

GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Meeting Agenda

Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 12:30 pm

Conference Call: (571) 317-3131 Access Code: 462-692-013#

Mayor's Conference Room Margaret E, Morton Government Center
999 Broad Street, 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: PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination, Resolution 2015-01
 2. Endorsement: Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination, Resolution 2015-02
 3. Endorsement: FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 2015-03 *
 4. Amendment: FFY 2012-2015 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs, Resolution 2015-04
 5. Amendment: FFY 2012-2015 TIP/STIP, FTA Programs, Resolution 2015-05
 6. Endorsement: Urban Transportation Planning Certification, Resolution 2015-06
- V. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

* *The draft TIP can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/Draft-TIP>*

****Lunch will be served from 12:00-12:30**

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Attachment A

Minutes of July 15, 2014
MPO Meeting

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Greater Bridgeport & Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tuesday, July 15, 2014
Conference Call
Greater Bridgeport Regional Council
525 Water Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Name

Representing

Mark Lauretti, Mayor (Rick Dunne, Proxy)
David Cassetti, Mayor (Sheila O'Malley, Proxy)
Bill Finch, Mayor (David Kooris, Proxy)
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman
Mike Tetreau, First Selectman
Kurt Miller, First Selectman
John Harkins, Mayor (Stephen Nocera, Proxy)
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman & GBVMPO Chair
Sharon McNeal, GBT Chair (Doug Holcomb, Proxy)

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Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
Meghan Sloan, Senior Transportation Planner
Colleen Kelleher, Administrative Assistant
Patrick Carleton, Transportation Planner
Roxane Fromson

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Minutes

I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was held via conference call and called to order by First Selectman Herbst, Chairman, at 12:04pm. 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 was made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by Mr. Nocera. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Nocera and First Selectman Tetreau abstained from voting.

IV. Action Items (Attachment B)

1. **Amendment: FFY 2012-2015 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs**

Ms. Sloan went over the project for Lafayette Circle in Downtown Bridgeport and the realignment of the traffic circle.

Mr. Kooris stated that the traffic circle is a hazard; there are a lot of accidents and potential for future accidents. The complete streets project would be used productively.

First Selectman Herbst asked if MPO action was required, and Ms. Sloan explained that this needed to be approved as an amendment to TIP. A motion was made by First Selectman Tetreau and seconded by First Selectman Miller. The motion passed unanimously. 7-0-0

2. **Amendment: FFY 2012-2015 TIP/STIP, FTA Programs**

Mr. Dunne explained the FTA amendments.

First Selectman Herbst asked if there were any questions, hearing none a motion was made by Mr. Kooris and seconded by First Selectman Tetreau. The motion passed unanimously. 9-0-0

Roxane Fromson joined the call 12:06. First Selectman Herbst took a second roll call.

V. American Community Survey Assistance (Attachment C)

Ms. Sloan explained that the survey may not include some journey-to-work questions that would be valuable to the survey. Ms. Sloan said that she would provide a staff response.

There were no actions needed on this item just MPO feedback.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nocera and seconded by First Selectman Miller. 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, VCOG
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 2015-01

RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT PM 2.5

WHEREAS,

the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region's Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

It is the opinion of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO that the plans and programs approved on October 14, 2014 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

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WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the Long Range Transportation Plans for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning regions and the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the motor vehicle emissions budgets approved by EPA established for each analysis year; and

WHEREAS,

The public notification and review of the draft air quality emission results and conformity determination was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the GBVMPO's Public Participation Program Handbook, as amended, including soliciting input and guidance from transportation stakeholders, making the air quality emissions analyses available to the public electronically (on the web), notifying the public of the new conformity determination and soliciting review and comment, providing at least a 30-day review period from September 12, 2014 to October 14, 2014, holding public information meetings (October 7, 2014 at the office of the VCOG and October 8, 2014 at the office of the GBRC), recording comments from the public and considering and responding to comments.

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO finds that the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions and the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing September 2014 PM2.5 Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting co-secretaries of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO, at which a quorum was present, on October 14, 2014.

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

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

DATE: October 14, 2014

RESOLUTION 2015-02

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
OZONE**

WHEREAS,

The Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region's Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

It is the opinion of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO that the plans and programs approved today, October, 14 2014 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island Marginal Nonattainment Area (Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in the Ozone Nonattainment Areas (Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report August 2014; and

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WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

WHEREAS,

The public notification and review of the draft air quality emission results and conformity determination was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the GBVMPO's Public Participation Program Handbook, as amended, including soliciting input and guidance from transportation stakeholders, making the air quality emissions analyses available to the public electronically (on the web), notifying the public of the new conformity determination and soliciting review and comment, providing at least a 30-day review period from September 12, 2014 to October 14, 2014, holding public information meetings (October 7, 2014 at the office of the VCOG and October 8, 2014 at the office of the GBRC), recording comments from the public and considering and responding to comments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO finds that the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions and the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the August 2014 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination.

