

# **GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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MEMO

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DATE: April 14, 2015

RE: Resolution Adopted at April 14, 2015 Regular MPO Meeting

Attached, please find copies of the resolutions adopted by the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO at its April 14, 2015 meeting. The resolutions adopted by the MPO were:

- **Resolution 2015-08 – Amendment of the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, Federal Highway Administration Programs**
- **Resolution 2015-09 – Endorsement Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination**
- **Resolution 2015-10 – Endorsement PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination**
- **Resolution 2015-11 – Endorsement Regional Transportation Plans : 2015-2040 – GBRC and VCOG**
- **Resolution 2015-12 – Endorsement Urban Planning Certification**

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The above resolutions were adopted and endorsed by the GBVMPO at a regular meeting at which a quorum was present and after adhering to the public involvement process, as stipulated in the MPO's public participation program handbook. If you have any questions or comments regarding the MPO's action of April 14<sup>th</sup> or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate RPO.

**RESOLUTION 2015-08**

**AMENDMENT  
FFY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
FHWA PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to prepare, endorse; and periodically amend a short range Transportation Improvement Program for the 10-town MPO area within the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area;

**WHEREAS**, the MPO endorsed the *FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions (TIP)* at its February 17, 2015, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*;

**WHEREAS**, the *MAP-21* allocates funds to the State of Connecticut under various federal transportation assistance programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration;

**WHEREAS**, the *MAP-21* planning guidelines require the *TIP/STIP* to be fiscally constrained to available program funds;

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendments to the *TIP/STIP* to add program funding to continue on-going projects listed in the current *TIP/STIP*;

**WHEREAS**, these amendments represent minor modifications of the *TIP/STIP* and involve projects that are exempt from the regional emissions analyses and do not necessitate a new air quality analysis;

**WHEREAS**, the public notification and review of these proposed amendments was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's *Public Participation Program Handbook*, as amended, and the proposed amendments are consistent with the goals and objectives of the long-range transportation plans of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions.

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO endorses the amendment of the *FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program* to include the projects as described and listed in the attachment to this resolution.

This resolution shall become effective as of April 14, 2015.

We, the undersigned co-secretaries of Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Connecticut, do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the MPO at a public meeting held on April 14, 2015, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Brian Bidolli, Executive Director  
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary



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Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director  
VCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

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**RESOLUTION 2015-09**

**ENDORSEMENT  
RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT  
OZONE**

**WHEREAS**, the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Regions Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

- 1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
- 2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
- 3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the opinion of the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** that the plans and programs approved on **April 14, 2015** and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Marginal Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment areas (Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report (**March 2015**); and

**WHEREAS**, The Connecticut Department of Transportation’s assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission’s guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

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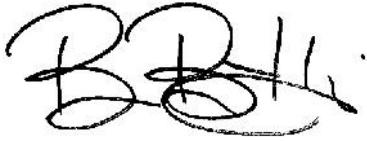
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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO**, That the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** finds that the **2015 Long Range Transportation Plans for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions** and the **FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program** and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing March 2015 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** on **April 14, 2015**.



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Brian Bidolli, Executive Director  
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary



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Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director  
VCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

Date: 4/14/2015

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## **RESOLUTION 2015-10**

### **ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT PM 2.5**

**WHEREAS**, the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region's Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the opinion of the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** that the plans and programs approved on **April 14, 2015** and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

**WHEREAS**, The Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

**WHEREAS**, The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the 2015 **Long Range Transportation Plans for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions** and the FFY 2015-2018 **Transportation Improvement Program** and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

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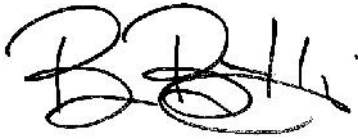
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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** finds that the 2015 **Long Range Transportation Plans for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley regions** and the FFY 2015-2018 **Transportation Improvement Program** and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing March 2015 PM2.5 Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the **Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO** on **April 14, 2015**.



