

Minutes of May 29, 2025



# Regular Meeting Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization May 29, 2025 at 10:00am

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

Name Representing David Cassetti, Mayor, (Proxy, Sheila O'Malley) Remote Ansonia Jospeh DiMartino, Remote Derby David Bindelglass, First Selectman, Remote Easton William Gerber, First Selectman, Remote Fairfield Terry Rooney, First Selectman Monroe Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Remote Seymour Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Remote Stratford Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Remote Trumbull Doug Southerland, Remote **GBT** Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director MetroCOG Matthew Fulda, Executive Director MetroCOG Meghan Sloan, Planning Director MetroCOG Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director MetroCOG Nick Dostal, Regional Planner MetroCOG Rich Donovan, Planning Director **NVCOG** Jennifer Brady, Remote **FHWA** Steven DeMichele, Remote **GBT** John Harkins **RSLK** 

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Mike Smith

#### Minutes

### I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Mayor Hoydick at 10:00am.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was performed.

### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**1.** March 27, 2025

A motion was made by Ms. O'Malley to approve the March 27<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Gerber. The motion carried unanimously.

#### V. ACTION ITEMS Click here for project details

**1.** Amendment FFY 2025-2028 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution 2025-07 (Attachment B).

A motion to approve items i. and ii. was made by First Selectman Rooney and seconded by First Selectman Gerber.

- i. <u>0170-3640:</u> Service Plaza Mainline Sign and Sign Support Replacement (I-95 & I-395)
- ii. 0170-3780: Traffic Safety Analytics CRSMS (S154)

Mr. Fulda explained the modification of item i. that was originally approved at the March MPO meeting.

Mr. Fulda explained that item ii. will work with UCONN to support the DOT and MPOs.

First Selectman Rooney noted that the UConn program worked very well for informational purposes in Monroe.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Amendment FFY 2025-2028 TIP/STIP, FTA Projects, Resolution 2025-08

A motion was made to approve items i. through iii. by Mr. Southerland and seconded by Ms. O'Malley.

Mr. Fulda briefly explained each item.

- i. <u>0410-2025EQ:</u> GBT, Admin Capital/Misc Support FY25, approved in May, reduces funding to \$50,000.
- ii. <u>0410-2025RS:</u> GBT, Repower 2017 Buses Supplemental Funding FY25, provides supplemental carryover to allow GBT to complete the repower project.

iii. <u>0410-2025FI:</u> GBT, Bridgeport Intermodal Center Improvements FY25, removes funding for this project as GBT has sufficient funds.

Mr. DeMichele explained that the fleet was due for a mid-life repower and the original estimate came in substantially higher.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2025-09, Unified Planning Work Program, 2026-2027 The UPWP is available here.

A motion was made by First Selectman Rooney and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass to approve the 26-27 Unified Planning Work Program.

Mr. Fulda explained that the UPWP was coordinated with NVCOG.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2025-10, Urban Transportation Planning Certification 2025

A motion was made to approve the Planning Certification by First Selectman Tesoro and seconded by First Selectman Rooney.

Mr. Fulda explained that it was a bi-annual self-certification ensuring the MPO is in compliance with the Federal planning process.

The motion carried unanimously.

### VI. <u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u>

1. 2027-2030 TIP

Mr. Fulda noted that the MPOs are in discussions with CTDOT for a 2 year TIP approval cycle, which would reduce amendments and maximize applicability.

2. Surplus vans and buses (GBT)

Mr. Fulda noted that a question had been brought up in the past regarding the use of surplus buses and vans.

Mr. DeMichele explained that the buses and vans were well-used and in some cases can be donated. Occasionally ownership can be transferred. CTDOT's opinion may be requested if the buses or vans should be sold or scrapped.

- 3. Next Meetings:
  - i. July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025
  - ii. September 25, 2025

Mayor Hoydick requested that the board confirm if they cannot make future meeting dates.

Mr. Fulda added that if there are no resolutions, the July meeting likely can be canceled.

## VII. <u>ADJOURN</u>

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Southerland and seconded by First Selectman Bindelglass. The meeting was adjourned at 10.25.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Fulda, Executive Director, MetroCOG MPO Co-Secretary

NVCOG MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director,