

# **Attachment A**

## **Minutes of April 26, 2018 MPO Meeting**

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

**Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:00am  
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments  
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

**Name**

**Representing**

David Cassetti, Mayor (Teleconference)	Ansonia
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Proxy, Ken Flatto)	Bridgeport
Richard Dzieken, Mayor (Teleconference)	Derby
Michael Tetreau, First Selectman	Fairfield
Kurt Miller, First Selectman (Teleconference)	Seymour
Mark Lauretti, Mayor	Shelton
Ken Kellogg, First Selectman	Monroe
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Laura Hoydick, Mayor	Stratford
Mitch Fuchs	GBT
Colleen Kelleher, Deputy Finance Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Mark Nielsen, Planning Director (Teleconference)	NVCOG
Rick Dunne, Executive Director (Teleconference)	NVCOG
Sara Radasci	CTDOT
Doug Holcomb	GBT

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoydick, Chairman at 10:05 AM.

### II. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

### III. Minutes

#### 1. February 22, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes from February was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by Mayor Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

### IV. Action Items

#### 1. Amendment FFY 2018-2021 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs Resolution 2018-09:

- i. 0015-0378: Delete project for I-95 bridge rehabilitation (00105A, over Metro North & city streets), Bridgeport.
- ii. 0170-3495: Statewide Transportation Demand Management.

Mr. Fulda explained that item i. was being removed from the TIP as two previous projects addressed 90 percent of the concerns, making the project obsolete.

Mr. Fuchs inquired if there was a new grading system.

Mr. Fulda explained that the engineer's note recommended that the project was no longer necessary. He also noted that it falls within federal aid and does not fall under deficiencies.

Mr. Fulda briefly explained item ii. noting that the project continues funding for CT rides, assisting in the reduction of single occupancy traffic.

A motion to approve items i. and ii. was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mayor Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Amendment to the "Cooperative MPO/State/Transit Operators Planning Roles and Responsibilities", FY 2018 & 2019 Unified Planning Work Program for the GBVMPO

Mr. Fulda explained that the roles and responsibilities would be added to the UPWP once adopted.

First Selectman Kellogg asked if there was anything additional that Mr. Fulda would like to see included.

Mr. Fulda responded that he had nothing to add and the roles and responsibilities would be beneficial to have included in the UPWP to fall back on for guidance.

A motion to approve the amendment was made by Mayor Lauretti and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The motion carried unanimously.

## **V. Other Business**

### **1. Pending cuts to regional bus service**

Mr. Holcomb explained that due to budget cuts GBT has been directed to plan operations with a 15 percent investment. Mr. Holcomb explained his outreach to date.

Mr. Holcomb noted that the most promising proposal included the acceleration of movement of the car tax from the General Fund to the Special Transportation Fund. He explained that the move could occur in fiscal year 2019 instead of fiscal year 2021.

Mr. Holcomb noted that if cuts do occur, they will result in direct job loss as well as the inability for hundreds of people to get to work. A focus on the movement of the car tax will solve problems for the next five years and he is requesting support and advocacy from the board.

There was a brief discussion regarding ridership and the number of riders that utilize bus services to get to work in Shelton.

Mayor Lauretti inquired if GBT would be interested in partnering with VTD on ADA services.

Mr. Holcomb responded that that would be a natural partnership.

First Selectman Tetreau inquired how GBT's funding compared to other areas, specifically Hartford and New Haven.

Mr. Holcomb commented that all areas were experiencing the same funding issues proportionately.

First Selectman Tetreau suggested gathering data.

There was a brief discussion regarding Mr. Holcomb's outreach process.

Mr. Fuchs commented that the biggest frustration was the shell game and moving money wasn't solving anything.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Fuchs and seconded by Mayor Laretti The meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM.

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

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