

GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Meeting Agenda

Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 12:00pm

Conference Call: (626) 425-3121 Access Code: 643-501-429

Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room

5866 Main St.

Trumbull, CT 06611

- I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Attachment A)
- IV. ACTION ITEMS (Attachment B)
 1. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs, Resolution 2015-08
 2. Endorsement: Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination, Resolution 2015-09
 3. Endorsement: PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination, Resolution 2015-10
 4. Endorsement: Regional Transportation Plans: 2015-2040 – GBRC and VCOG, Resolution 2015-11
 5. Endorsement: Urban Planning Certification, Resolution 2015-12
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
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Responsible Metropolitan Transportation Planning Agencies

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Attachment A

Minutes of **February 17, 2015**
MPO Meeting

**Draft Minutes
Regular Meeting
Greater Bridgeport & Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Conference Call
Greater Bridgeport Regional Council
525 Water Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Name

Representing

Mark Lauretti, Mayor	Shelton & VTD
David Cassetti, Mayor (Chris Tymniak, Proxy)	Ansonia
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman	Easton
Mike Tetreau, First Selectman	Fairfield
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman (Brian Bidolli, Proxy)	Monroe
John Harkins, Mayor	Stratford
Kurt Miller, First Selectman	Seymour
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman & GBVMPO Chair	Trumbull
Sharon McNeal (Doug Holcomb, Proxy)	GBT
Meghan Sloan, Senior Transportation Planner	GBRC
Colleen Kelleher, Administrative Assistant	GBRC
Patrick Carleton, Transportation Planner	GBRC
Matthew Fulda, Transportation Planner	GBRC
Evan Johnson	Senator Murphy's Office
Jorge Diaz	Public
Roxane Fromson	CTDOT
Christian Meyer	CCRPA
Pat Gallagher	CCRPA
Ken Shooshan-Stoller	FHWA

Minutes

I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Herbst, Chairman, at 10:11am. A Quorum was declared.

II. Public Participation

First Selectman Herbst asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to address the MPO.

Jorge Diaz of 76 Tesiny Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut joined the call in order to get more involved, but had no contributions at this time.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Tetreau. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action Items (Attachment B)

1. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs, Resolution 2015-07

Mr. Bidolli explained the projects in Bridgeport, Stratford and Districts 3 and 4.
Bridgeport – Seaview Avenue Corridor Project
Stratford – Interstate 95 and Interchange 33 improvements
Districts 3 and 4 - traffic signal installations

A motion was made to approve the amendment for all of the projects by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business

1. Adopt 2015 GBVMPO meeting calendar

Mayor Lauretti inquired as to the future of the MPO. Mr. Bidolli explained that CTDOT was developing recommendations for future MPO policy. Mr. Shooshan-Stoller clarified that projects are developed in cooperation with the MPO's. Ms. Fromson provided details about recent project developments.

First Selectman Herbst reminded members that this item was not on the agenda.

A motion to approve the meeting calendar was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Tetreau.

Mayor Harkins made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by First Selectman Tetreau.

First Selectman Dunsby, Mr. Tymniak and Mr. Bidolli were in favor while Mayor Lauretti and First Selectman Miller opposed the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21

Respectively submitted

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director, GBRC
MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director, VCOG
MPO Co-Secretary

Attachment B

Action Items

AMENDMENT

FFY 2015-2018 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP/STIP) FHWA PROGRAMS

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting three amendments to the FFY 2015-2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP). The proposed amendments are needed to add new projects to be funded under several federal funding programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. **Project #0170-3304: Various Towns**. Replace existing light fixtures with LED type light fixtures

Proposed Action: Delete Project
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: STPA
Phase: CON
Federal Share: \$-2,520,000

2. **Project #0174-0375: District 4**. Install OSTA traffic signals throughout District 4.

Proposed Action: Delete Project
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: STPA
Phase: ROW
Federal Share: \$-100,000

Fiscal Year: FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program: STPA
Phase: CON
Federal Share: \$-920,000

3. **Project #0170-3346: Statewide.** This project will install road weather informational display systems throughout the state.

Proposed Action: New Project
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: NHPP
Phase: PD
Federal Share: \$120,000

Fiscal Year: FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program: NHPP
Phase: FD
Federal Share: \$280,000

Fiscal Year: FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program: NHHP
Phase: CON
Federal Share: \$3,600,000

4. **Project #0173-0436: Install OSTA Traffic Signals in District 3.** Installation of STPA traffic control signals are various locations in District 3.

Proposed Action: Delete Project
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: STPA
Phase: ROW
Federal Share: \$-80,000

Fiscal Year: FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program: STPA
Phase: CON
Federal Share: \$-920,000

5. **Project 0170-3223 Bridge Inspection non-NHS roads.** Inspection of bridges not located on the National Highway System by State Forces 9/1/13-12/31/16.

Proposed Action: Increase Estimate
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: STPA-BRX
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$3,200,000

6. **Project 0170-3227 Bridge Inspection non-NHS roads.** Inspection of bridges not located on the National Highway System by Consultant Engineering Firms 7/1/13-12/31/16.

