

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

**Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Valley United Way
Shelton, Connecticut**

Name

Representing

Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Chairman	Shelton
James Della Volpe, Mayor	Ansonia
Tom Herrmann, First Selectman, Vice Chairman	Easton
James DellaVolpe, Mayor	Ansonia
Bill Finch, Mayor	Bridgeport
Anthony Staffieri, Mayor	Derby
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman	Monroe
Kurt Miller, First Selectman	Seymour
John Harkins, Mayor	Stratford
Anne Pappas Philips, Chair (Brian Bidolli, Proxy)	GBRC-RPC
Laurie Goodsell, Chair	GBT
Bart Flaherty, Chair	VCOG-RPC
Brian Bidolli, Executive Director	GBRC
Mark Nielsen, Sr. Transportation Planner	GBRC
Meghan Sloan, Transportation Planner	GBRC
Rick Dunne, Executive Director	VCOG
Yi Ding, Transportation Planner	VCOG
Doug Holcomb, CEO	GBT
Roxane Fromson, Program Coordinator	ConnDOT

Minutes

I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lauretti, Chairman, at 12:45 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll of the MPO was called and proxies were received and accepted. A quorum was declared.

II. Public Participation

Mayor Lauretti asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to address the MPO. Hearing none, the MPO proceeded to the next item.

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the MPO meeting held on March 27, 2017 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mayor Staffieri and seconded by First Selectman Miller to accept the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Action Items

- 1. Amendment: FFY 2010-2013 TIP/STIP** – Mr. Bidolli presented and summarized the proposed amendments to the TIP/STIP requested by the ConnDOT. He explained the projects involved providing funds for underwater inspections of bridges, to support the I-95 Traffic Operations Center in Bridgeport and update and replace aging Variable Message Signs and CCTV cameras along I-95 as part of the incident management program. Mr. Bidolli stated that the amendments would add funding to initial preliminary design for three local projects : Pepper Street in Monroe, Main Street signal project in Bridgeport and West Broad Street in Stratford. Mr. Dunne discussed the two local projects in the Valley region: Derby-Milford Road in Derby and Rimon Street in Seymour. On a motion by Mayor Finch and seconded by Mayor Della Vople, the MPO endorsed the TIP/STIP amendments as presented. Motion carried.
- 2. Amendment: FFY 2010-2013 TIP/STIP – Value Pricing Pilot Program** – Mayor Lauretti briefly update the MPO about the discussions on the VPPP from the last meeting and said that staff had provided ConnDOT with the questions raised by members. Mr. Bidolli summarized the answers received from ConnDOT. First Selectman Herrmann asked if the scope had been. He said that he continued to have reservations about being able to change drive behavior through a toll. Mayor Lauretti asked if electronic tolling would be installed anywhere else in the state. Ms. Fromson said that ConnDOT is also looking at the I-84 corridor between Danbury and Waterbury. She also said that both SWRMPO and SCRCOG have endorsed the project. Mr. Dunne stated that revenues generated by the project, if implemented, could only be used for improvements on I-95 and could not be used elsewhere. Mayor Harkins expressed his concerns about the feasibility of electronic tolls and stated that he was not in support of the project. Mayor Finch voiced his support for conducting the feasibility study, stating that the MPO was not endorsing installing electronic tolls, rather just the study. He felt that it was important to study congestion and identify possible improvements. First Selectman Herrmann stated that the congestion is caused by insufficient capacity and expressed his opinion that instituting disincentives would not change travel behavior. Ms. Goodsell expressed her opinion that the tolls would provide an incentive for commuters to use transit as an alternative..

Mayor Harkins made a motion to reject the amendment to add funding for the VPPP project. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. On a vote of four in favor of the motion and eight against, the motion was defeated. A motion was then made Mayor Finch to

endorse the amendment of the TIP to add funding for the VPPP. The motion seconded by Mayor Della Volpe. On vote of nine in favor of the motion and three opposed, the motion was approved. Mayor Harkins, First Selectman Herrmann and First Selectman Vavrek voted against the motion..

VI. Discussion Items

- 1. STP: Urban Program** – Mr. Bidolli presented an update of the STP: Urban program and explained that the schedules for several projects were adjusted to reflect the FHWA requirement to split preliminary and final design into two phases, typically spread over two year. This necessitated re-programming about \$1 million from FFY 2012 to FFY 2013. He also pointed out that the FFY 2014 and 2015 were over-programmed as a number of projects are expected to be ready for construction in those years.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Dunne and seconded by Mayor Staffieri.

Respectively submitted

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director,
GBRPA, MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director, VCOG
MPO Co-Secretary