

Attachment A

Minutes of April 14, 2015 MPO Meeting

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

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Long Hill Room
Trumbull Town Hall
5866 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611**

Name

Representing

Mark Lauretti, Mayor
David Casseti, Mayor (Sheila O'Malley, Proxy)
Bill Finch, Mayor (Adam Wood, Proxy)
Anita Dugatto, Mayor
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman
Mike Tetreau, First Selectman
Steve Vavrek, First Selectman
Kurt Miller, First Selectman
Timothy Herbst, First Selectman & GBVMPO Chair
Sharon McNeal (Doug Holcomb, Proxy)

Shelton & VTD
Ansonia
Bridgeport
Derby
Easton
Fairfield
Monroe
Seymour
Trumbull
GBT

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
Rick Dunne, Executive Director
Meghan Sloan, Senior Transportation Planner
Mark Nielsen, Planning Director
Colleen Kelleher, Administrative Assistant
Roxane Fromson
Ken Shooshan-Stoller

GBRC
NVCOG
GBRC
NVCOG
GBRC
CTDOT
FHWA

Minutes

I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the GBVMPO. The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Herbst, Chairman, at 12:03pm. 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 to approve the minutes from February 17, 2015 was made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action Items (Attachment B)

1. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs, Resolution 2015-08
First Selectman Herbst requested a report from Staff

Mr. Bidolli directed everyone to the attached spreadsheet and noted that Ms. Kelleher had sent out an email that contained more specific information describing the statewide amendments. The amendments are largely related to light fixtures, traffic signals and bridge inspections. There is currently nothing specific to the region.

A motion to approve this amendment was made by First Selectman Vavrek and seconded by First Selectman Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Endorsement: Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination, Resolution 2015-09

3. Endorsement: PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination, Resolution 2015-10

Mr. Bidolli deferred endorsements 2 and 3 to Mr. Nielsen who went over the federal regulations requiring that the transportation plan program and projects are in conformity with air quality goals. The Greater Bridgeport Valley region is part of the ozone attainment area that encompasses Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties as well as the New York Metropolitan area. The PM2.5 is included in the Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

The test for conformity is making sure that transportation systems generate emissions that are below the budgeted amount established in the base year 2010. Based on the Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program the Greater Bridgeport Valley Region is well below the budgeted amounts, so the program is in conformity with the tests.

A motion to approve items 2 and 3 is made by First Selectman Tetreau and seconded by Mayor Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Endorsement: Regional Transportation Plans: 2015-2040 – GBRC and VCOG, Resolution 2015-11

Mr. Bidolli explained that a PowerPoint presentation was sent out in an email prior to the meeting and provides an overview to the regions Long Range Transportation Plan. The primary intent of the Long Range Plan is to reflect the future transportation needs of the region. It maintains a 20 year planning horizon. It is a large scale document that a lot of the region's transportation investment is guided from.

Multiple opportunities have been provided for the public to participate. Each region provided a public information meeting in regards to the Long Range Plan. GBRC had a meeting on April 7th and NVCOG had a public meeting on April 9th. No public comment was received. Adoption of the plan would mean continued federal investment in the area. Any project needs to be on the LRTP to receive federal investment.

Mr. Nielsen noted that NVCOG did not receive any public comment either.

Mr. Holcomb asked if the document could be amended if there was a project that was not foreseen in the LRTP's preparation.

Mr. Nielsen responded that if there was a new project that was not listed on the LRTP, the LRTP can be amended at any time. The project should be brought to the region and they will consider it and add it.

A motion to approve item 4 was made by First Selectman Vavrek and seconded by First Selectman Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Endorsement: Urban Planning Certification, Resolution 2015-12

Mr. Nielsen explains that the Urban Planning Certification is an annual certification that the MPO makes. There is a more comprehensive certification every four years but in between the comprehensive certification there is a self-certification based on the determination that the transportation planning process is in conformance with federal regulations and guidelines. The evidence is in the preparation of the LRTP, compiling and maintaining the TIP and approving the air quality conformity statements.

A motion to approve item 5 is made by First Selectman Tetreau and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. That motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Dugatto and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. 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