Safety Performance Measures:** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectwoman Pat Del Monaco the HVMPO Highway Safety Performance Measures were unanimously approved. After review on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally the SWR Highway Safety Measures were unanimously approved.

**COG Action Items:**

**Quarter 2 Financial Report:** WestCOG Finance Director Victoria Ricks provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read the Quarter 2 Financial Report was unanimously approved.

**Annual Dues:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel Acting First Selectman Rich Straiton and seconded by Danbury Mayor Dean Esposito the Annual Dues were unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP Adjustments:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel Acting First Selectman Rich Straiton and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

**Letters of Support:** WestCOG Project Manager Betsy Paynter provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton the Letters of Support were unanimously approved.

**HV/SWR MPO Information Items:**

**Transit Asset Management Performance Targets:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview.

**Transit Safety Performance Targets:** WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided the overview.

**2020 Census Update:** WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided the update.

**COG Information Items:**

**Flood Mitigation and Project Management:** WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided the review.

**Other Business:** There was no other business discussed.

**Next meeting:** MPO/COG/ Foundation meeting: Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Adjournment:** On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.