

APPROVED MINUTES

Council/Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 10/19/2023 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..... First Selectman Dan Carter- COG/HVMPO
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield..... First Selectwoman Tara Carr – COG/HVMPO
Danbury Absent
Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally- COG/SWRMPO
Greenwich..... First Selectman Fred Camillo- 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..... Mayor Harry Rilling COG/SWRMPO
Redding..... First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton- COG/HVMPO
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi- COG/HVMPO
Sherman Absent COG/HVMPO
Stamford..... Chief of Staff Bridget Fox-SWRMPO
Weston..... First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor- COG/SWRMPO
Westport..... First Selectwoman Jennifer Tooker 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)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Carrier-Brady, HARTransit Transit Planner Guyauth Gabbidon, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Nick Trabka, Nicole Sullivan, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective,

CALL TO ORDER:

The meetings were called to order at 12:27 p.m. by Chair Rudy Marconi and SWRMPO Chair Lynne Vanderslice.

Public Participation: There was no public comment.

On a motion made by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter MPO Action *item 7c* was moved and renamed: **Item 3b MPO Operating Procedures Amendments.**

MPO Bylaw Amendments: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering described a proposed amendment to address an oversight in the current SWR and HV MPO Operating Procedures, whereby an MPO could lose its officers and no ability to elect replacements. The amendment would enable the WestCOG Executive Director to call a special meeting of the membership with the sole purpose of holding elections, when the offices of chair and vice chair are both vacant; allow holding the annual meeting (at which regular elections take place) as soon as December, once all CEOs have been seated; and to use a nominating committee to develop a proposed slate of MPO officers. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally, the amendments were unanimously approved as the SWR MPO Bylaws. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, the amendments were unanimously approved as the HV MPO Bylaws.

***Approval of the 09/21/2023 SWRMPO/HVMPO Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the minutes of the 09/21/2023 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Weston First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor and seconded by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling the minutes of the 09/21/2023 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

****Approval of the COG 09/21/2023 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the minutes of the 09/21/2023 COG meeting were unanimously approved.

****COG Action Items:**

Annual Dues: WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass the Annual Dues were unanimously approved.

Planning MOU Resolution: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan

and seconded by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally the Planning MOU Resolution was unanimously approved.

COG Bylaw Amendment: Francis Pickering provided the review. On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the COG Bylaw Amendment was tabled to the November 16th, 2023 meeting.

Quarter 1 Financial Update: WestCOG Financial Director Victoria Ricks provided the update. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the Quarter 1 Financials were unanimously approved.

***MPO Action Items:**

TIP Amendments (SWR & HV): WestCOG planner Nicole Sullivan provided the review. On a motion made by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the SWRMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved. On a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the HVMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

Resolutions to Approve Planning Certifications (SWR & HV): WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the review. On a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectwoman Pat Del Monaco the HVMPO Resolution to Approve Planning Certifications was unanimously approved. On a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Darien First Selectwoman Monica McNally the SWRMPO Resolution to Approve Planning Certifications was unanimously approved.

COG Information Items:

Regional Firearms Training Facility Update: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided the update.

Regional Map Viewer: WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka provided the review.

MPO Information Items:

FHWA Large Bridge Program NOFO: WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the update.

FHWA Electric Vehicle Charger Repair Program: WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided the update.

Other Business: WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided updates on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program, the Farm Viability project, the Structure and Improvement Description (SAID) project, and the ADA transition plan opportunity WestCOG will be bringing to interested municipalities. CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco provided a review on the Automated Enforcement program and will be providing more information in the coming months. Darien First Selectman Monica McNally requested an update on the Quiet Zone Study, which WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided.

Next meeting: MPO/COG Thursday, November 16th, 2023

Adjournment: On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.