

**Attachment A**

**Minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
MPO Meeting**

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**Regular Meeting**  
**Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**January 26, 2023 at 10:00am**  
**Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments**  
**1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
David Casseti, Mayor (Sheila O'Malley, Proxy), Remote	Ansonia
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy), Remote	Bridgeport
Richard Dziekan, Mayor, Remote	Derby
Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman (Jackie Bertolone, Proxy), Remote	Fairfield
Kenneth Kellogg, First Selectman, Remote	Monroe
Annamarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Remote	Seymour
Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Chairman, Remote	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Remote	Trumbull
Doug Sutherland, GBT Chairman, Remote	GBT
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Lindsay Naughton, Transportation Planner, Remote	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Richard Donovan, Transportation Planning Director, Remote	NVCOG
Mark Nielsen, Assistant Director, Remote	NVCOG
Edgardo Block, Remote	CTDOT
Michael Cohen, Remote	CTDOT
Ricky Miliner, Remote	CTDOT
Jennifer Pacacha, Remote	CTDOT
Kevin Tedesco, Remote	CTDOT

## Minutes

### I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman

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

Mr. Fulda performed a roll call; the following board members were present:

Mayor Dziekan, Derby  
Mayor Cassetti, Ansonia  
First Selectwoman Drugonis, Seymour  
Doug Sutherland, GBT Chair  
Jackie Bertolone, Proxy, Fairfield  
First Selectman Tesoro, Trumbull  
First Selectman Kellogg, Monroe  
Mayor Hoydick, Stratford

### II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. September 29, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes from September was made by Mr. Southerland and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The motion carried unanimously.

### IV. ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Safety Targets, Resolution 2023-01

Mr. Fulda explained that the annual endorsement of the safety targets is done using a five-year rolling average. It is understood that the lower the number the better and the targets are made by CTDOT.

First Selectman Kellogg made a motion to adopt resolution 2023-01, the motion was seconded by Mayor Cassetti.

Mayor Hoydick commented that the numbers presented seem static, unlike a recent discussion at a prior meeting.

Mayor Dziekan agrees with Mayor Hoydick and feels that wrong way accident numbers are not incorporated.

Mayor Hoydick noted that violations are difficult to enforce with restrictions on the police force and the lack of equipment.

Mr. Block commented that safety targets were not his purview and would have to include someone from safety.

Mr. Fulda commented that because of the five-year rolling average the recent phenomena moved numbers up but is not fully incorporated in the averages. He noted that \$20 million has been put towards mitigating wrong way drivers and implementing safety specific actions.

Mr. Southerland inquired if COVID made people drive more recklessly.

Mr. Fulda responded that the reality was with fewer cars on the road, speed increased nationwide, accidents were fewer but more serious. With more cars on the road again, driving habits have not changed.

Mayor Hoydick suggested that MetroCOG and NVCOG get together to compare COG data.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Amendment FFY 2021-2024 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution 2023-02
  - i. 0002-0131: Pedestrian improvements and EV chargers, Ansonia
  - ii. 0173-0532: Replace Traffic Signal Controllers & Cabinets at Various Locations, District 3

Mr. Fulda briefly explained resolution 23-02.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Cassetti and seconded by Mr. Southerland.

Mayor Hoydick mentioned that Stratford had decorated the traffic control boxes and found that it was not allowed by DOT. Mayor Hoydick would like to get permission to beautify the boxes and deter graffiti.

Mr. Fulda would reach out to D3, mentioning they may have the authority to permit the beautification.

The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Metropolitan Transportation Plan  
Mr. Fulda provided an MTP update and noted that responses from the survey were shared with the board. A draft would be provided by mid-February and the plan would be adopted at the March meeting.
2. Title VI/LEP Plan & Public Participation Plan: February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm  
Title VI had been updated based on the new census numbers, nothing had changed significantly.
3. Next Meetings:
  - i. March 30, 2023: *All plans above presented for endorsement*

ii. May 25, 2023

VI. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Dziekan and seconded by Mr. Sutherland. The meeting adjourned at 10:28.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Fulda, Executive Director,  
MetroCOG  
MPO Co-Secretary

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Rick Dunne, Executive Director,  
NVCOG  
MPO Co-Secretary

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