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Brian Bidolli, Executive Director  
GBRC – MPO Co-Secretary



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Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director  
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## RESOLUTION 2015-11

### ENDORSEMENT LONG RANGE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS: 2015 ~ 2040 FOR THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT PLANNING REGION AND THE VALLEY PLANNING REGION

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments are designated by the US Department of Transportation as the transportation planning agencies for, respectively, the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region and the Valley Planning Region, and conduct the transportation planning process in accordance with Section 34 of Title 23 of the United States Code, as amended by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21)* and related US Department of Transportation planning regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the *Greater Bridgeport Regional Transportation Plan: 2015 - 2040* was prepared by the GBRC in 2015 and endorsed by the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization at its April 14, 2015, meeting,

**WHEREAS**, the *Regional Transportation Plan for the Valley Planning Region: 2015 - 2040* was prepared by the VCOG in 2015 and endorsed by the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization at its April 14, 2015, meeting;

**WHEREAS**, the *MAP-21* requires MPOs to prepare and develop long range transportation plans every four years that reflect at least a 20-year planning horizon, are financially constrained, comply with federal planning guidelines, consider eight planning factors, consider six livability principles and conform to the *Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990* and Connecticut's *State Implementation Plan for Air Quality*, as revised;

**WHEREAS**, the GBRC completed a minor update of its existing long range transportation plan and the new *Plan* was prepared through the transportation planning process and in conformity with *MAP-21* planning guidelines;

**WHEREAS**, the VCOG completed a minor update of its existing long range transportation plan and the new *Plan* was prepared through the transportation planning process and in conformity with *MAP-21* planning guidelines;

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**WHEREAS**, the GBRC and VCOG conducted a proactive public involvement process that followed the procedures set forth in the GBVMPOs *Public Participation Program* handbook, as revised, including making the draft plans available to the public electronically (on the web), notifying the public of the new plans and soliciting review and comment, providing at least a 30-day review period, holding public information meetings (April 7, 2015 at the office of the GBRC and April 9, 2015 at the office of the VCOG), recording comments from the public and considering and responding to comments;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed program of projects recommended in the GBRC's and VCOG's long range transportation plans were assessed for their impacts on air quality and the State's ability to attain *8-Hour Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards*;

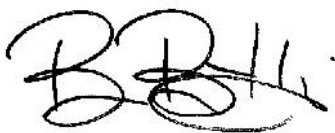
**WHEREAS**, the regional emissions assessments demonstrate that the proposed projects will not have an adverse impact on air quality.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, after reviewing the final draft *Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region: 2015 ~ 2040* and the final draft *Valley Council of Government's Long Range Regional Transportation Update 2015 ~ 2040*, find that the *Plans* and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR 21 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby endorses these plans as the MPO's official long range transportation plans for the Greater Bridgeport Planning Region and Valley Planning Region, respectively contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during the 30-day public comment period.

This resolution shall become effective as of April 14, 2015.

We, the undersigned co-secretaries of Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO), Connecticut, do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the GBVMPO at a public meeting held on April 14, 2015, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: 4/14/2015

**RESOLUTION 2015-12**

**URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CERTIFICATION  
GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY MPO**

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* relating to self-certification of metropolitan planning organizations, requires the MPO to certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable US Department of Transportation requirements and must submit such certification concurrent with the submittal of the entire proposed TIP to the FHWA and the FTA as part of the STIP approval;

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the Valley Council of Governments conduct the transportation planning process for their respective planning regions in accordance with the planning regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation and specified in the *MAP-21*, by preparing an annual Unified Planning Work Programs for their respective regions, conducting and performing transportation planning activities as contained in their UPWP's, cooperatively preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed short-range transportation improvement program (TIP), preparing and updating the long range regional transportation plans (LRPs), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and LRPs, and proactively involving the public in the transportation planning process and;

**WHEREAS**, the GBVMPO adheres to the principles of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity, as specified in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Older Americans Act, and regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects and the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.

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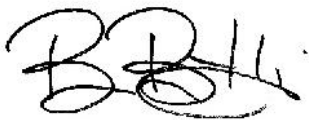
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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area covered by Greater Bridgeport and the Valley planning regions, hereby certifies that the urban transportation planning process has been and is being conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the rules and regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation under the **MAP-21** and that all applicable provisions relative to involvement of public and private providers of mass transportation, civil rights, involvement of minority business enterprises, special efforts for elderly and disabled persons, the Clean Air Act and amendments, 23 U.S.C and 49 U.S.C have been satisfied.

This resolution shall become effective as of April 14, 2015.

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