

Meeting Agenda

**Greater Bridgeport & Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Monday, August 24th, 2015, 1:00 PM
Conference Call: (872) 240-3412 Access Code: 197-078-341
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. Endorsement: Re-designation of GBVMPO, Resolution 2015-17
 - 2. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs Resolution 2015-18
 - 3. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FTA Programs Resolution 2015-19
- V. OTHER BUSINESS

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Attachment A

**Minutes of June 23, 2015
MPO Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, June 23, 2015
Greater Bridgeport Regional Council
525 Water Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Name

Representing



Mark Lauretti, Mayor
David Casseti, Mayor (Sheila O'Malley, Proxy)
Bill Finch, Mayor (Adam Wood, Proxy)
Anita Dugatto, Mayor
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman
Mike Tetreau, First Selectman
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman
Kurt Miller, First Selectman
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman & GBVMPO Chair
John Harkins, Mayor
Sharon McNeal (Doug Holcomb, Proxy)

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

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
Rick Dunne, Executive Director
Matthew Fulda, Transportation Planner
Patrick Carleton, Transportation Planner
Mark Nielsen, Planning Director
Colleen Kelleher, Administrative Assistant
Roxane Fromson
Maribeth Wojenski
Eloise Powell

GBRC
NVCOG
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CTDOT
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FHA

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 12:05pm. 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 April 14, 2015 was made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by Ms. O'Malley. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Bidolli announced that there would be two amendments broken out between FHWA and FTA and directed everyone to attachment B of the agenda package, and briefly discussed the projects listed.

Mr. Holcomb discussed the grant for mini-buses comes around every 12 or 15 years or the usual life for the fixer up buses and some of the buses that are replacing the old buses have hybrid diesel electric propulsion system which is new for GBT and the new diesel buses are much cleaner than the ones they will be replacing. Mr. Holcomb reiterated that the grant is for the replacement of buses, not expansion.

A motion to approve the FHWA Programs was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the FTA Programs was made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by First Selectman Tetreau. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Endorsement: FFY 2016 and 2017 Unified Planning Work Program, Greater Bridgeport Regional Council, Resolution 2015-15

Mr. Bidolli noted that there would be two endorsements, one for Greater Bridgeport and one for Valley. The Greater Bridgeport prospective was developed at the council meeting and vetted by the DOT.

Mr. Nielsen noted that it was the annual work program and has a two year agreement. It is a continuation of the work that has been done over previous years provides all the funding for the transportation program.

A motion to approve the endorsement was made by First Selectman Vavrek and seconded by Ms. O'Malley. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Endorsement: FFY 2016 and 2017 Unified Planning Work Programs, Valley Council of Governments, Resolution 2015-16

Mr. Bidolli explained that this endorsement was the same as the previous endorsement but represented the Valley Council of Governments.

A motion to approve the endorsement was made by First Selectman Tetreau and seconded by First Selectman Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business

Mr. Bidolli explained there was an addition to the packet regarding a proposal made by CTDOT in conjunction with Naugatuck Valley regarding the current MPO boundaries. The proposal suggests that the four Valley towns have an interest in leaving the current MPO to join its Council of Governments; this would require a compromise of 75% of the policy board members as well as the approval of the largest city which in this case would be Bridgeport. As a result the six towns that make up the Greater Bridgeport Region would become its own MPO. This is dependent upon Federal legislation.

Mr. Dunne noted that this was not taken up as an MPO previously and has not been discussed with the four towns that make up the Valley yet, but there is an expectation to join the rest of the COG in alignment.

Ms. Wojenski explained that the DOT met with Mr. Bidolli and Mr. Dunne to discuss CROG, Central CT, Southeast and Naugatuck Valley Port MPO submitted letters to the Governor asking for the MPO boundaries to be re-designated to align with the COG and noted that in order to realign the MPO there needs to be a 75% vote by the board and NVCOG would then need to vote to accept the four Valley towns. Nothing will happen unless both votes are positive. Ms. Wojenski explained how funding would work if there was a negative vote.

There was a brief discussion about funding.

Mr. Bidolli suggested that GBRC and NVCOG discuss the memo with their respective councils and come back together for a larger meeting on the topic. Mr. Dunne concurred and has advised the NVCOG members in a memo.

