

**Meeting Agenda**

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

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011 – 1:00 PM\*  
Valley Chamber of Commerce – Shelton, Connecticut**

- I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 14, 2011 (Attachment A)
- IV. PRESENTATION
  1. Secretary of State Denise Merrill
  2. Transmission Line Issues – CL & P
- V. ACTION ITEMS
  1. Amendment: FFY 2010-2013 TIP/STIP, FHWA Project, Resolution 2011-17 (Attachment B)
- VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  1. Schedule for Update of the FFY 2012-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (Attachment C)
  2. STP: Urban – Project List and Schedule (Attachment D)

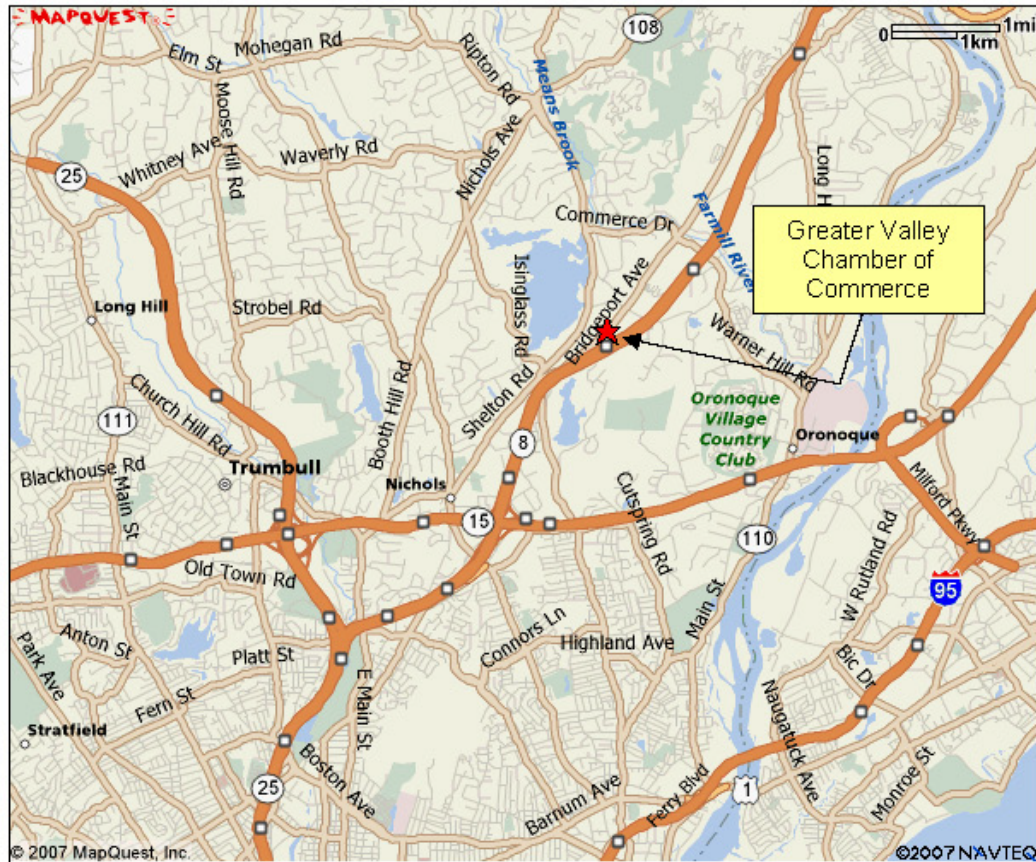
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\* Lunch will be provided for MPO members and invited guests at 12:30 PM.

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**Responsible Metropolitan Transportation Planning Agencies**

Directions to:  
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wachovia Bank Building  
900 Bridgeport Avenue, Shelton



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# **Attachment A**

## **Minutes of June 14, 2011 MPO Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, June 14, 2011  
Mayor's Conference Room – Bridgeport City Hall Annex  
Bridgeport, Connecticut**

**Name**

**Representing**



Tom Herrmann, First Selectman, GBVMPO Chairman  
James DellaVolpe, Mayor (Rick Dunne, proxy)  
Bill Finch, Mayor  
Anthony Staffieri, Mayor (Rick Dunne, proxy)  
Mike Tetreau, First Selectman  
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman  
Paul Roy, First Selectman  
Mark Lauretti, Mayor (Rick Dunne, Proxy)  
John Harkins, Mayor  
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman  
Anne Pappas Philips, Chair (Brian Bidolli, proxy)  
Bart Flaherty, Chair (Rick Dunne proxy)  
Mark Lauretti, Chair (Rick Dunne, Proxy)

