

APPROVED MINUTES

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

for the 05/18/2023 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..... First Selectman Dan Carter- COG/HVMPO
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield First Selectwoman Tara Carr – COG/HVMPO
Danbury Absent
Darien Absent- 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 Absent– 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..... Mayor Caroline Simmons COG/SWRMPO
Weston..... First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor- COG/SWRMPO
Westport..... Absent– COG/SWRMPO
Wilton First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice- COG/SWRMPO
Transit Representative..... Rick Schreiner- HVMPO
Transit Representative..... Matt Pentz -SWRMPO
CTDOT Kevin Tedesco (Non-voting MPO member)
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Assistant to the Bethel First Selectman/Communications Emma Fehr, Newtown Land Use Director Rob Sibley, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, HARTransit Transit Planner Guyauth Gabbidon, CTrides Outreach and Engagement Specialist Bryan Walsh. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were Eversource

Community Relations Specialist Chris Farrell, Jonathan Smalls from Senator Murphy's Office, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors, LLC, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meetings were called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Rudy Marconi and SWRMPO Secretary Kevin Moynihan.

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

Approval of the 04/27/2023 SWRMPO/HVMPO Special Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Weston First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor and seconded by Greenwich First Selectwoman Lauren Rabin the minutes of the April 27, 2023 SWRMPO Special Meeting were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by New Fairfield First Selectwoman Pat Del Monaco and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the minutes of the April 27, 2023, HVMPO Special Meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of the COG 04/27/2023 Special Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the minutes of the April 27, 2023 COG Special meeting were unanimously approved.

HV/SWR MPO Action Items:

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (SWR & HV): WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Weston First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor and seconded by Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin the 2021-2024 SWRMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the 2021-2024 HVMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

Unified Planning Work Programs: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Weston First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor and seconded by Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin the SWRMPO Unified Planning Work Program was unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by New Fairfield First Selectwoman Pat Del Monaco and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the HVMPO Unified Planning Work Program was unanimously approved.

Performance Measures and Targets: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons and seconded by Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin the SWRMPO Performance Measures and Targets were unanimously approved. On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the HVMPO Performance Measures and Targets were unanimously approved.

COG Action Items:

LOTICIP Adjustment: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

Appointment of Auditor Selection: WestCOG Financial Director Vicky Ricks provided the 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 Appointment of Auditor Selection was unanimously approved.

Central Business District Tolling Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the Central Business District Tolling Program was approved with New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and New Milford Mayor Pete Bass opposed and an abstention made by Brookfield First Selectwoman Tara Carr.

Personnel Policy: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided the overview. The Personnel Policy Revision is tabled until the next meeting.

CT Brownfields Municipal Grant Program Pass-Through: Francis Pickering and Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons, provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons the CT Brownfields Municipal Grant Program Pass-Through was approved with Brookfield First Selectwoman Tara Carr voting against.

MPO Information Items:

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. The deadline for this program is August 18th 2023.

EPA School Bus Program: Todd Fontanella provided the overview.

COG Information Items:

FY2023-2024 Draft Budget and Regional Spending Plan: Francis Pickering provided the overview.

Regional Staffing Concepts: Francis Pickering provided the overview.

Legislative Updates: Francis Pickering provided the updates.

Next meeting: MPO/COG Thursday, June 15th 2023

Adjournment: On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.