

WestCOG / HVMPO / SWRMPO **APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

(A Combined Meeting for Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), Housatonic Valley and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations (HVMPO, SWRMPO) 1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Scheduled for: Thursday July 18th 2024 @12:00 p.m.

Location. Ridgefield Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT and virtually on Zoom.

*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
Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn COG/HVMPO
Danbury Absent COG/HVMPO
Darien..... First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky COG/SWRMPO
Greenwich..... P&Z Chairperson Margarita Alban SWRMPO
New Canaan..... First Selectman Dionna Carlson 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..... Absent-COG/HVMPO
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe COG/HVMPO
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: Wilton Selectman Kim Healy, Norwalk Chief of Staff Tom Livingston, Chief of Staff to Danbury Mayor Alves- Francesca Capodilupo, WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Charles Vidich, Kevin Mahoney, Mike Wilson, Todd Fontanella, Vicky Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, Princeton Intern Adem Aricanli. Also in attendance were: Sarah Lopez from

Senator Murphy's office, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective Mobility Services Department, Managing Member Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors, LLC, Principal-in-Charge John McGovern and Project Manager Tatum Storey from the WT Group

Call to Order

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dan Carter.

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairman Toni Boucher

Public Participation

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

Featured Presentation

Affordable Housing Financing Study: Senior Vice President, Managing Director, Planning & Strategy Don Poland and Research & Data Analyst Alyssa Fleming from GOMAN+YORK presented on the Affordable Housing finance Study. The Study can be found on the WestCOG website: <https://westcog.org/2024/07/affordable-housing-finance-study-3/>

COG Action Items

Approval of 06/20/2024 COG Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the minutes of the June 20th 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

DEMHS-SLCP Grant Application: WestCog Executive Director Francis Pickering provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the DEMHS-SLCP Grant Application was approved with New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson opposed.

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 Selectman Jon Zagodzky the Quarterly Financial Update was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagodzky the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

DEMHS REPT Appointments: WestCOG Deputy Director Michael Towle provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Weston First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor; Francis Pickering is appointed DEMHS Region 1 Representative for WestCOG and empowered to appoint alternates or proxies for this role as required. The motion was unanimously approved.

Regional Services Grant Project Authorizing Resolution: Municipal ADA Transition Plans: WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the Regional Services Grant Project Authorizing Resolution: Municipal ADA Transition Plans was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO 06/20/2024 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 June 20th 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 June 20th 2024 HVMPO was unanimously approved.

2021-2024 HV/SWR Transportation Improvement Program: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the 2021-2024 HV MPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the 2021-2024 SWR MPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendments were unanimously approved.

COG Information Items

Regional Waste Authority: WestCOG Project Manager Jaclyn Reelick provided the review.

Legislative Committee: Francis Pickering provided the review.

Sustainable CT: Mike Towle provided the review.

Solar Adoption Study: Mike Towle provided the review.

Stormwater Mapping: Mike Towle provided the review.

AI Pilot for Assessors: Mike Towle provided the review.

MPO Information Items

Transportation Grant Opportunities: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the review.

USDOT Reconnecting Communities: WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the review.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Next meeting

The August 15th 2024 meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th, 2024.