

Minutes of May 28th, 2020 MPO Meeting



Regular Meeting Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

ALL ATTENDEES ATTENDED REMOTELY May 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments 1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Name	Representing
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Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman (Jackie Bertolone, Proxy)	Fairfield
Ken Kellogg, First Selectman	Monroe
Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Chairman	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Mark Nielsen, Planning Director	NVCOG
Maribeth Wojenski	CTDOT
Sara Radacsi	CTDOT
Kathryn Faraci	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Eileen Lopez-Cordone	UI
Meg Haffner	Kennedy Center

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mayor Hoydick, at 10:09 am.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

Mr. Fulda performed a roll call, no members from the Valley were present resulting in lack of a quorum.

Mayor Hoydick requested that Mr. Fulda read the correspondence received from Federal Highways regarding the performance targets and future funding.

Mr. Fulda explained that the correspondence would be sent to the full board after the meeting. Mr. Fulda noted that until resolved, TIP/STIP items will not be advanced.

Mayor Hoydick inquired how much funding would be affected.

Mr. Fulda responded that no current regional projects will be affected, however if the 2021-2024 TIP/STIP is not endorsed this summer there will be a significant funding issue and it will be difficult to get projects back in the STIP.

Mr. Nielsen commented that the problem was precipitated by three Valley towns wishing to separate from the GBVMPO and a resolution could be met by addressing the concerns of the three Valley towns and the Mayor of Bridgeport being present to make the vote.

Mr. Flatto responded that he spoke with Mayor Ganim who has not been contacted by Valley members to relay their concerns.

Mr. Nielsen acknowledged that he would have the Valley members reach out to Mayor Ganim directly.

Mr. Fulda made a public notice that bylaws would be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Flatto inquired if Mr. Fulda reached out to Federal Highways requesting an extension.

Mr. Fulda responded that the GBVMPO has already received an extension and Federal Highways. FHWA is tied by Federal law and they cannot allow a noncompliant organization to go without corrective action.

Mr. Flatto requested that Mr. Fulda send a letter to Valley towns asking them to reconsider their attendance at the GBVMPO Meetings.

Mayor Hoydick has been in touch and endeavors to have a special GBVMPO meeting in the next two weeks.

III. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28am.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Fulda, Executive Director, MetroCOG MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director, NVCOG MPO Co-Secretary