



Regular Meeting

Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization January 27, 2022 at 10:00am

Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments 1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Name Representing

David Cassetti, Mayor (Sheila O'Malley, Proxy) Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy) Richard Dziekan, Mayor

Brenda Kupchik, First Selectwoman (Jared Schmitt, Proxy)

Kenneth Kellogg, First Selectman Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman

Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Chairman

Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman Joe Kubic, GBT Chairman

Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director Devin Clarke, Transportation Planner Matthew Fulda, Executive Director Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director Meghan Sloan, Planning Director Mark Nielsen, Director of Planning

Sara Radacsi

Maureen Lawrence

Jennifer Carrier Leah Sirmin

Doug Holcomb

Mike Fisher Ellen Graham

Ansonia Bridgeport Derby Fairfield Monroe Seymour Stratford Trumbull **GBT**

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Minutes

I. <u>CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman</u>

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mayor Hoydick, at 10:03 am.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 27, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by Ms. O'Malley. The motion carried with 1 abstention from Mr. Schmitt, proxy for Fairfield.

IV. <u>PRESENTATION</u>: FHWA/FTA – TMA Certification Review

Ms. Carrier and Ms. Sirmin provided a presentation and explained that FHWA and FTA were required to review the transportation planning process in the Bridgeport-Stamford Transportation Management Area to ensure compliance with Federal regulations. They requested input regarding the transportation planning process; comments and questions should be submitted by April 22nd.

Mayor Hoydick thanked Ms. Carrier and Ms. Sirmin for their brevity and comprehensiveness.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act: Ozone, 2022-06

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro.

Mr. Fulda explained the resolution as a requirement when new projects are added to the STIP to ensure those projects do not negatively impact air quality.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act: PM 2.5, 2022-07

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by Mr. Kubic.

Mr. Fulda explained that the purpose of the resolution was similar to the previous resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Amendment FFY 2021-2024 TIP/STIP, FTA Projects, Resolution 2022-08
 - i. <u>0400-xxxx</u>: CT Zero Emission Bus Program, GBT & CT Transit
 - ii. <u>0400-xxxx</u>: Statewide Bus Replacements

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Kellogg.

Mr. Fulda explained that the resolution was related to battery electric buses and infrastructure and noted that Ms. Lawrence was available to answer questions.

Mayor Hoydick expressed concerns about utilizing one fuel choice.

Mr. Holcomb agreed that he had concerns about resilience and that diversity was required. He noted that GBT was not committed to a 100% electric fleet, due to the uncertainty of resilience and lifespan. Time is needed to allow the industry to advance.

Mayor Hoydick asked Ms. Lawrence if the Governor was interested in diversifying the fleet. Ms. Lawrence responded that she would inquire. As the industry evolves, they are willing to see what others are doing and share feedback.

Mr. Holcomb did not support converting the bus fleet to all electric at this time. He anticipated a clearer picture of the state of the industry in 6-12 months.

Mayor Hoydick did not recommend lessening standards, just extending the due date of the Governor's Executive Order.

- 4. Amendment FFY 2021-2024 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution 2022-09
 - i. <u>0170-3625:</u> Statewide TDM (NY-NJ-CT)

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 was made by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Next Meetings:
 - i. May 26, 2022
 - ii. July 28, 2022

VII. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectwoman Drugonis and seconded by Mr. Kubic. The meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,	
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director,	Rick Dunne, Executive Director,
MetroCOG	NVCOG
MPO Co-Secretary	MPO Co-Secretary