

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, February 20, 2025 @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..... Absent
Brookfield Absent
Danbury Mayor Roberto L. 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..... 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 Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise SWRMPO
Weston..... Absent COG/SWRMPO
Westport..... First Selectwoman Jennifer Tooker COG/SWRMPO
Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher COG/SWRMPO
Transit Representative..... HARTransit Acting CEO Robert Yastremski-HVMPO
Transit Representative..... Norwalk Transit District Dir. of Svc. Planning Richard Schreiner - SWRMPO
CTDOT CTDOT Trans. Planner Jennifer Pacacha (Non-voting MPO member)
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

Others in Attendance: Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, HARTransit Planner Guyauth Gabbidon. WestCOG Staff: Kristin Floberg, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Nick Trabka, Charles Vidich, Jaci Reelick, Malik, Ryan Dolan, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance: Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, Meg Haffner John Wardzala, and Mike D'Elia from the Kennedy Collective, and Kat Young.

Call to Order

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:07 by Chairman Rudy Marconi .

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dan Carter

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Vice Chairman Jon Zagrodzky

Public Participation

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

Featured Presentations

Western Connecticut State University President Dr. Singh

COG Action Items

Approval of January 2025 COG Meeting Minutes

After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the January 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

Officer Election

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview. COG Secretary Julia Pemberton presented the slate of officers for 2025: COG Chairman- Rudy Marconi, Vice Chairman- Dan Carter, Secretary- Julia Pemberton, Treasurer- Jon Zagrodzky, and Member at Large- Steve Dunn. After review and on a motion made by New Milford First Selectman Pete Bass and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the slate of 2025 COG officers as presented were unanimously approved.

2025-02-20 #02 Resolution for Dewberry Agreement

WestCOG Project Manager Jaci Reelick provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the 2025-02-20 #02 Resolution for Dewberry Agreement was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustment

Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass the Greenwich LOTICIP Adjustment was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO January 2025 Meeting Minutes

After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson and seconded by Westport First Selectwoman Jen Tooker the January 2025 SWRMPO meeting minutes were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capecci the January 2025 HVMPO meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the FY25-FY28 SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci FY25-FY28 HVMPO Transportation Improvement Amendments were unanimously approved.

2025-02-20 #03 Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by Connecticut Department of Transportation

WestCOG's Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the 2025-02-20 #03 Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT for the SWRMPO were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci the 2025-02-20 #03 Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT for the HVMPO were unanimously approved.

COG Information Items

2025 CTDOT's Active Transportation Microgrant Program

WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided an update.

Parcel and CAMA Improvement Update

WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka provided an update.

ADA Transition Plan Assistance Project Update

WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided an update.

Legislative Update

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update.

WestCOG New Staff- Transportation Planner Ryan Dolan

WestCOG's Francis Pickering introduced new Transportation Planner Ryan Dolan.

MPO Information Items

Section 5310 FY2024 Program Announcement

WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided an update.

CTDOT Community Connectivity Grant Program Announcement

WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided an update.

Update on Executive Orders and USDOT Orders

Francis Pickering provided an update.

Unified Planning Work Program FY26-27

Francis Pickering Provided an update.

Other Business

Adjournment

On a motion duly made the meeting adjourned at 2:01PM

Next meeting

MPO/COG Thursday, March 20th, 2025

Featured Presentation: John McGovern from W/T Group on the WestCOG ADA Compliance Program.