

# **Attachment A**

## **Minutes of January 10, 2012 MPO Meeting**

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Regular Meeting  
Greater Bridgeport & Valley  
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Shelton, Connecticut**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
James DellaVolpe, Mayor	Ansonia
Bill Finch, Mayor (Adam Wood, proxy)	Bridgeport
Anthony Staffieri, Mayor	Derby
Mike Tetreau, First Selectman (Tom Bremer, proxy)	Fairfield
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman	Monroe
Kurt Miller, First Selectman	Seymour
Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Vice Chairman	Shelton
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman	Trumbull
Anne Pappas Philips, Chair	GBRC
Bart Flaherty, Chair (Rick Dunne, proxy)	VRPC
Laurie Goodsell, Chair (Doug Holcomb, Proxy)	GBT
Brian Bidolli, Executive Director	GBRC
Mark Nielsen, Sr. Transportation Planner	GBRC
Meghan Sloan, Transportation Planner	GBRC
Rick Dunne, Executive Director	VCOG
Yi Ding, Transportation Planner	VCOG
Doug Holcomb, CEO	GBT
Ken Shoushan-Stoller	FHWA

Minutes

I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lauretti, Vice Chairman, at 12:30 pm. The roll of the MPO was called and proxies were received and accepted. A quorum was declared.

## II. Public Participation

Mayor Lauretti asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to address the MPO. Hearing none, the MPO proceeded to the next item.

## III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the MPO meeting held on September 20, 2011 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Dunne and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek to accept the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved. First Selectman Herbst abstained.

## IV. Election of Officers

Mayor Lauretti asked for nominations for Chairman. Mayor Della Volpe nominated Mayor Lauretti as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by First Selectman Herbst. Mayor Lauretti asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed and a vote on the office of Chairman was called. Mayor Lauretti was unanimously elected Chairman. Mayor Lauretti then opened nominations for Vice Chair. First Selectman Herbst nominated First Selectman Herrmann for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. Mayor Lauretti asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed and a vote on the office of Vice Chairman was called. First Selectman Herrmann was unanimously elected Chairman.

## V. Action Items

- 1. Amendment: FFY 2010-2013 TIP/STIP, FHWA & FTA Projects** – Mr. Bidolli presented and summarized the proposed amendments to the TIP/STIP being requested by the ConnDOT. He explained that the amendments would add funding to install epoxy pavement markings along various interstate and non-interstate highways in District 3 and District 4. Mayor Lauretti asked if there was anyone from ConnDOT to comment on the proposed amendments. No one from the ConnDOT was present. Mr. Bidolli also indicated that the amendment would add the Iranistan Avenue sidewalk project in Bridgeport to the TIP/STIP. The FHWA project amendments were approved on a motion by First Selectman Herbst and seconded by Ms. Pappas Phillips. Motion carried. Mr. Bidolli then presented and summarized the proposed amendment to the TIP/STIP being requested by the GBT to add funding for the Alternative Modes Assessment study. The FTA amendment was approved on a motion by First Selectman Herbst and seconded by Ms. Pappas Phillips. Motion carried.
- 2. Endorsement: FFY 2012-2012 TIP/STIP** – Mr. Bidolli presented and summarized the new TIP/STIP and explained the process to develop the document. He said that the draft TIP/STIP was made available to the public for review and comment and public information meetings were held in both regions. No comments were received during the comment period. The FTA amendment was approved on a motion by Ms. Pappas Phillips and seconded by First Selectman Herbst. Motion carried.
- 3. Endorsement: Air Quality Conformity Determination – PM2.5 and Ozone** – Mr. Bidolli explained process for assessing the MPO's transportation improvement program and need

determine that the projects will not adversely impact air quality or the timeframe for meeting National Air Quality Standards. He said that the emissions analyses performed by ConnDOT demonstrate that the expected emissions from transportation sources will be less than allowable limits for both PM2.5 and Ozone. The PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Statement was approved on a motion by Mayor Staffieri and seconded by First Selectman Miller. Motion carried. The Ozone Air Quality Conformity Statement was approved on a motion by Mayor Staffieri and seconded by First Selectman Miller. Motion carried.

4. **GBVMPO By-Laws Amendment** – Mr. Bidolli explained that proposed changes to the By-Laws were proposed and discussed at the September 2011 meeting. The proposed changes would allow teleconferencing and dictate how proxies would be made. On a motion by First Selectman Herbst and seconded by Mayor Staffieri, the GBVMPO voted to table discussion and adoptions of the amendments until the next meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Re-designation of VTD as the Direct FTA Grant Recipient** – Mr. Dunne explained that the VCOG has been serving as the FTA grant recipient on behalf of the VTD. This arrangement was started in mid-1990s due VTD financial and administrative difficulties. Mr. Dunne explained that the issues that prompted this arrangement have been resolved and VTD has requested that it be re-designated as the direct recipient of FTA grants. He further indicated that the VCOG has already adopted a resolution in support of this request. Mayor Laretti, Chair of the VTD, spoke in favor of the action. On a motion by First Selectman Herbst and seconded by Mayor Staffieri, the GBVMPO voted to support the re-designation of VTD as the direct recipient of FTA grants. Motion carried.

## VI. Discussion Items

1. **STP: Urban Program** – Mr. Bidolli presented a list of projects in the Greater Bridgeport Region that have been submitted to ConnDOT for STP: Urban funds. First Selectman Herbst spoke in support of the proposed Moose Hill Road rehabilitation project. Mayor Laretti stated the project needs to be extended into Shelton and not end at the town line. Mr. Nielsen explained that a meeting has been held between Trumbull and ConnDOT to discuss the project and the project limits will be extended into Shelton. First Selectman Vavrek suggested that the entire length of Moose Hill Road be included in the project. Mr. Nielsen said he would arrange a meeting with representatives of all three municipalities to discuss the project and determine if a larger project fits into the financial plan for the program. Mr. Bidolli also presented a proposed project to conduct an alternative transportation assessment on the East Bridgeport Development Corridor. He explained that the study will address how to harness public transit in the area and identify alternate transportation options and transit infrastructure to serve as catalysts for revitalization of the corridor.
2. **GBVMPO 2012 Meeting Calendar** – Mr. Bidolli informed the MPO regarding the meeting schedule for 2012. He asked if the meeting time of 12:00 pm was acceptable. There was consensus that that time was convenient.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Herbst and seconded by Mayor Della Volpe, the MPO adjourned.

Respectively submitted

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Brian Bidolli, Executive Director,  
GBRPA, MPO Co-Secretary

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Rick Dunne, Executive Director, VCOG  
MPO Co-Secretary