

GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Meeting Agenda

Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2015, 12:00 pm

Conference Call: (312) 757-3121 Access Code: 452-509-389

Greater Bridgeport Regional Council

525 Water Street Suite 1

Bridgeport, CT 06604

- 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 2015-13
 - 2. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FTA Programs, Resolution 2015-14
 - 3. Endorsement: FFY 2016 and 2017 Unified Planning Work Program, Greater Bridgeport Regional Council, Resolution 2015-15
 - 4. Endorsement: FFY 2016 and 2017 Unified Planning Work Program, Valley Council of Governments, Resolution 2015-16
- V. OTHER BUSINESS

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Attachment A

Minutes of April 14, 2015
MPO Meeting

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 12:03pm. The roll of the MPO was called and proxies were received and accepted. A quorum was declared.

II. Public Participation

First Selectman Herbst asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to address the MPO. There was none.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from February 17, 2015 was made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action Items (Attachment B)

1. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs, Resolution 2015-08
First Selectman Herbst requested a report from Staff

Mr. Bidolli directed everyone to the attached spreadsheet and noted that Ms. Kelleher had sent out an email that contained more specific information describing the statewide amendments. The amendments are largely related to light fixtures, traffic signals and bridge inspections. There is currently nothing specific to the region.

A motion to approve this amendment was made by First Selectman Vavrek and seconded by First Selectman Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Endorsement: Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination, Resolution 2015-09

3. Endorsement: PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination, Resolution 2015-10

Mr. Bidolli deferred endorsements 2 and 3 to Mr. Nielsen who went over the federal regulations requiring that the transportation plan program and projects are in conformity with air quality goals. The Greater Bridgeport Valley region is part of the ozone attainment area that encompasses Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties as well as the New York Metropolitan area. The PM2.5 is included in the Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

The test for conformity is making sure that transportation systems generate emissions that are below the budgeted amount established in the base year 2010. Based on the Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program the Greater Bridgeport Valley Region is well below the budgeted amounts, so the program is in conformity with the tests.

A motion to approve items 2 and 3 is made by First Selectman Tetreau and seconded by Mayor Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Endorsement: Regional Transportation Plans: 2015-2040 – GBRC and VCOG, Resolution 2015-11

Mr. Bidolli explained that a PowerPoint presentation was sent out in an email prior to the meeting and provides an overview to the regions Long Range Transportation Plan. The primary intent of the Long Range Plan is to reflect the future transportation needs of the region. It maintains a 20 year planning horizon. It is a large scale document that a lot of the region's transportation investment is guided from.

Multiple opportunities have been provided for the public to participate. Each region provided a public information meeting in regards to the Long Range Plan. GBRC had a meeting on April 7th and NVCOG had a public meeting on April 9th. No public comment was received. Adoption of the plan would mean continued federal investment in the area. Any project needs to be on the LRTP to receive federal investment.

Mr. Nielsen noted that NVCOG did not receive any public comment either.

Mr. Holcomb asked if the document could be amended if there was a project that was not foreseen in the LRTP's preparation.

Mr. Nielsen responded that if there was a new project that was not listed on the LRTP, the LRTP can be amended at any time. The project should be brought to the region and they will consider it and add it.

A motion to approve item 4 was made by First Selectman Vavrek and seconded by First Selectman Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Endorsement: Urban Planning Certification, Resolution 2015-12

Mr. Nielsen explains that the Urban Planning Certification is an annual certification that the MPO makes. There is a more comprehensive certification every four years but in between the comprehensive certification there is a self-certification based on the determination that the transportation planning process is in conformance with federal regulations and guidelines. The evidence is in the preparation of the LRTP, compiling and maintaining the TIP and approving the air quality conformity statements.

A motion to approve item 5 is made by First Selectman Tetreau and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. That motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Dugatto and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm

Respectively submitted

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director, GBRC
MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director, NVCOG
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 increase funding for federal funding programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. **Project #0015-0345: Bridgeport.** This project is for the installation of CCTV in the vicinity of Route 8 in the City of Bridgeport. The amendment calls for an increase of FFY 2015/2016 federal share from \$2.25 million and remove state share (100% federal).

