

Minutes

I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was held at the office of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and teleconference option was provided. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lauretti, Chairman, at 1:10 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 November 13, 2012 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by Mayor Staffieri to accept the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Action Items

- 1. Amendment: FFY 2012-2015 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects** – Mr. Nielsen presented and summarized the proposed amendments to the TIP/STIP being requested by the ConnDOT. First Selectman Herrmann asked a question on Project No. 0151-0326 regarding the timing of the design and construction of the project. Mr. Nielsen clarified the intent and schedule of the project. A question was also raised about the planned study of wrong way driving. Mr. Nielsen explained purpose and need for the study and said that it would develop countermeasures to reduce the incidence of drivers entering highways the wrong way. The amendments were approved on a motion by Mayor Lauretti and seconded by Mayor Staffieri. Motion carried.

V. Discussion Items

- 1. STP: Urban Program** – Mr. Nielsen presented the status of projects in the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions being implemented under the STP: Urban account and discussed the financial plan for FFY 2013 and 2014. He explained that the FFY 2013 program is under-programmed and that staff is working with ConnDOT to reallocate available funds. Mr. Dunne explained that it is not possible to add new projects because of the need to complete design activities by July 1st. He further said that changes as a result of the new transportation provided more funds to the area than expected. Mr. Bidolli explained that staff is working with the member communities on developing planning studies to use some of the available funds. He explained that these studies would expedite the project initiation process by developing detail project scopes consistent with ConnDOT review process.

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

Respectively submitted

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GBRPA, MPO Co-Secretary

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MPO Co-Secretary