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned duly qualified and acting co-secretaries of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened public meeting of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO, at which a quorum was present, on October, 14 2014.

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director
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DATE: October 14, 2014

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RESOLUTION 2015-03

ENDORSEMENT FFY 2015 ~ 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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 develop and endorse a transportation improvement program for the portion of the Bridgeport-Stamford urbanized area located in the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning regions;

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments have, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the Greater Bridgeport Transit and the Valley Transit District, jointly prepared the *FFY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization*;

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2015 – 2018 TIP* describes all projects programmed to receive federal transportation funding assistance from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration over the next four federal fiscal years beginning October 1, 2014;

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2015 – 2018 TIP* establishes project priorities, indicates project schedules, provides estimates of project cost and identifies federal funding program;

WHEREAS, the financial plans for the *FFY 2015 – 2018 TIP* are included and demonstrate financial constraint to anticipated federal funding resources expected to be allocated and authorized to the State of Connecticut and the Bridgeport-Stamford urbanized area;

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2015 – 2018 TIP* was made available for review and public notification and review of the proposed TIP was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's *Public Participation Program Handbook*, as amended, including providing a 30-day review and comment period, holding two public information meetings, posting the draft TIP on the GBRC and VCOG websites and considering public comments in revising the draft TIP;

WHEREAS, the proposed *FFY 2015 – 2018 TIP* has been presented to the MPO, reviewed and discussed;

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WHEREAS, the proposed program of projects in the *FFY 2015 – 2018 TIP* were assessed for their impacts on air quality and the State’s ability to attain the *National Ambient Air Quality Standards* for the 8-hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} pollutants and the regional emissions assessments demonstrate that the proposed projects will not have an adverse impact on air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, after reviewing the draft *FFY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization* and modifying the program of projects based on public comment and revisions received during the 30-day review and comment period, endorses the *FFY 2015 – 2018 TIP* presented and discuss here today as the official *TIP* for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Region. The endorsement of the *TIP* covers a four-year period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the *TIP* approval constitutes project selection in accordance with the requirements of the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)*.

This resolution shall become effective as of October 14, 2014.

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 October 14, 2014, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

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

DATE: October 14, 2014

AMENDMENT

FFY 2012-2015 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP/STIP) FHWA PROGRAMS

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendment of the FFY 2012-2015 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP). The proposed amendment is needed to add a new project to be funded under the Surface Transportation Program: Bridgeport-Stamford urban area account administered by the Federal Highway Administration.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

1. **Project #0015-0369: I-95 Bridge Rehabilitation, Bridgeport.** This project will rehabilitate the bridge carrying I-95 over the New Haven main line rail tracks and several city streets. Work includes repairing and/or strengthening concrete piers, partial milling and overlay of the bridge surface, and replacing deck joints. The piers are rated poor due to significant shear and flexure cracks, The bituminous overlay and deck joints are beginning to deteriorate.

Proposed Action:	New Project
Fiscal Year:	FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program:	NHPP-BRX
Phase:	PD
Federal Share:	\$135,000

Fiscal Year:	FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program:	NHPP-BRX
Phase:	FD
Federal Share:	\$360,000

Fiscal Year:	FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program:	NHPP-BRX
Phase:	ROW
Federal Share:	\$40,000

Fiscal Year:	FFY 2016
Federal Aid Program:	NHPP-BRX
Phase:	CON
Federal Share:	\$4,050,000

MPO Action: The proposed amendment is consistent with the long range transportation of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments and conforms 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 amendment to the FFY 2012-2015 TIP/STIP as described above and listed in the attached table.

AMENDMENTS
FFY 2012 - 2015 TIP/STIP

Region	FACode	Proj#	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
07	NHPP-BRX	0015-0369	I-95	Bridgeport	Rehabilitate bridge (No. 00105A) carrying I-95 over the New Haven main line tracks and city streets .Work includes repairing and/or strehgthening concrete piers, partial milling and overlay of the bridge surface, and replacing deck joints.	PD	2015	150	135	15	0	New Project
07	NHPP-BRX	0015-0369	I-95	Bridgeport	Rehabilitate bridge (No. 00105A) carrying I-95 over the New Haven main line tracks and city streets .Work includes repairing and/or strehgthening concrete piers, partial milling and overlay of the bridge surface, and replacing deck joints.	FD	2015	400	360	40	0	New Project
07	NHPP-BRX	0015-0369	I-95	Bridgeport	Rehabilitate bridge (No. 00105A) carrying I-95 over the New Haven main line tracks and city streets .Work includes repairing and/or strehgthening concrete piers, partial milling and overlay of the bridge surface, and replacing deck joints.	ROW	2015	50	45	5	0	New Project
07	NHPP-BRX	0015-0369	I-95	Bridgeport	Rehabilitate bridge (No. 00105A) carrying I-95 over the New Haven main line tracks and city streets .Work includes repairing and/or strehgthening concrete piers, partial milling and overlay of the bridge surface, and replacing deck joints.	CON	2016	4,500	4,050	450	0	New Project

RESOLUTION 2015-04

AMENDMENT

**FFY 2012-2015 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 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions (TIP)* at its January 10, 2012, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2012-2015 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* and re-program projects under the new *National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)*;

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 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program* to include the projects as described and listed in the attachment to this resolution.