Easton  
Ansonia  
Bridgeport  
Derby  
Fairfield  
Monroe  
Seymour  
Shelton  
Stratford  
Trumbull  
GBRPA  
VRPC  
VTD

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director  
Mark Nielsen, Sr. Transportation Planner  
Meghan Sloan, Transportation Planner  
Rick Dunne, Executive Director  
Carla Iezzi, Field Coordination  
Doug Holcomb

GBRPA  
GBRPA  
GBRPA  
VCOG  
ConnDOT  
GBT

Josh Lecar

Merritt Parkway Trail  
Alliance

Floyd Lapp

SWRMPO

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. It was called to order by First Selectman Herrmann, Chairman, at 12:25 pm. The roll of the MPO was called and proxies were received and accepted. A quorum was declared.

### II. Public Participation

First Selectman Herrmann asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to address the MPO. He also requested that if anyone wanted to address the proposed Scenic Byways project to wait for that agenda item. Hearing none, the MPO proceeded to the next item.

### III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the MPO meeting held on May 10, 2011 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Tetreau to accept the minutes. A The minutes were unanimously approved with corrections.

The Agenda was modified to postpone the presentations on the bottle water by Brian Flaherty.

### IV. Action Items

- 1. Amendment: FFY 2010-2013 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects** – The Chair recognized Ms. Iezzi who made a presentation on the proposal to add funding for a planning and feasibility study on the trail along the Merritt Parkway. She indicated that the planning study would assess the feasibility of the proposed trail, conduct an extensive public outreach to determine support or opposition of the project, prepare documentation and inventory and assess environmental conditions. Ms. Iezzi detailed the phases of the project and emphasized that there are no preconceived conclusions of whether or not the project is feasible. At the end of the presentation, First Selectman Herrmann asked comments from anyone from the public to speak about the proposal. Mr. Lecar stated that the MPTA has pushed for the feasibility study for many years and is excited that the state has finally decided to conduct the feasibility study. Mr. Lapp stated that the SWRMPO endorsed and supported the project at its May meeting. The discussion was then opened up for questions from MPO members. Mayor Finch asked about expected usage of the trail. First Selectman Herrmann expressed some concern that when he had discussed the project with some Mayor's and First Selectmen in the southwestern region, they had indicated a lack of knowledge about the project. He also was concerned about the overall cost of the project. First Selectman Herbst expressed a problem with many SWRMPO members not being familiar with the project and suggested a meeting with to discuss. Mayor Finch made motion to approve the project and adopt Resolution 2011-13. First Selectman Herrmann seconded the motion to bring it to the floor and allow further discussion. First Selectman Herbst move to table action until meeting with SWRMPO. The motion was seconded by Mayor Harkins. On a voice vote the motion failed to carry. Mayor Finch spoke in favor of the project. He indicated that the state had applied for the grant and FHWA had approved the funding, so there is no reason not to proceed. He

further stated that these funds could not be used for something and that they are specifically dedicated to these types of projects. First Selectman Herrmann then called for a vote. Mr. Dunne stated that he had been directed by the Mayors of the VCOG to vote in favor of the amendment. The motion carried, with First Selectman Herrmann, Mayor Harkins and First Selectman Herbst voting no.

2. **Amendment: FFY 2010-2013 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects** – Mr. Bidolli presented and summarized the proposed amendments to the TIP/STIP being requested by the ConnDOT. He explained that the amendments would provide funding to design the replacement of the bridge carrying Route 111 over an un-named brook and replace LED lams in traffic signals. The amendment was approved on a motion by Mayor Finch and seconded by Mr. Dunne. Motion carried.
3. **Support for Waterbury Branch Line Improvements** – Mr. Dunne presented a resolution for the MPO’s consideration to support funding for improvements to the Waterbury Branch Line and a recommendation to Governor Malloy to take immediate action to design and implement actions. The resolution was approved on a motion by First Selectman Vavrek and seconded by Mayor Finch. Motion carried.
4. **SCI Work Program Agreement** – Mr. Bidolli presented the proposed work program agreement between the GBRC and the VCOG for the Sustainable Communities Initiative. The work program was approved on a motion by Mayor Finch and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. Motion carried.