Proposed Action: Increase Estimate
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: STPA
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$552,000

7. **Project #0170-3340: Statewide.** Inspection of bridges not located on the National Highway System by Consulting Engineering firms.

Proposed Action: Move from NHPP-BRX to STPA-BRX
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: STPA-BRX
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$0

Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: STPA-BRX
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$544,000

Fiscal Year: FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program: STPA-BRX
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$544,000

Fiscal Year: FFY 2017
Federal Aid Program: STPA-BRX
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$544,000

MPO Action: The proposed amendments are consistent with the long range transportation of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments and conform to the air quality objectives. The proposed schedule, programming and funding adjustments will maintain a financially constrained TIP/STIP. It is recommended that the MPO endorse the proposed amendments to the FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP as described above and listed in the attached table.

**AMENDMENTS
FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP**

Region	FACode	Project Number	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
70	STPA	0170-3304	VARIOUS	VARIOUS	REPLACE EXISTING LIGHT FIXTURES WITH NEW LED TYPE LIGHT FIXTURES	CON	2015	-3,150	-2,520	-630	0	DELETE PROJECT
74	STPA	0174-0375	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 4	INSTALL OSTA TRAFFIC SIGNALS	ROW	2015	-100	-100	0	0	DELETE PROJECT
74	STPA	0174-0375	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 4	INSTALL OSTA TRAFFIC SIGNALS	CON	2016	-1,150	-920	-180	-50	DELETE PROJECT
70	NHPP	0170-3346	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	INSTALL ROAD WEATHER INFO SYSTEMS (RWIS)	PD	2015	150	120	30	0	ADD NEW PROJECT
70	NHPP	0170-3346	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	INSTALL ROAD WEATHER INFO SYSTEMS (RWIS)	FD	2016	350	280	70	0	ADD NEW PROJECT
70	NHPP	0170-3346	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	INSTALL ROAD WEATHER INFO SYSTEMS (RWIS)	CN	2016	4,500	3,600	900	0	ADD NEW PROJECT
73	STPA	0173-0436	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 3	INSTALL OSTA TRAFFIC SIGNALS	ROW	2015	-100	-80	-20	0	DELETE PROJECT
73	STPA	0173-0436	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 3	INSTALL OSTA TRAFFIC SIGNALS	CON	2016	-1,150	-920	-180	-50	DELETE PROJECT
70	STPA-BRX	0170-3223	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	SF BRIDGE INSP - NON-NHS ROADS 9/1/13 - 12/31/16 - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2015	4,000	3,200	800	0	INCRE. EST. FROM FED. \$320K
70	STPA	0170-3227	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS 7/1/13 - 12/31/16 - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2015	690	552	138	0	INCRE. EST. FROM FED. \$98K
70	STPA-BRX	0170-3340	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	CE BRIDGE INSPECTION - UWATER NON-NHS ROADS	OTH	2015	0	0	0	0	MOVE FROM NHPP-BRX TO STPA-BRX

70	STPA-BRX	0170-3340	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	CE BRIDGE INSPECTION - UWATER NON-NHS ROADS (FY '15)	OTH	2015	680	544	136	0	MOVE FROM NHPP-BRX TO STPA-BRX AND INCREASE ESTIMATE FROM \$240K
70	STPA-BRX	0170-3340	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	CE BRIDGE INSPECTION - UWATER NON-NHS ROADS (FY '16)	OTH	2016	680	544	136	0	MOVE FROM NHPP-BRX TO STPA-BRX AND INCREASE ESTIMATE FROM \$240K
70	STPA-BRX	0170-3340	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	CE BRIDGE INSPECTION - UWATER NON-NHS ROADS (FY '17)	OTH	2017	680	544	136	0	MOVE FROM NHPP-BRX TO STPA-BRX AND INCREASE ESTIMATE FROM \$240K

RESOLUTION 2015-08

**AMENDMENT
FFY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FHWA PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to prepare, endorse; and periodically amend a short range Transportation Improvement Program for the 10-town MPO area within the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area;

WHEREAS, the MPO endorsed the *FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions (TIP)* at its February 17, 2015, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*;

WHEREAS, the *MAP-21* allocates funds to the State of Connecticut under various federal transportation assistance programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration;

WHEREAS, the *MAP-21* planning guidelines require the *TIP/STIP* to be fiscally constrained to available program funds;

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendments to the *TIP/STIP* to add program funding to continue on-going projects listed in the current *TIP/STIP*;

WHEREAS, these amendments represent minor modifications of the *TIP/STIP* and involve projects that are exempt from the regional emissions analyses and do not necessitate a new air quality analysis;

WHEREAS, the public notification and review of these proposed amendments was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's *Public Participation Program Handbook*, as amended, and the proposed amendments are consistent with the goals and objectives of the long-range transportation plans of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO endorses the amendment of the *FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program* to include the projects as described and listed in the attachment to this resolution.

This resolution shall become effective as of April 14, 2015.

