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## 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, January 08, 9:00 am

**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 Eric Gsell COG/HVMPO

Brookfield..... First Selectman Steve Dunn COG/HVMPO

Danbury ..... Mayor Roberto L. Alves COG/HVMPO

Darien ..... First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky COG/SWRMPO

Greenwich..... Planning and Zoning Chairperson Margarita Alban SWRMPO

New Canaan..... First Selectman Dionna Carlson COG/SWRMPO

New Fairfield ..... First Selectman Pat Del Monaco COG/HVMPO

New Milford..... Mayor Pete Bass COG/HVMPO

Newtown..... First Selectman Bruce Walczak COG/HVMPO

Norwalk..... Mayor Barbara Smyth 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..... First Selectman Samantha Nestor COG/SWRMPO

Westport..... First Selectman Kevin Christie COG/SWRMPO

Wilton..... First Selectman Toni Boucher COG/SWRMPO

Transit Representative..... Absent

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CTDOT ..... Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott (Non-voting MPO member)

MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

Others in Attendance: Danbury Planning Director Waleed Albakry, Wilton Assistant Town Planner Daphne White, Westport P&Z Chair Paul Lebowitz, Wilton Director of P&Z Michael Wrinn, New Canaan Board of Finance member Maria Weingarten, Housing Authority of the Town of New Canaan member Krista Neilson, Debra Franchesini-Guje, Town of Sherman Treasurer Andrea Maloney, and Ridgefield resident Tim Vilinskis.

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Betsy Paynter, Amal Malik, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter.

### **Call to Order**

The COG meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Vice Chairman Jon Zagrodzky

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Featured Presentation**

- a. WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering shared a slide presentation on the 2026 House Bill (HB 8002).

### **COG Action Items**

#### **a. Approval of the December 2025 meeting minutes**

After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the December 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **b. Election of Officers**

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

### **MPO Action Items**

#### **a. Approval of the December 2025 HVMPO Meeting minutes**

After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the minutes of the December 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **b. Approval of the November 2025 SWRMPO 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 November 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

- c. **FY25-FY28 SWR November Transportation Improvement Program SWRMPO - #0301-0509CN, Stamford; #0301-0189CN, Norwalk; #0301-0187CN, Norwalk; #0301-0176CN, Norwalk; #0300-2026TK, Various; #0102-0380, Norwalk**

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik 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 FY25-FY28 SWR November Transportation Improvement Program adjustments were unanimously approved.

- d. **2026-0108-#01-November SWRMPO Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT**

WestCOG's Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the 2026-0108-#01-November SWRMPO Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT were unanimously approved.

## **Information Items**

- a. **Legislative Reception- Save the Date**

WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided an overview. The Legislative Reception is scheduled for Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at the Ridgefield Town Hall Annex. There is no virtual option for this meeting.

- b. **Legislative Priorities**

Francis Pickering provided an overview.

## **Other Business**

### **Adjournment**

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 10:38AM.

### **Next meeting**

- a. **COG/MPO/Legislative Reception: Thursday, January 29, 2026 @ 12:00 PM**