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INTERIM MINUTES

Council/Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 07/20/2023 Meeting

The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex- 66 Prospect St. Ridgefield, CT 06877 and via Zoom

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 First Selectwoman Tara Carr – COG/HVMPO
Danbury Mayor Dean Esposito- COG HV/MPO
Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally- COG/SWRMPO
Greenwich..... Selectwoman Lauren Rabin - COG/SWRMPO
New Canaan..... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan- COG/SWRMPO
New Fairfield Absent- 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..... Chief of Staff Bridget Fox-SWRMPO
Weston..... Absent- COG/SWRMPO
Westport..... First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor- COG/SWRMPO
Wilton..... First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice- COG/SWRMPO
Transit Representative..... Rick Schreiner- HVMPO
Transit Representative..... Matt Pentz and Barry Diggs -SWRMPO
CTDOT Kevin Tedesco (Non-voting MPO member)
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

1) **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Carrier, FHWA Intern Andrew Guo, and Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Mike Wilson, Victoria Ricks, Summer Intern Sebastian Silberman and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were Planning Lead at WSP Martin Hull, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, Greenwich Town Clerk Jackie Budkins, Newtown Police Chief David Kullgren, Connecticut Main Street Center Executive Director Michelle McCabe, Executive Director of Connecticut Retirement Security Program- Office of the State Comptroller Jessica Muirhead, and Connecticut Main Street Center program Assistant Lily Smith.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

FEATURED PRESENTATION: Michelle McCabe Executive Director of Connecticut Main Street Center presented: "Main Street Management": A Critical Component of Local and Regional Development.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: Jessica Muirhead Executive Director of Connecticut Retirement Security Program- Office of the State Comptroller joined the meeting on Zoom with her Presentation: Introducing MyCTsavings: CT's Secure Choice Plan.

Approval of the 06/15/2023 HVMPO/SWRMPO Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton the minutes of the HVMPO 06/15/2023 meeting were unanimously approved. 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 SWRMPO 06/15/2023 were unanimously approved.

Approval of the COG 06/15/2023 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes of the 06/15/2023 COG meeting were unanimously approved.

****COG Action Items:**

Quarterly Financial Update: WestCOG Financial Director Victoria Ricks provided the update. After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton and Seconded by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally the Quarterly Financials were unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the review. Following discussion, a motion was made by Wilton First Selectwoman Lynn Vanderslice and seconded by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton to call the question. Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, and Brookfield First Selectwoman Tara Carr abstained, and New Milford Mayor Pete Bass voted no. After a tally of the votes, a motion

was made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally to amend the agenda, to advance items 11c and 11d to before item 10a, and to table item 8c until after discussion on these items was concluded.

MPO Action Items:

Section 5310 Grant Program: West Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the HVMPO Section 5310 Grant Program was unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Darien First Selectman Monica McNally the SWRMPO Section 5310 Grant Program was unanimously approved.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (HV & SWR): WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the review. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton the HVMPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendments were unanimously approved.

Rescheduled Action and Information Items:

LOTICIP Funds Management Policy and Guidance: WestCOG's Kevin Mahoney gave an overview.

2023 LOTICIP Project Solicitation: Kevin Mahoney gave an overview. Mayor Pete Bass asked for the opportunity for further presentation at future point.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney reintroduced this item. On a motion made by Wilton First Selectwoman Lynn Vanderslice and seconded by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton, the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

MPO Information Items:

USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

2) COG Information Items:

Regional Firearms Training Facility Update: WestCOG Deputy Director provided the update. There is a Sub-Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday July 27th @ 11:00am.

Public Involvement Plan: WestCOG's Nicole Sullivan provided the overview.

USDOT RAISE Grant Award: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

3) Other Business:

4) Next meeting: MPO/COG Thursday, August 17th 2023

5) Adjournment: On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 2:17pm

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COG MEMBERS