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WestCOG / HVMPO / SWRMPO Interim 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, October 16, 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 First Selectman Steve Dunn COG/HVMPO
Danbury Absent
Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky COG/SWRMPO
Greenwich..... Selectman 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..... Absent
Norwalk..... Absent
Redding..... First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton COG/HVMPO
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi COG/HVMPO
Sherman..... Absent
Stamford..... Absent
Weston..... Absent
Westport..... First Selectwoman Jenn Tooker COG/SWRMPO
Wilton..... First Selectman Toni Boucher COG/SWRMPO
Transit Representative..... NTD Director of Service Planning Rick Schreiner SRWMPO
Transit Representative..... Acting HARTransit CEO Bob Yastremski HVMPO
CTDOT CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott
MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

Others in Attendance: Newtown Director of Planning and Land Use Rob Sibley, Comptroller Sean Scanlon, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs for the Office of the Comptroller Anthony Naples, Director of External Affairs at Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller Josh Barnes, Meg Haffner and Mike D'elia from the Kennedy Collective, M. Guinta, N. Quatrano, and Debra Franceschini-Gatje.

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

Call to Order

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dan Carter

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by Chaiman Toni Boucher

Public Comment

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

Featured Presentation: Comptroller Sean Scanlon led a discussion on property tax followed by a Q&A session.

COG Action Items

Approval of COG September 2025 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 September 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

Quarterly Report

Financial Director Vicky Ricks provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the Quarterly Report was unanimously approved.

2026 COG/MPO Meeting Schedule

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the 2026 COG/MPO Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved.

DEEP Rec Trails

WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky WestCOG's application for the DEEP Rec. Trails grant program was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO September 2025 Meeting Minutes

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 September 2025 SWRMPO meeting were 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 September 2025 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

Annual Self Certifications

WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos 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 Annual Self Certification for the HVMPO was 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 Annual Self Certification for the SWRMPO was unanimously approved.

COG Information Items

Annual Report

Francis Pickering provided an overview.

Special Session Unknown

Francis Pickering provided an overview.

Dues

WestCOG's Francis Pickering and Vicky Ricks provided an overview.

LOTICIP Solicitation

WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update.

ADA

WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided an update.

Other Business

Adjournment

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Next meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Featured Presentation- Martin Henry, CPA, with Henry, Raymond & Thompson, LLC