Mr. Dunne asked if there were any concerns from the policy board members, hearing none a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21pm

Respectively submitted

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director, GBRC
MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director, NVCOG
MPO Co-Secretary

Attachment B

Action Items

GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Ansonia Bridgeport Derby Easton Fairfield Monroe Seymour Shelton Stratford Trumbull

RESOLUTION 2015-17

**RE-DESIGNATION OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT
AND VALLEY MPO AREA**

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO (GBVMPO) is the federally designated transportation planning agency for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning regions of the Bridgeport-Stamford urban area and consists of 10 towns and cities: Ansonia, Bridgeport, Derby, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Seymour, Shelton, Stratford, and Trumbull; and representatives of the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority and the Valley Transit District;

WHEREAS, as a result of General Assembly action, in January 2015, the regional boundaries and regional planning organizations were merged, consolidated, dissolved or reorganized, all in the Council of Governments form; and the cities of Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, and the town Seymour became members of the newly created Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments;

WHEREAS, as a result of this reorganization, a misalignment between MPO and COG boundaries was created, with the former Valley COG members of GBVMPO becoming members of a larger planning area and council of governments;

WHEREAS, the cities of Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, and the town Seymour are requesting separation from the GBVMPO in order to become members of and aligned with the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO;

WHEREAS, the federal process to re-designate MPO boundaries is initiated at the local level and requires an affirmative vote by MPO members representing at least 75% of the population of the existing MPO, including the affirmative vote of the member representing the largest city in the MPO, and concurrence by the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO endorses and approves the re-designation of the GBVMPO boundary to separate the cities of Ansonia, Derby and Shelton and the town of Seymour, effective September 1, 2015 or whenever the MPO re-designation process is complete, whichever is later; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GBVMPO approves the federally designated MPO for the Greater Bridgeport planning region and designates the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (METROCOG) as the host transportation planning agency for the six town MPO area to include the City of Bridgeport, and towns of Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, and Trumbull, effective September 1, 2015 or whenever the MPO re-designation process is complete, whichever is later.

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This resolution shall become effective as of September 1, 2015 or whenever the MPO re-designation process is complete, whichever is later.

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 meeting held on August 24, 2015, at which a quorum was present.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director
NVCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

Date: August 24, 2015

AMENDMENT

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

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 #0124-0170: Seymour** This project will construct a section of the Naugatuck River Greenway in Seymour from Route 67 to the Tinque Dam Fish By-pass Park. The trail section will be aligned along the southbound on-ramp of Route 8. The section of trail will be ten feet wide, paved and extend about 700 feet in length. The project also includes the removal of invasive species, lighting and landscaping. The design is being completed using town resources.

Proposed Action: New Project
Fiscal Year: FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program: TAPB
Phase: CON
Federal Share: \$400,000

2. **Project #0050-0219: Fairfield** This project provides the construction phase for I-95 pavement preservation work in FY2016. The purpose of the pavement preservation program is to enhance pavement performance by using cost effective treatments to extend the service life of existing pavements. The project will mill/place 2" PMA NB & SB (MM 26.29-30.51) in Fairfield and Bridgeport. The work will include all ramps. Work on Bridge Number 105A (MM 28.5-28.9) will be included in this project.

Proposed Action: New Project
Fiscal Year: FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program: NHPP
Phase: CON
Federal Share: \$16,560,000

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	Proj#	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
06	TAPB	0124-0170	Route 8	Seymour	Naugatuck River Greenway: Construct a section of the NRG from Route 67 to Tinqué Dam Fish By-pass Park in Seymour. Design by local sources.	CON	2016	500	400	0	100	New Project
07	NHPP	0050-0219	I-95	Fairfield	Pavement Preservation on I-95	CON	2,016	18,400	16,560	1,840	0	New Project

RESOLUTION 2015-18

**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 July 13, 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 August 24, 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 August 24, 2015, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

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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 #0036-XXXX: Valley Transit District.** This amendment allocates funding in the amount of \$400,000 total to purchase miscellaneous equipment that supports VTD's transit services.

Proposed Action:	VTD Administrative Capital
Fiscal Year:	FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program:	5307C
Phase:	OTH
Federal Share:	\$320,000

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

<u>Region</u>	<u>FACode</u>	<u>Proj#</u>	<u>Rte/Sys</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total\$(000)</u>	<u>Fed\$(000)</u>	<u>Sta\$(000)</u>	<u>Loc\$(000)</u>	<u>Comments</u>
06	5307C	0036-XXXX	NVCOG/VALLEY TD	DERBY	NVCOG/VTD - ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FFY '15	OTH	2015	400	320	80	0	NEW PROJECT

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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 revise the funding, scope and schedule of an existing project and to add new projects to 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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