

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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for the 05/16/2024 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..... First Selectman Dan Carter COG/HVMPO
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read COG/HVMPO
Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn COG/HVMPO
Danbury Absent-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..... Mayor Pete Bass 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..... First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor COG/SWRMPO
Westport..... Absent 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:

Danbury Government Affairs & Communication Advisor to the Mayor Francesca Capodilupo,
Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission Chairperson Margarita Alban, Stamford Transportation
Bureau Chief Frank Petise, Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox, WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle,

Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Mike Wilson, Nick Trabka, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were: Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, Michael Palmbach and Daniel Mott from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Ms. President US Executive Director Amanda Cordano, 2024 Ms. President US for the Ridgefield Chapter Namya Chouhan, James Root from the Sierra Club, New Fairfield Veterans Milton Craven and Bob Ballas, Director of IT for the town of Ridgefield Andrew Neblett, Ridgefield Summer Interns Kaleigh Olsen and Evan Honoré.

The COG meeting was to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairman Toni Boucher

Public Participation: No member of the public spoke when asked to do so.

****Approval of the 04/18/2024 COG Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the April 18th 2024 COG meeting were unanimously approved.

***Approval of the SWRMPO/HVMPO 04/18/2024 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the minutes of the April 18th 2024 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the minutes of the April 18th 2024 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

****COG Action Items**

Active Transportation Microgrants Resolution: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. Applications for this program are due to Kristin @ khadhstylianos@westcog.org by June 19th 2024. On a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the Active Transportation Microgrants Resolution was unanimously approved.

Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox Resolution: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox Resolution was unanimously approved.

Regional Services Grant Projects Authorizing Resolution: Firearm Training Facility Architecture Services, Firearm Training Facility Governance Strategy, Digital Land Records, Municipal Benchmarking: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher the Regional Services Grant Projects Authorizing Resolution: Firearm Training Facility Architecture Services, Firearm Training Facility Governance Strategy, Digital Land

Records, Municipal Benchmarking was approved with New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson opposing.

USDOT Transportation Access Pilot Program (TAPP) Letter of Interest: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the USDOT Transportation Access Pilot Program (TAPP) Letter of Interest was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the review. On a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the LOTICIP Adjustments were approved with Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe opposing.

WCEDD Membership Appointments: WestCOG Project Manager Betsy Paynter provided the update. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the WCEDD Membership Roster was unanimously approved. Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter made a motion to elect Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton to Vice Chair of the WCEDD. The motion was seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and unanimously approved.

Appointment of Auditor Selection: WestCOG Financial Director Vicky Ricks provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsey the Appointment of Auditor Selection was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

2021-2024 TIP Amendments: 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 2021-2024 HVMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the 2021-2024 SWRMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

FTA Section 5310 Priorities: WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the update. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the FTA Section 5310 Priorities for the SWRMPO were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsey the FTA Section 5310 Priorities for the HVMPO were unanimously approved.

Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Jon Zagrodzky the Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities for the SWRMPO were unanimously approved. After review and discussion the HVMPO Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities will appear on a future agenda.

MPO Information Items

EPA 2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program: WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided the update.

COG Information Items

Grant Submissions: NFWF, Earmarks: WestCOG's Mike Towle provided the overview.

Sustainable CT Program: Mike Towle provided the overview.

Solar & Heat Pump Adoption Study: WestCOG Executive Director Mike Towle provided the overview.

Draft Budget and Regional Services Grant Spending Plan: Mike Towle provided the overview.

Draft State Conservation & Development Plan: WestCOG's Kristin Floberg provided the update. Virtual public comment meetings are scheduled for May 31st from 10-11:15AM and June 4th from 10:30-11:45AM

Legislative Update: Francis Pickering provided the update.

Other Business:

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th, 2024.

Adjournment: On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.