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WestCOG / HVMPO / 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, January 29, 12:00 p.m.

Location. Ridgefield Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT

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 Absent COG/HVMPO

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 Pat Del Monaco COG/HVMPO

New Milford..... Absent COG/HVMPO

Newtown First Selectman Bruce Walczak 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 Selectman Kevin Christie COG/SWRMPO

Wilton..... Absent

Transit Representative..... Absent

Transit Representative..... HARTTransit CEO Bob Yastremski HVMPO

CTDOT CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott

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

Others in Attendance: Senator Julie Kushner, State Representative Jonathan Steinberg, State Rep. Raghib Allie-Brennan, State Rep. Mitch Bolinsky, State Rep. Anne Hughes, State Rep. Steve Meskers, State Rep. Hector Arzeno, State Rep. Savet Constantine, State Rep. Lucy Dathan, State Rep. Ken Gucker, State Rep. Tracy Marra, Greenwich Selectwoman Rachel Khanna, Sarah Lopez from Senator Murhy's office, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Genevieve Perruccio from Senator Murphy's office, Wendy Moore from Habitat for Humanity, PACE member Patrice Gillespie, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Kristin Floberg, Todd Fontanella, Betsy Paynter, Kristin Floberg, Nicholas Trabka, Amal Malik, Sagnik Chand, Eddie Provitz, Garrett Reed, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter.

Call to Order

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi
The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Julia Pemberton
The SWRMPO meeting did not have quorum.

Public Comment

A member of the public spoke out against the Margerie Trail project.

COG Action Items

Approval of the January 8th 2026 meeting minutes

After review and on a motion made by Darien First Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved.

LOTCIP Adjustment

WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagodzky and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the LOTCIP adjustment was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

Approval of the January 8, 2026 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 January 8, 2026 HVMPO meeting minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes of the January 8 2026 SWRMPO meeting were not approved because quorum was not met.

FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program
SWRMPO - #0173-0560, Various
SWRMPO quorum was not present.

HVMPO - #0096-0212

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco the HVMPO - #0096-0212, Newtown amendment was unanimously approved.

Information Items

CTDOT FY2025 Section 5310 Program Release
WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided an update.

Other Business

Adjournment

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

Next meeting

Thursday February 19th @ 12:00p.m.