

Draft Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Greater Bridgeport & Valley  
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tuesday, April 8, 2014  
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Shelton, Connecticut

Name

Representing

Mark Lauretti, Mayor & GBVMPO Chair  
David Cassetti, Mayor  
Bill Finch, Mayor (Adam Wood, proxy)  
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman  
Mike Tetreau, First Selectman (Brian Bidolli, proxy)  
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman  
Kurt Miller, First Selectman  
John Harkins, Mayor  
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman & GBVMPO Chair  
Anita Dugatto, Mayor  
Doug Holcomb Proxy for GBT Chair  
Ed Lavernoich

Shelton & VTD  
Ansonia  
Bridgeport  
Easton  
Fairfield  
Monroe  
Seymour  
Stratford  
Trumbull  
Derby  
GBT  
Town of Trumbull

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director  
Meghan Sloan, Transportation Planner  
Colleen Kelleher, Administrative Assistant  
Rick Dunne, Executive Director  
Mark Nielsen, Director of Planning  
Yi Ding, Transportation Planner  
Sheila O'Malley

GBRC  
GBRC  
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VCOG  
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VCOG  
Ansonia

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was held at the Shelton City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lauretti, Chairman, at 12:31pm. 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. There was none.

A motion was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Miller for a temporary Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

By motion made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by Mayor Cassetti, Mayor Harkins was named Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by First Selectman Herbst. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Dugatto abstained from voting.

### IV. Action Items

#### 1. **Amendment: FFY 2010-2013 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs**

A motion was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek to approve the amendments.

#### 2. **Election of Officers**

Mayor Harkins nominated First Selectman Herbst for Chair, the nomination was seconded by First Selectman Miller.

First Selectman Miller nominated Mayor Lauretti for Vice Chair, the nomination was seconded by Mayor Cassetti. Both nominations passed unanimously.

### V. Discussion Items

#### 1. **Upcoming Federal Certification Meeting**

Mr. Bidolli noted that this was a joint effort between the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments. The certification review will take place all day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Dunne explained that we have one day for a review and Southwest has one day for a review.

**2. LOTCIP Program Guidelines**

Mr. Bidolli went over the program status and has been working with the department on guidance. Mr. Dunne notes that the local COGs make the decisions on the projects. COGs get an estimated 3% allocation to manage; a letter should be signed by the towns stating that they are fully responsible.

Mr. Nielsen stated that towns should be aware of new responsibilities. Once a project goes to construction they are responsible for bids, records etc.

**3. Status of STPB projects**

Mr. Nielsen is working with towns to keep on the schedule for 2015. The Metropolitan Planning Organization is aware of state projects funded under STP.

**4. Briefing on the progress on CTDOT's I-95 Congestion Relief Study**

Mr. Nielsen discussed the tolling study on I-95 being conducted by ConnDOT. The study is looking at various concepts to reduce congestion within the corridor. No preferred alternatives have been selected. ConnDOT will be conducting public outreach to get opinions on implementing electronic tolling. They will be using data collection, outreach meetings and online surveys. There will be a stakeholder forum in June to present experiences from other states and answer questions..

One concept that ConnDOT is considering is constructing managed lanes within the median of I-95, but this remains one of several concepts being considered. A comment from the MPO was that it would be hard to find additional land for a toll and there is no cross section on I-95, a lot of areas are constrained.

First Selectman Vavrek is concerned that the public will think that the council approved the tolls

Mr. Nielsen assured MPO members that the public will not think the council approved tolls, Only a grant funded study was approved.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by Mayor Cassetti. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted

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

Rick Dunne, Executive Director, VCOG  
MPO Co-Secretary