Proposed Action:	Increase Funding and remove state share
Fiscal Year:	FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program:	CMAQ
Phase:	CON
Federal Share:	\$3,500,000

Fiscal Year:	FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program:	CMAQ
Phase:	CON
Federal Share:	\$3,500,000

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 (FHWA)
FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP**

Region	FACode	Project Num	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
7	CMAQ	0015-0345	I-95	BRIDGEPORT	ROUTE 8 AREA CCTV	CON	2015	3,500	3,500	0	0	INCREASE FFY '15 AC CONV. FROM ESTIMATE FED. \$2.25M & REMOVE STATE SHARE (100% FED.)
7	CMAQ	0015-0345	I-95	BRIDGEPORT	ROUTE 8 AREA CCTV	CON	2016	3,500	3,500	0	0	INCREASE FFY '16 AC CONV. FROM ESTIMATE FED. \$2.25M & REMOVE STATE SHARE (100% FED.)

RESOLUTION 2015-13

**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 June 23, 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 June 23, 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 June 23, 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
NVCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

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AMENDMENT

FFY 2015-2018 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP/STIP) FTA 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 #410-0049: Bridgeport.** This project is for the replacement of 40 fixed route buses originally purchased in 2003 which have reached the end of their useful life. The purchase will include 20 hybrid buses, 10 - 40' Fixed route buses with diesel propulsion systems, 5, 35' fixed route buses with diesel propulsion systems and 5 articulated buses with hybrid diesel-electric propulsion systems. The project also includes ancillary on-board equipment associated with GBTA's AVL system. These buses will be used in the provision of fixed route service in Bridgeport, CT. This project has been funded over 2 years. FFY 2014 funded the replacement of 20 buses utilizing FHWA-CMAQ funds transferred to FTA grant CT-95-X018 in the amount of \$13,500,000. In FFY 2015 the remaining 20 replacement buses are funded with FTA Section 5307 in the amount of \$12,300,000.

Proposed Action:	GBTA – Replace 25 2003 35-ft & 15 2003 40-ft Buses
Fiscal Year:	FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program:	5307P
Phase:	OTH
Federal Share:	\$3,305,000

2. **Project #410-0077: Bridgeport.** This project is for the replacement of 40 fixed route buses originally purchased in 2003 which have reached the end of their useful life. The purchase will include 20 hybrid buses, 10 - 40' Fixed route buses with diesel propulsion systems, 5, 35' fixed route buses with diesel propulsion systems and 5 articulated buses with hybrid diesel-electric propulsion systems. The project also includes ancillary on-board equipment associated with GBTA's AVL system. These buses will be used in the provision of fixed route service in Bridgeport, CT. This project has been funded over 2 years. FFY 2014 funded the replacement of 20 buses utilizing FHWA-CMAQ funds transferred to FTA grant CT-95-X018 in the amount of \$13,500,000. In FFY 2015 the remaining 20 replacement buses are funded with FTA Section 5307 in the amount of \$12,300,000.

Proposed Action: GBTA – Replace 25 2003 35-ft & 15 2003 40-ft Buses
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: 5307P
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$6,535,000

3. **Project #410-0078: Bridgeport.** This project is for one year's worth of facility repairs and improvements to GBT's bus station located at 710 Water Street, Bridgeport. The facility opened in 2007 and this project will allow the maintenance of the facility and its systems in a state of good repair. The station serves as the hub of fixed route service in the Bridgeport, CT region.

Proposed Action: New Project
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: 5307P
Phase: CON
Federal Share: \$120,000

4. **Project #410-0078: Bridgeport.** This project is for the replacement of 24 demand response mini-buses for use in GBT's ADA paratransit service. The project will provide for replacement buses which will reach their useful life after five years. GBT expects to purchase these buses with diesel propulsion systems. However, gasoline systems are also being considered.

Proposed Action: New Project
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: 5307C
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$1,911,000

RESOLUTION 2015-14

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FFY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FTA PROGRAMS**

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MEMORANDUM:

Adoption of the FY 2016 and FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program for the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region Portion of the GVBMPO

The Greater Bridgeport Regional Council conducts the comprehensive regional transportation process, consistent with federal regulations, for the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region part of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO area. The Unified Work Program for the Greater Bridgeport Region is intended to develop and advance the implementation of plans, programs and projects to enhance, preserve and improve local transportation facilities and services, as well as address problems and deficiencies identified in the LRTPs.

