

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, December 19th, 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 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..... Absent 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..... Absent COG/SWRMPO
Westport..... Absent COG/SWRMPO
Wilton Wilton Selectman Kim Healy COG/SWRMPO
Transit RepresentativeHARTransit Acting CEO Robert Yastremski-HVMPO
Transit Representative..... Norwalk Transit District Dir. of Svc. Planning Richard Schreiner - SWRMPO
CTDOT CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco (Non-voting MPO member)
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

Others in Attendance: Danbury Planning Director Waleed Albarky, Greenwich P&Z Chairperson Margarita Alban, Ridgefield Town Clerk Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Senator Ceci Maher, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Sarah Lopez from Senator Murphy's office, Representative Hector Arzeno,

Representative Aimee Berger-Girvalo, Representative Jason Buchsbaum, New Fairfield Selectman Thomas Perkins, Representative Lucy Dathan, Representative Anne Hughes, and Representative Steve Meskers.

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Betsy Paynter, Kevin Mahoney, Nick Trabka, Tucker Beckett, Charles Vidich, Jaci Reelick, Vicky Ricks, Amal Malik, and Cricket Carpenter.

Also in attendance was: CT. Dept. of Housing Project Manager Ben Lovejoy, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, James Root from the Sierra Club, Meg Haffner and Mike D'Elia from the Kennedy Collective, Patrick Santoso from Catalis, Ridgefield resident Vincent Giordano, Wilton Resident Maria Weingarten.

Call to Order

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi
The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dan Carter
The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Vice Chairman Jon Zagrodzky

Public Participation

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

Featured Presentation

Patrick Santoso from Catalis presented on: Clerk to Assessor Land Record Automation.

COG Action Items

Approval of November 2024 COG Meeting Minutes

After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes of the November 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Resolution for Cybersecurity Grant Funding #01

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bridgewater first Selectman Curtis Read the Resolution for Cybersecurity Grant Funding #01 was unanimously approved.

Materials Management Infrastructure Grant (MMI) Application

WestCOG Project Manager Jaci Reelick provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci the Materials Management Infrastructure Grant (MMI) Application was approved with Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn opposed.

Resolution for RPIP Grants #02 (SS4a and Training Facility)

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle and WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and

seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the Resolution for RPIP Grants #02 (SS4a and Training Facility) was unanimously approved.

Resolution for SS4a #03

WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the Resolution for SS4a #03 was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO November 2024 Meeting Minutes

After review and on a motion made by New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsey and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci the minutes of the November 2024 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved. Approval of the SWRMPO November Minutes is tabled until the January meeting due to quorum not being present.

FY2025-2028 HV/SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci the FY2025-2028 HVMPO Transportation Improvement Program amendments were unanimously approved.

Approval of the FY2025-2028 SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Program amendments are tabled until the January meeting due to quorum not being present.

COG Information Items

Brownfields Update

WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided the update.

Other Business

Adjournment

On A motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Next meeting

MPO/COG Thursday, January 16th, 2024