

## APPROVED MINUTES

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

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for the 06/20/2024 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..... Absent  
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..... absent  
Stamford ..... Chief of Staff Bridget Fox SWRMPO  
Weston..... First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor COG/SWRMPO  
Westport..... First Selectwoman Jen Tooker COG/SWRMPO  
Wilton..... First Selectman Toni Boucher COG/SWRMPO  
Transit Representative..... Absent-HVMPO  
Transit Representative..... Absent-SWRMPO  
CTDOT ..... Transportation Planner Jane Dunbar (Non-voting MPO member)  
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Charles Vidich, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Nicole Sullivan, Vicky Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, Princeton Intern Adem Aricanli, Summer

Fellows Dylan Steer and Ella Burns-DeMelo. Also in attendance were: Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, and Rachel Gonzalez, Cyndi Tolosa, and Pamela Wright from America|250

The COG meeting was to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chairman Toni Boucher

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

### **Featured Presentation**

America 250 | CT- Cyndi Tolosa from Connecticut Humanities presented on the upcoming 2026 commemoration.

### **COG Action Items**

**Approval of 05/16/2024 COG Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

**State POCD Comments:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the State POCD Comments were unanimously approved.

**Transportation Alternatives Program East West Trail Project Application:** Kristin Floberg provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the Transportation Alternatives Program East West Trail Project Application was unanimously approved.

**Regional Waste Authority Study Resolution:** WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella 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 Waste Authority Study Resolution was unanimously approved.

**Resolution Authorizing the pass-through of funds for the Blickensderfer Brownfield Remediation:** WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capecci and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the Resolution Authorizing the pass-through of funds for the Blickensderfer Brownfield Remediation was unanimously approved.

**FY 2025 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan and Authorizing Resolution:** Francis Pickering provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capecci and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the FY 2025 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan and Authorizing Resolution was unanimously approved.

**FY 2025 Agency Budget:** Francis Pickering 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 FY 2025 Agency Budget was unanimously approved.

#### **MPO Action Items**

**Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO 05/16/2024 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Toni Boucher and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the minutes of the May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 SWRMPO meeting was unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the minutes of the May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 HVMPO was unanimously approved.

**Transportation Alternatives Program HV Priorities:** WestCOG's Kristin Floberg provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the Transportation Alternatives Program HV Priorities were unanimously approved.

**2021-2024 SWR Transportation Improvement Program:** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin the 2021-2024 SWR Transportation Improvement Program Amendments were unanimously approved.

#### **COG Information Items**

**Flood Assistance Program:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided the review.

**PICS Intern:** Mike Towle provided the review.

**Sustainable CT Fellows:** Mike Towle provided the review.

#### **MPO Information Items**

**USDOT Charging and Fueling infrastructure (CFI):** WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided the overview.

**Other Business:** There was no other business discussed.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18th, 2024.

**Adjournment:** On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 1:37p.m.