

Attachment A

**Minutes of June 23, 2015
MPO Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, June 23, 2015
Greater Bridgeport Regional Council
525 Water Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

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
John Harkins, Mayor
Sharon McNeal (Doug Holcomb, Proxy)

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

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director
Rick Dunne, Executive Director
Mathew Fulda, Transportation Planner
Patrick Carleton, Transportation Planner
Mark Nielsen, Planning Director
Colleen Kelleher, Administrative Assistant
Roxane Fromson
Maribeth Wojenski
Eloise Powell

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CTDOT
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FHA

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 12:05pm. 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 April 14, 2015 was made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by Ms. O'Malley. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action Items (Attachment B)

1. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FHWA Programs, Resolution 2015-13
2. Amendment: FFY 2015-2018 TIP/STIP, FTA Programs, Resolution 2015-14

Mr. Bidolli announced that there would be two amendments broken out between FHWA and FTA and directed everyone to attachment B of the agenda package, and briefly discussed the projects listed.

Mr. Holcomb discussed the grant for mini-buses comes around every 12 or 15 years or the usual life for the fixer up buses and some of the buses that are replacing the old buses have hybrid diesel electric propulsion system which is new for GBT and the new diesel buses are much cleaner than the ones they will be replacing. Mr. Holcomb reiterated that the grant is for the replacement of buses, not expansion.

A motion to approve the FHWA Programs was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the FTA Programs was made by First Selectman Miller and seconded by First Selectman Tetreau. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Endorsement: FFY 2016 and 2017 Unified Planning Work Program, Greater Bridgeport Regional Council, Resolution 2015-15

Mr. Bidolli noted that there would be two endorsements, one for Greater Bridgeport and one for Valley. The Greater Bridgeport prospective was developed at the council meeting and vetted by the DOT.

Mr. Nielsen noted that it was the annual work program and has a two year agreement. It is a continuation of the work that has been done over previous years provides all the funding for the transportation program.

A motion to approve the endorsement was made by First Selectman Vavrek and seconded by Ms. O'Malley. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Endorsement: FFY 2016 and 2017 Unified Planning Work Programs, Valley Council of Governments, Resolution 2015-16

Mr. Bidolli explained that this endorsement was the same as the previous endorsement but represented the Valley Council of Governments.

A motion to approve the endorsement was made by First Selectman Tetreau and seconded by First Selectman Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Business

Mr. Bidolli explained there was an addition to the packet regarding a proposal made by CTDOT in conjunction with Naugatuck Valley regarding the current MPO boundaries. The proposal suggests that the four Valley towns have an interest in leaving the current MPO to join its Council of Governments; this would require a compromise of 75% of the policy board members as well as the approval of the largest city which in this case would be Bridgeport. As a result the six towns that make up the Greater Bridgeport Region would become its own MPO. This is dependent upon Federal legislation.

Mr. Dunne noted that this was not taken up as an MPO previously and has not been discussed with the four towns that make up the Valley yet, but there is an expectation to join the rest of the COG in alignment.

Ms. Wojenski explained that the DOT met with Mr. Bidolli and Mr. Dunne to discuss CROG, Central CT, Southeast and Naugatuck Valley Port MPO submitted letters to the Governor asking for the MPO boundaries to be re-designated to align with the COG and noted that in order to realign the MPO there needs to be a 75% vote by the board and NVCOG would then need to vote to accept the four Valley towns. Nothing will happen unless both votes are positive. Ms. Wojenski explained how funding would work if there was a negative vote.

There was a brief discussion about funding.

Mr. Bidolli suggested that GBRC and NVCOG discuss the memo with their respective councils and come back together for a larger meeting on the topic. Mr. Dunne concurred and has advised the NVCOG members in a memo.

Mr. Dunne asked if there were any concerns from the policy board members, hearing none a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Harkins and seconded by First Selectman Vavrek. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21pm

Respectively submitted

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director, GBRC
MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director, NVCOG
MPO Co-Secretary