

## 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:** Wednesday, June 18, 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..... First Selectman Curtis Read COG/HVMPO  
Brookfield ..... First Selectman Steve Dunn COG/HVMPO  
Danbury ..... Mayor Roberto L. Alves COG/HVMPO  
Darien ..... First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky COG/SWRMPO  
Greenwich..... Deputy Director of Public Works James Michel 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  
Redding..... First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton COG/HVMPO  
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi COG/HVMPO  
Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe COG/HVMPO  
Stamford..... Chief of Staff Bridget Fox SWRMPO  
Weston..... Absent  
Westport..... First Selectwoman Jen Tooker COG/SWRMPO  
Wilton ..... First Selectman Toni Boucher COG/SWRMPO  
Transit Representative..... Absent  
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CTDOT ..... CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott  
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)  
Others in Attendance: Danbury Planning Director Waleed Albakry, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, David Kooris from the CT Municipal Development Authority, Casey Hardin from AECOM, Debra Franchesini-Guje and Alyssa Wardlow from Bethel.

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Kristin Floberg, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter

## **Call to Order**

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi  
The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dan Carter  
The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Chairman Toni Boucher

## **Public Comment**

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

## **Featured Presentation:**

David Kooris from the CT Municipal Development Authority provided an update.  
Casey Hardin from AECOM shared WestCOG's Conceptual Development of Congestion Reduction Projects Study.

## **COG Action Items**

### **Approval of COG May 2025 Meeting Minutes**

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 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **HMGP Grant Program and HMP**

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle 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 HMGP Grant Program and HMP was unanimously approved.

### **LOTICIP Adjustments**

WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an update. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

### **Regional Services Grant Spending Plan and Authorizing Resolution**

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the Regional Services Grant Spending Plan was unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the Authorizing Resolution was unanimously approved.

### **WestCOG Agency Budget**

WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the WestCOG Agency Budget was unanimously approved.

## **MPO Action Items**

### **Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO May 2025 Meeting Minutes**

After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes of the May 2025 HVMPO meeting were approved with abstention made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the May 2025 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

### **FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program**

#### **SWRMPO - #01412-2025CN, Norwalk; #0412-2025EQ, Norwalk; 0412-2025PA, Norwalk**

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson and seconded by Westport First Selectman Jen Tooker the TIP Amendments for the SWRMPO were unanimously approved.

#### **HVMPO - #0412-2025CN, Danbury; #0412-2025EQ, Danbury**

WestCOG's Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci the TIP Amendments for the HVMPO were unanimously approved.

## **6. Information Items**

### **Sustainable CT**

WestCOG's Mike Towle provided an overview and introduced Summer Fellows Maya Aviles and Serya Mothukuri.

### **Legislative Update**

Francis Pickering provided an update.

### **Climate Action Plan**

WestCOG's Mike Towle provided an update.

### **Regional Training Facility**

Mike Towle provided an update.

## **7. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

## **8. Adjournment**

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

## **9. Next meeting**

Thursday, July 17th, 2025