

## APPROVED MINUTES

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

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for the 04/18/2024 Meeting

The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

COG Chairman Rudolph Marconi / Vice Chair- Dan Carter

Treasurer - Jon Zagrodzky / Secretary Julia Pemberton

HVMPO Chairman Julia Pemberton / Vice Chairman Dan Carter

SWRMPO Chairman Toni Boucher/ Vice Chairman Jon Zagrodzky

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... Absent  
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read- COG/HVMPO  
Brookfield ..... First Selectman Steve Dunn- COG/HVMPO  
Danbury ..... Mayor Roberto Alves-COG/HVMPO  
Darien ..... First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky- COG/SWRMPO  
Greenwich..... Selectwoman Lauren Rabin COG/SWRMPO  
New Canaan..... First Selectman Dionna Carlson- COG/SWRMPO  
New Fairfield ..... First Selectman Melissa Lindsey- COG/HVMPO  
New Milford..... Absent COG/HVMPO  
Newtown ..... First Selectman Jeff Capeci- 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 COG/SWRMPO  
Weston..... Absent- COG/SWRMPO  
Westport..... First Selectwoman Jen Tooker COG/SWRMPO  
Wilton ..... First Selectman Toni Boucher - COG/SWRMPO  
Transit Representative..... Rick Schreiner- HVMPO  
Transit Representative..... Absent-SWRMPO  
CTDOT ..... Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco (Non-voting MPO member)  
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Mike Wilson, Charles Vidich, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Jaci Reelick, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were: Ellen

Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

The COG meeting was to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairperson Toni Boucher

**\*\*Approval of the 03/21/2024 COG Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read the minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 COG meeting were unanimously approved.

**\*Approval of the SWRMPO/HVMPO 03/21/2024 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup>2024 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read the minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **\*\*COG Action Items**

**DEMHS Region 1 REPT- WestCOG Representative:** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky nominated himself. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsey, Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky was unanimously appointed the WestCOG Representative DEMHS Region 1 REPT.

**Quarterly Financial Update:** WestCOG Financial Director Vicky Ricks provided the update. After review and on a motion made by Darien first Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read the Quarterly Financial Update was unanimously approved.

**Norwalk SS4A Letter of Support:** WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher the Norwalk SS4A Letter of support was unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP Adjustments:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the review. On a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

#### **MPO Action Items**

**2021-2024 SWR TIP Amendment:** WestCOG's Nicole Sullivan provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the 2021-2024 SWR TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

**2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Programs:** Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the HVMPO 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program was unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson and seconded by Westport First Selectwoman Jen Tooker the SWRMPO 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program was unanimously approved.

#### **MPO Information Items**

**Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program:** WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. The application deadline for this program is June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**FY 2025-2028 MGP Program for Transportation of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities:** WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the update.

**Transportation Alternatives Program Project Solicitation:** WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. The deadline for proposals is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

#### **COG Information Items**

**New and Expanding Assistance (Flood Mitigation, Brownfields Support, Dam Safety):** WestCOG Project Manager Jaci Reelick provided the review.

**Branchville/Georgetown Sewer Feasibility Study:** WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided the review.

**Next Steps for Regional Waste Management:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

**The Municipal ADA Transition Plans:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

**Other Business:** Todd Fontanella provided an update on the Noise Abatement Feasibility Study. WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update on the Legislative Session.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Adjournment:** On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.