

**Attachment A**

**Minutes of March 16, 2017  
MPO Meeting**

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

**Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments  
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

**Name**

**Representing**

David Cassetti, Mayor (Teleconference)	Ansonia
Joseph Ganim, Mayor	Bridgeport
Anita Dugatto, Mayor (Teleconference)	Derby
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman (Teleconference)	Easton
Michael Tertreau, First Selectman (Teleconference)	Fairfield
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman	Monroe
Kurt Miller, First Selectman	Seymour
Mark Lauretti, Mayor	Shelton
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman	Trumbull
John Harkins, Mayor	Stratford
Colleen Kelleher, Deputy Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Acting Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Rick Dunne, Executive Director	NVCOG
Mark Nielsen, Planning Director	NVCOG
Ken Flatto	Bridgeport
Tom Maziarz (Teleconference)	CTDOT
Sara Radacsi, Bureau of Policy & Planning	CTDOT
Ken Shooshan-Stoller	FHWA
Eloise Powell	FHWA

## Minutes

### **I. Call to Order**

This was a special meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lauretti, Chair at 11:31. Mr. Fulda performed a roll call, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2016 was made by Mayor Casseti and seconded by First Selectman Herbst. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Action Items (Attachment B)**

#### **1. GBVMPO Boundary Redesignation Resolution 2017-04**

First Selectman Miller made a motion to open up discussion on the redesignation resolution 2017-04. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Tetreau.

Mr. Nielsen explained the procedural implications of the redesignation vote and stated it is the intent to complete the process by July 1, 2017.

Mayor Lauretti explained that the resolution was requested by the Waterbury (Naugatuck Valley) MPO so as to include the four Valley municipalities in their boundaries to align MPO boundaries with the COG boundaries.

Mr. Nielsen explained that the proposed redesignation would make the metropolitan planning area of the Naugatuck Valley planning region co-terminus with the Central Naugatuck Valley Region MPO. He further explained that when Council of Government boundaries were redefined in 2015, it created a misalignment between COG and transportation planning area boundaries. Separate planning agreements, work programs and planning documents are being developed for the CNVR MPO area and the four lower Valley region towns. Mr. Nielsen explained that the redesignation would make the process in the NVCOG area consistent.

Mayor Ganim was concerned that the change would make one Council of Governments stronger while making the other weaker due to a loss of membership. He then inquired about potential alternative COG alignments that would be more equitable.

Mr. Nielsen explained that the FHWA is allocating all of the federal planning funds to MetroCOG instead of creating separate agreements for each region as has been the past practice. The planning funds attributable to the separate regions would not change.

Mayor Lauretti stated that he is opposing the resolution noting that there was a long history of Shelton sharing transportation services and labor forces with the Greater Bridgeport Region, due to their shared borders.

There was a brief discussion regarding the boundaries and implications of not approving the redesignation resolution.

First Selectman Miller expressed his intention to move Seymour from the Bridgeport MPO to the Waterbury MPO. Mayor Cassetti and Mayor Dugatto expressed concurrence with that intention.

Ms. Powell noted that from a federal perspective, transportation planning funds go to the MPO.

Mr. Dunne clarified that planning funds are currently allocated to CNVR MPO. He further added that if Shelton were to stay in the GBVMPO and the three other valley towns left to join CNVR MPO, the Shelton portion of planning funds would go to the Greater Bridgeport Region.

There was a brief discussion about transportation planning funds.

Mayor Lauretti confirmed that if Bridgeport votes no, the vote would automatically fail.

At the conclusion of the discussion Mayor Lauretti asked for a vote on the resolution. First Selectman Miller from the Town of Seymour, Mayor Cassetti from the Town of Ansonia and Mayor Dugatto from the City of Derby voted in the affirmative. Mayor Ganim from the City of Bridgeport, First Selectman Dunsby from the Town of Easton, First Selectman Tetreau from the Town of Fairfield, First Selectman Vavrek from the Town of Monroe, Mayor Harkins from the Town of Stratford, First Selectman Herbst from the Town of Trumbull and Mayor Lauretti from the City of Shelton voted in opposition of the resolution. First Selectman Miller noted the time and announced that Ansonia, Derby and Seymour would be leaving the discussion. At 11:55 am, Ansonia, Derby and Seymour dropped off the conference call and the First Selectman Miller left the MetroCOG offices.

A quorum required to conduct business was no longer present

The motion to approve the redesignation failed due to the failure to gain the required affirmative votes of CEOs representing at least 75% of the MPO population.

Ms. Powell responded that everything will stay the way it is and beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> all of the funds would be allocated to MetroCOG for transportation planning in the ten MPO member municipalities. Mr. Nielsen asked Ms. Powell to explain the rationale and reasons for that determination.

A discussion about the quorum rules and the ability to conduct business ensued.

First Selectman Vavrek exited the conference room at 12:01pm

Mayor Lauretti recommended getting a legal opinion regarding the amendment of the bylaws.

## **V. Other Business**

Mayor Ganim explained that Bridgeport would like to apply for a TIGER grant to replace the Congress Street bridge. He requested feedback from the MPO as to whether they would be comfortable supporting the TIGER grant.

There was no other discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Herbst and seconded by Mayor Harkins. The meeting adjourned at 12:04pm.

Respectively submitted

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Matthew Fulda, Acting Executive Director,  
MetroCOG  
MPO Co-Secretary

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Rick Dunne, Executive Director,  
NVCOG  
MPO Co-Secretary