This resolution shall become effective as of October 14, 2014.

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Respectfully submitted,

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

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

Date: _____

AMENDMENT

FFY 2012-2015 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP/STIP) FTA PROGRAMS

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendment of the FFY 2012-2015 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 Transit Administration.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

2. **Project #0170-3106: Statewide Marketing Program**. This project will provide funding to conduct a statewide rideshare and transit marketing program in the NY-NJ-CT moderate non-attainment area. The amendment will move funding from FFY 2013 to FFY 2015 and transfer funding from FHWA CMAQ program to FTA Section 5307S.

Proposed Action: Transfer Funds to FTA Section 5307S
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: CMAQ
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$1,220,000

Proposed Action: Transfer Funds from FHWA CMAQ
Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: Section 5307S
Phase: OTH
Federal Share: \$1,220,000

3. **Project #0170-3331: Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan**. This project will provide funds to CTDOT to conduct and prepare a Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan for the New Haven to New York corridor in response to an FRA NOFA. The project will conduct a Tier 2 environmental impact analysis and prepare a service development plan for improvements to the New Haven main rail line. The corridor extends from New Haven to Grand Central Terminal in New York City. In addition, the plan will identify improvements needed to allow Metro-North trains to access Penn Station. It will detail the benefits and impacts of implementing additional passenger service to GCT and new service to Penn Station.

Proposed Action: New Project

Fiscal Year: FFY 2015
Federal Aid Program: Section 5324
Phase: ALL
Federal Share: \$5,600,000

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 amendment to the FFY 2012-2015 TIP/STIP as described above and listed in the attached table.

AMENDMENTS
FFY 2012 - 2015 TIP/STIP

Region	FACode	Proj#	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
75	CMAQ	0170-3106	Various	Statewide	Provide funds to conduct a Statewide Marketing for ridesharing and transit in the NY-NJ-CT Moderate Non-Attainment Area --Transfer funds to FTA Section 5307S. FFY 2013	OTH	2015	1,525	1,220	305	0	Move program funding from FFY 2013 to FFY 2015; increase funding allocation from \$553,000 (federal share) and transfer funds to FTA Section 5307S.
75	5307S	0170-3106	Various	Statewide	Provide funds to conduct a Statewide Marketing for ridesharing and transit in the NY-NJ-CT Moderate Non-Attainment Area --Transfer funds from FHWA CMAQ Program	OTH	2015	1,525	1,220	305	0	Transfer funds from FHWA CMAQ program.
77	FRA	0170-3331	NHL-ML	Various	CTDOT: Provide funds to conduct and prepare a Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan for the New Haven to New York corridor in response to an FRA NOFA. The plan will identify improvements between New Haven and Grand Central Terminal, as well as improvements needed to travel to Penn Station.	ALL	2015	7,000	5,600	1,400	0	New Project

RESOLUTION 2015-05

**AMENDMENT
FFY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FTA 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 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions (TIP)* at its January 10, 2012, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2012-2015 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* and re-program projects under the new *National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)*;

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 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program* to include the projects as described and listed in the attachment to this resolution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

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

Date: _____

RESOLUTION 2015-06

**URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CERTIFICATION
GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY MPO**

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* relating to self-certification of metropolitan planning organizations, requires the MPO to certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable US Department of Transportation requirements and must submit such certification concurrent with the submittal of the entire proposed TIP to the FHWA and the FTA as part of the STIP approval;

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments conduct the transportation planning process for their respective planning regions in accordance with the planning regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation and specified in the *MAP-21*, by preparing an annual Unified Planning Work Programs for their respective regions, conducting and performing transportation planning activities as contained in their UPWP's, cooperatively preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed short-range transportation improvement program (TIP), preparing and updating the long range regional transportation plans (LRPs), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and LRPs, and proactively involving the public in the transportation planning process and;

WHEREAS, the GBVMPO adheres to the principles of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity, as specified in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Older Americans Act, and regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects and the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area covered by Greater Bridgeport and the Valley planning regions, hereby certifies that the urban transportation planning process has been and is being conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the rules and regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation under the *MAP-21* and that all applicable provisions relative to involvement of public and private providers of mass transportation, civil rights, involvement of minority business enterprises, special efforts for elderly and disabled persons, the Clean Air Act and amendments, 23 U.S.C and 49 U.S.C have been satisfied.

This resolution shall become effective as of October 14, 2014.

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 October 14, 2014, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary

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

DATE: October 14, 2014