

Attachment A

**Minutes of March 30th, 2023
MPO Meeting**

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Regular Meeting
Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
March 30, 2023 at 10:00am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Name	Representing
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
Kevin Ellis, Remote	NVCOG
Mark Nielsen, Assistant Director, Remote	NVCOG
Tayo Olaleye, Remote	NVCOG
Elliot Wareham, Remote	NVCOG
Jennifer Carrier, Remote	CTDOT
Jennifer Pacacha, Remote	CTDOT
Kevin Tedesco, Remote	CTDOT
John Wardzala	Kennedy Collective
Sarah Wall, Remote	UI

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:

Jackie Bertolone, Proxy, Fairfield
First Selectman Tesoro, Trumbull
First Selectman Kellogg, Monroe
Ken Flatto, Proxy, Bridgeport
Mayor Hoydick, Stratford
Doug Sutherland, GBT Chair (10:23)
Mayor Dziekan, Derby
Sheila O'Malley, Proxy, Ansonia
First Selectwoman Drugonis, Seymour
Mayor Lauretti, Shelton

Members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Wall from United Illuminating/Avangrid introduced herself,, and announced open enrollment for hardship assistance. An event will be held in Bridgeport on April 20th, 2023 from 3:00-6:00. She added that there would be another enrollment in Ansonia at a later date.

Mayor Hoydick noted that the enrollment event was well received in Stratford.

John Wardzala introduced himself from the Kennedy Collective, formerly the Kennedy Center, and promoted reduced CT Transit fares for persons with a disability and/or over 65 . Mr. Wardzala would provide contact information for interested parties in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 26, 2023

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. O'Malley and seconded by Mayor Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2023-03: [Public Participation Plan](#)

A motion to approve the Public Participation Plan was made by Ms. O'Malley and seconded by First Selectwoman Drugonis.

Mr. Fulda explained that the resolution would support the updated plan (a plan was approved in 2018). Updates are made every five years to ensure compliance with federal regulations.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2023-04: [Title VI and Limited English Proficiency](#) (LEP) Plan

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Ms. O'Malley and seconded by First Selectwoman Drugonis.

Mr. Fulda explained that the resolution was partnered with the previous resolution. The plan helps to ensure that everyone can participate in the transportation planning process.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2023-05: [Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#) (Attachment D). [Appendices are available here.](#)

A motion to adopt the resolution was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda explained that the MTP was a four-year update of the plan formerly known as the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Fulda noted that there is a fiscally constrained 25-year budget and that the numbers were preliminary.

Mr. Fulda continued to explain that 500 survey responses were received from the public, a significant increase from 2019. The responses will help to ensure the MPO hears public concerns.

Mr. Nielsen commented that the MTP process was a collaborative effort and cited the need for continued coordination. He noted that the COGS worked well together.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2023-06: [Air Quality](#): PM2.5

A motion to approve the Air Quality resolution was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by Ms. O'Malley.

Mr. Fulda explained that the report endorses the report that determines conformity with the Clean Air Act in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut air quality non-attainment areas.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2023-07: Air Quality: Ozone (same link as #4)

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Ms. O'Malley and seconded by First Selectwoman Drugonis.

Mr. Fulda explained that this resolution is similar to the previous but is in regard to ozone.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Amendment FFY 2021-2024 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution 2023-08

A motion to approve the TIP/STIP amendments to FHWA projects and attachments was made by First Selectwoman Drugonis and seconded by Mayor Dziekan.

i. 0015-0339: Bridgeport, Rehab Bridge 02475 over the Pequonnock River, (Phase 2)

ii. 0036-0184: Derby, Bridge Street to Ausonio Drive Reconstruction

iii. 0126-0176: Shelton CT-8, Rehab Bridge 00571A over CT-110 & Housatonic River

Mr. Fulda explained that the first three projects had already been approved and that these modifications were administrative in nature.

iv. 0144-0200: Trumbull, Replace Bridge 06816 (culvert) over Brook

Mr. Fulda noted this project is being added because funding is moving from State to Federal.

v. 0170-3577, -3578, -3579 & -3580: Line Striping/Pavement Markings; delete projects

vi. 0170-3649, -3650, -3651 & -3652: Line Striping/Pavement Markings; new projects

Mr. Fulda explained that projects 0170-3577 to -3580 would be deleted and replaced with project numbers 0170-3649 to -3652.

vii. 0170-3668: Transportation Demand Management (TDM) NY-NJ-CT Moderate

Mr. Fulda commented that this project was for CT Rides marketing and outreach to reduce employee work trips.

viii. 0170-3682: National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program Phase 1, Administration (statewide)

Mr. Fulda briefly explained the NEVI process.

- ix. 0170-3684: Resilience Improvement Plan & Vulnerability Assessment (statewide)

Mr. Fulda commented that the competitive portion of PROTECT has not yet been released and federal funding has increased.

- x. 0170-5025: Install & Remove Overhead Sign Supports at Various Locations (statewide)

Mr. Fulda explained that this project will install and remove overhead sign supports.

- xi. 0173-0510: Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations, District 3

- xii. 0174-0442: Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations, District 4

Mr. Fulda explained that these signal replacement projects would move from State to Federal funding and summarized the locations of the replacement

- xiii. 0174-0466: Replace, Rehab, or Remove Retaining Walls in Pod 4C, District 4

Mr. Fulda noted that condition reports would determine the extent of work for the project.

Mr. Flatto inquired where the charging stations would be replaced (item viii)

Mr. Fulda responded that nationwide, charging stations will have to be a certain distance from exit ramps and there will be local coordination.

Ms. Sloan noted that there was a link to the State plan in the project summary.

Mayor Hoydick commented that some stations were existing already, like the one in Stratford.

Mr. Nielsen noted that this was in the first phase and additional funding is expected.

The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Next Meetings:

- i. *May 25, 2023: Unified Planning Work Program & Asset Management/Reliability Performance Targets presented for endorsement*
- ii. *July 27, 2023*

VI. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectwoman Drugonis and seconded by Mayor Dziekan. The meeting adjourned at 10:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Fulda, Executive Director,
MetroCOG
MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director,
NVCOG
MPO Co-Secretary