First Selectman Herbst thanked Mr. Bidolli for his assistance to the town of Trumbull in hosting the town’s sister city from China. He said the tour of the region and presentations were well received by the delegation.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bidolli and seconded by Mayor Harkins, 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

# **Attachment B**

**Amendment:  
FFY 2010 – 2013 Transportation  
Improvement Program (TIP/STIP)**

**Federal Highway Administration  
Project**

**Resolution 2011-17**

STP: BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD URBAN AREA  
GREATER BRIDGEPORT PLANNING REGION

AMENDMENTS  
FEDERAL HIGHWAYADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendment of the Transportation Improvement Program to add three new projects under the Surface Transportation Program: Anywhere account. The funding will be used to replace traffic signal lamps with LED lamps and acquire easements for two replacement projects.

1. Project #0170-3009: The project is a breakout from Project #0170-3084 and will replace LED lamps in traffic signals in District 3 and 4. Current signal lamps are approaching the end of their useful lifespan and need to be replaced. The project will ensure the traffic signal displays meet industry standards for brightness. The PE phase was completed under project #0170-3084.

Proposed Action: New Project  
Federal Program: STPA  
Fiscal Year: FFY 2012  
Federal Aid Program: NHS  
Phase: CON  
Total Cost: \$4,571,000  
Federal Share: \$3,657,000  
State Share: \$914,000

2. Project #0138-0230: Route 110 Bridge Replacement. The project will add a right-of-way phase to the project to replace bridge #02622 carrying Route 110 over Freeman Brook. The ROW phase is needed to obtain a construction easement.

Proposed Action: New Project  
Federal Program: STPA  
Fiscal Year: FFY 2012  
Federal Aid Program: STPA  
Phase: ROW  
Total Cost: \$50,000  
Federal Share: \$40,000  
State Share: \$10,000

3. Project #0084-0105: Route 111 Bridge Replacement. The project will add a right-of-way phase to the project to replace bridge #02629 carrying Route 111 over Beardsley Brook. The ROW phase is needed to obtain a construction easement.



Proposed Action:	New Project
Federal Program:	STPA
Fiscal Year:	FFY 2012
Federal Aid Program:	STPA
Phase:	ROW
Total Cost:	\$50,000
Federal Share:	\$40,000
State Share:	\$10,000

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**MPO Action:** The proposed amendments are consistent with the long range transportation plans 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 2010-2013 TIP/STIP as described above and listed in the attached table.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
FFY 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP/STIP)**

Region	FACode	Proj#	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
70	STPA	0170-3009	Various	Statewide	Replace LED lamps in traffic signals in District 3 and 4; Phase 2. Current LED signal lamps are approaching the end of their useful lifespan and need to be replaced. The project will ensure the traffic signal displays meet industry standards for brightness. PE under project #0170-3084.	CON	2012	4,571	3,657	914	0	New Project
7	STPA	0138-0230	Route 110	Stratford	Route 110: Replace bridge #02622 carrying Route 110 over Freeman Brook; project needed to initiate a ROW phase to obtain construction easement.	ROW	2012	50	40	10	0	New Project
07	STPA	0084-0105	Route 111	Monroe	Route 111: Replace bridge #02629 carrying Route 111 over Beardsley Brook; project needed to initiate a ROW phase to obtain construction easement.	ROW	2012	50	40	10	0	New Project

# GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## RESOLUTION 2011-17

### AMENDMENT

#### FFY 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAMS

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)* 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 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions (TIP)* at its October 27, 2009, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*;

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

**WHEREAS**, the *SAFETEA-LU* 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**, the amendments represent minor modifications of the *TIP/STIP* and involve projects 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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#### Responsible Metropolitan Transportation Planning Agencies

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##### VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

12 Main Street, Derby Train Station  
Derby, Connecticut 06418  
Phone: (203) 735-8688 Fax: 735-8680

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO endorses the amendment of the *FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program* to include the projects as described and listed f in the attachment to this resolution.

This resolution shall become effective as of September 20, 2011.

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 September 20, 2011, 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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Brian Bidolli, Executive Director  
GBRPA – MPO Co-Secretary

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Attachment C**

## **Schedule for Updating the Transportation Improvement Program**

# **Attachment D**

## **STP: Urban**

### **Project List and Schedule**