

**Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Electronic Vote Request: September 5, 2017**

**Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
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**September 5, 2017, 4 pm conference call to list electronic vote results:
Dial in: 1 (872) 240-3412, Access Code: 628-962-621**

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Amendment FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FTA Programs Resolution 2017-16:
 - i. 0300-xxxx Signal System Replacement FY2016.
 - ii. 0300-xxxx NHL Track Program FY2016.

**Members are asked to provide their electronic vote by 3:30 pm on Tuesday,
September 5th.**

Balloting Instructions:

1. Click "Reply All" button to this email
2. Copy & Paste the following question into the body of the email: "Should the GBVMPO adopt Resolutions 2017-16" as presented in this September 5th E-Vote Request?"
3. Type "Yea", "Nay" or "Abstain" following the question.
4. Append your name and the date to your vote.
5. Click "Send" to cast your ballot.

Interpreters for any language are available upon request and at no charge; the request must be received within five (5) or more business days before the meeting.

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RESOLUTION 2017-16

**AMENDMENT
FFY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FTA PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* 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 October 14, 2014, 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 *FAST Act* allocates funds to the State of Connecticut under various federal transportation assistance programs administered by the Federal Transit Administration;

WHEREAS, the *FAST Act* 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 September 5, 2017.

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 on September 5, 2017, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Fulda, Executive Director
MetroCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

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

September 5, 2017

AMENDMENT

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

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting the following amendments to the FFY 2015-2018 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP).

1. **Project 0300-xxxx NHL Signal System Replacement:** This project will maintain safe, economical, NEC/NHL rail service and is necessary to meet current and future NHL commuter and Amtrak intercity train service levels and ridership demand. The proposed 2030 NEC/NHL schedule for both commuter and Amtrak intercity and high-speed services will require significant increases in track capacity. The signal system replacement will be designed for 24 trains per hour per track (a 33% increase in train throughput), a five mile an hour difference in the maximum authorized speed and the signal design speed. The new cab-signal system will also enhance interoperability with the forthcoming Positive Train Control requirement.

The communications and signal equipment currently in service cannot support the necessary configurations required. It has been more than 35 years since the communication and signal system was replaced. Improvements have been made, the communication and signal system reconfigured and equipment has been replaced in kind. The cab signal equipment currently used is no longer supported by the manufacturers, and in many cases, is no longer produced.

Proposed Action:	Move from 2016 to 2017; Change funding program; Increase federal from \$28 million to \$37 million.
Fiscal Year:	2017
Federal Aid Program:	5307C
Phase:	CON
Federal Share:	\$37,000,000

2. **Project 0300-xxxx NHL Track Program FY16:** This project will continue to maintain the track structure on the New Haven Line. Ties, turnouts, continuous welded rail and timbers at various bridges will be purchased. Work will also include surfacing and track structure work. Work is based on the annual cycle in order to maintain operating speeds and comfort.

Proposed Action:	Move from FY15 to FY17; Increase federal from \$15 million to \$16 million.
Fiscal Year:	2017

Federal Aid Program: 5307P
Phase: CON
Federal Share: \$16,000,000

MPO Action: The proposed amendments are consistent with the long range transportation of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments 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:

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<u>Region</u>	<u>FACode</u>	<u>Proj#</u>	<u>AQCd</u>	<u>Rte/Sys</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Tot\$(000)</u>	<u>Fed\$(000)</u>	<u>Sta\$(000)</u>	<u>Loc\$(000)</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>code for change</u>
78	5307C	0300-XXXX	X6	NHL-ML	VARIOUS	NHL - SIGNAL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	CON	2017	46,250	37,000	9,250	0	MOVE FROM FFY'15 TO FFY'17 INCRE. ESTIMATE FROM FED \$28M AND CHANGE FUNDING TO 5307C	01,04
78	5307P	0300-XXXX	X6	NHL-ML	VARIOUS	NHL TRACK PROGRAM FY16	CON	2017	20,000	16,000	4,000	0	MOVE FROM FFY'16 TO FFY'17 AND INCRE. ESTIMATE FROM FED \$15M.	01,04