We, the undersigned co-secretaries of Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Connecticut, do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the MPO at a public meeting held on April 14, 2015, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director
VCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

DATE: April 14, 2015

RESOLUTION 2015-09

**ENDORSEMENT
RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
OZONE**

WHEREAS, the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Regions Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** that the plans and programs approved on **April 14, 2015** and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Marginal Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment areas (Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report (**March 2015**); and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO**, That the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** finds that the **2015 Long Range Transportation Plans for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions** and the **FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program** and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing March 2015 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** on **April 14, 2015**.

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director
VCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

Date: _____

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RESOLUTION 2015-10

ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT PM 2.5

WHEREAS, the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region's Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** that the plans and programs approved on **April 14, 2015** and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

WHEREAS, The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the 2015 **Long Range Transportation Plans for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions** and the FFY 2015-2018 **Transportation Improvement Program** and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** finds that the 2015 **Long Range Transportation Plans for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions** and the FFY 2015-2018 **Transportation Improvement Program** and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing March 2015 PM2.5 Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** on **April 14, 2015**.

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director
VCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

Date: _____

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RESOLUTION 2015-11

ENDORSEMENT LONG RANGE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS: 2015 ~ 2040 FOR THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT PLANNING REGION AND THE VALLEY PLANNING REGION

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments are designated by the US Department of Transportation as the transportation planning agencies for, respectively, the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region and the Valley Planning Region, and conduct the transportation planning process in accordance with Section 34 of Title 23 of the United States Code, as amended by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* and related US Department of Transportation planning regulations;

WHEREAS, the *Greater Bridgeport Regional Transportation Plan: 2015 - 2040* was prepared by the GBRC in 2015 and endorsed by the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization at its April 14, 2015, meeting,

WHEREAS, the *Regional Transportation Plan for the Valley Planning Region: 2015 - 2040* was prepared by the VCOG in 2015 and endorsed by the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization at its April 14, 2015, meeting;

WHEREAS, the *MAP-21* requires MPOs to prepare and develop long range transportation plans every four years that reflect at least a 20-year planning horizon, are financially constrained, comply with federal planning guidelines, consider eight planning factors, consider six livability principles and conform to the *Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990* and Connecticut's *State Implementation Plan for Air Quality*, as revised;

WHEREAS, the GBRC completed a minor update of its existing long range transportation plan and the new *Plan* was prepared through the transportation planning process and in conformity with *MAP-21* planning guidelines;

WHEREAS, the VCOG completed a minor update of its existing long range transportation plan and the new *Plan* was prepared through the transportation planning process and in conformity with *MAP-21* planning guidelines;

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WHEREAS, the GBRC and VCOG conducted a proactive public involvement process that followed the procedures set forth in the GBVMPOs *Public Participation Program* handbook, as revised, including making the draft plans available to the public electronically (on the web), notifying the public of the new plans and soliciting review and comment, providing at least a 30-day review period, holding public information meetings (April 7, 2015 at the office of the GBRC and April 9, 2015 at the office of the VCOG), recording comments from the public and considering and responding to comments;

WHEREAS, the proposed program of projects recommended in the GBRC's and VCOG's long range transportation plans were assessed for their impacts on air quality and the State's ability to attain *8-Hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards*;

WHEREAS, the regional emissions assessments demonstrate that the proposed projects will not have an adverse impact on air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, after reviewing the final draft *Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region: 2015 ~ 2040* and the final draft *Valley Council of Government's Long Range Regional Transportation Update 2015 ~ 2040*, find that the *Plans* and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR 21 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby endorses these plans as the MPO's official long range transportation plans for the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region and Valley Planning Region, respectively contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during the 30-day public comment period.

This resolution shall become effective as of April 14, 2015.

We, the undersigned co-secretaries of Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO), Connecticut, do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the GBVMPO at a public meeting held on April 14, 2015, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director
VCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

Date: _____

RESOLUTION 2015-12

**URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CERTIFICATION
GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY MPO**

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* relating to self-certification of metropolitan planning organizations, requires the MPO to certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable US Department of Transportation requirements and must submit such certification concurrent with the submittal of the entire proposed TIP to the FHWA and the FTA as part of the STIP approval;

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments conduct the transportation planning process for their respective planning regions in accordance with the planning regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation and specified in the *MAP-21*, by preparing an annual Unified Planning Work Programs for their respective regions, conducting and performing transportation planning activities as contained in their UPWP's, cooperatively preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed short-range transportation improvement program (TIP), preparing and updating the long range regional transportation plans (LRPs), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and LRPs, and proactively involving the public in the transportation planning process and;

WHEREAS, the GBVMPO adheres to the principles of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity, as specified in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Older Americans Act, and regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects and the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area covered by Greater Bridgeport and the Valley planning regions, hereby certifies that the urban transportation planning process has been and is being conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the rules and regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation under the **MAP-21** and that all applicable provisions relative to involvement of public and private providers of mass transportation, civil rights, involvement of minority business enterprises, special efforts for elderly and disabled persons, the Clean Air Act and amendments, 23 U.S.C and 49 U.S.C have been satisfied.

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