The Unified Work Program is a Federal and state required document that details transportation planning tasks and budget from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017 (SFY 2016 and 2017). Addresses major transportation issues in the Region in accordance with MAP-21 and federal planning requirements. The following table indicates the federal, state and local funds available to the GBRC to conduct the metropolitan transportation planning activities for the region. The resolution endorses the UPWP.

FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program Task Allocation Funding Sources

Task	Funding Sources			
	Federal ^[1]	State	Local	Total
100 System Performance	\$62,985	\$7,873	\$7,873	\$78,732
200 Planning	\$170,245	\$21,281	\$21,281	\$212,806
300 Transit	\$90,236	\$11,279	\$11,279	\$112,794
400 Regional Sustainability Planning	\$113,498	\$14,187	\$14,187	\$141,873
500 Implementation	\$39,725	\$4,966	\$4,966	\$49,656
600 Public Involvement	\$34,050	\$4,256	\$4,256	\$42,562
700 Administration	\$56,748	\$7,093	\$7,093	\$70,935
Total ^[2]	\$567,487	\$70,936	\$70,936	\$709,359

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RESOLUTION 2015-15

ADOPTION

**FY 2016 AND 2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
GREATER BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO is the federally designated transportation planning agency for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning region and receives metropolitan transportation planning funds from the US Department of Transportation to conduct the transportation planning process in conformity with federal planning guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council is required to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program that describes the tasks it will undertake over the next two years;

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council has prepared the Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO has reviewed the draft UPWP for the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and adopts it as the UPWP for the MPO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO authorizes the Executive Director of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council to negotiate and execute any and all planning agreements with the Connecticut Department of Transportation relating to Unified Planning Work Program.

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FY 2016 and 2017 UPWP is divided into four major tasks:

1. **Data Collection and Analysis**, including system performance monitoring and regional GIS activities.
2. **Transportation Planning**, including, updating the long range regional transportation plan, developing project scopes, conducting highway, transit and non-motorized transportation planning studies and analyses, ensuring safety of users of the transportation system, providing technical assistance to member communities, and promoting sustainable development.
3. **Program Management, Implementation and Administration**, including developing of work programs, preparing applications for federal funding assistance, informing the public regarding regional transportation programs, plans and projects, maintaining a financially constrained Transportation Improvement Program, and administering the federal metropolitan transportation program.
4. **Other Technical Assistance**, including providing technical assistance relating to major corridor studies, providing project development and delivery, participating in special studies and projects under the sponsorship of CTDOT.

The VCOG conducts the regional transportation planning for the Valley planning region portion of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO. The following table indicates the federal, state and local funds available to the VCOG to conduct the metropolitan transportation planning. The funding sources are identified. Based on unofficial audit of FY 2014, carryover funds have allocated to FY 2016 and 2017.

FY 2016 and FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program
Greater Bridgeport & Valley MPO -- Valley Planning Region
Program Funding Sources and Revenues [1]

Funding Program	Regional Sponsor	Federal FHWA	Federal FTA	State	Local	Total
FY 2016 PL + FTA 5303 Funds	VCOG	\$174,895	\$36,541	\$26,430	\$26,430	\$264,296
FY 2016 Carryover Funds [2]	VCOG	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal:		\$174,895	\$36,541	\$26,430	\$26,430	\$264,296
Alternate Modes Assessment: FTA 5339 Funds	VCOG	\$0	\$525,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$600,000
Total:		\$174,895	\$561,541	\$101,430	\$26,430	\$864,296
Funding Program	Regional Sponsor	Federal FHWA	Federal FTA	State	Local	Total
FY 2017 PL + FTA 5303 Funds	VCOG	\$182,391	\$37,400	\$27,474	\$27,474	\$274,739
FY 2017 Carryover Funds [2]	VCOG	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:		\$182,391	\$37,400	\$27,474	\$27,474	\$274,739

[1] Federal funding amount available from FHWA and FTA under the consolidated planning grant. Does not include possible future rescissions.

[2] FY 2014 Carryover attributable to the VCOG based on unofficial audit; allocated equally between FY 2016 and FY 2017.

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RESOLUTION 2015-16

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