

Special Meeting Agenda: March 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM

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- I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman
- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 1. February 25th, 2021 (Attachment A)
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
 1. Amendment FFY 2021-2024 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution 2021-08 (Attachment B)
 - i. Project 0015-0380: Bridgeport Highway Operations Procurement
 - ii. Project 0170-3417: Mast Arm & Span Pole Inspections
 - iii. Project 0173-0415: Rehab Br 06750 (culvert on Rte 25), Trumbull
- V. OTHER BUSINESS:
 1. Next Meetings:
 - i. May 27, 2021
 - ii. July 29, 2021
- VI. ADJOURN

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- The GBVMPO presiding officer will limit each comment to 3 minutes in order to accommodate all members of the public that wish to speak. The presiding officer may allow additional time at their discretion.
- Written comments or statements on any topic within the purview of the body are always welcome and will be provided to all GBVMPO Board members.
- Please be advised that immediate replies to questions/comments should not be expected.

Attachment A

**Minutes of February 25, 2021
MPO Meeting**

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**Special Meeting
Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**

****ALL ATTENDEES ATTENDED REMOTELY**
February 25th, 2021 at 10:00am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Name	Representing
David Casseti, First Selectman (Sheila O'Malley, Proxy)	Ansonia
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
David Bindelglass, First Selectman	Easton
Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman	Fairfield
Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman	Seymour
Mark Lauretti, Mayor	Shelton & VTD
Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Chairman	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Joe Kubic, Chairman (Doug Holcomb, Proxy)	GBT
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Rick Dunne	NVCOG
Sara Radacsi	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Mayor Hoydick, at 10:06am.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from January 5th, 2021 was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by Mayor Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Amendment FFY 2018-2021 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution 2021-05
 - i. Project 0173-0512: Replace Traffic Signal LED Lamps in Various District 3 Locations
 - ii. Project 0036-0203: Resurfacing, Bridge Rehab & Safety Improvements, Derby/Seymour

Mr. Fulda Briefly explained the two amendments.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Lauretti and seconded by Mr. Flatto. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Congestion Management and Air Quality: Project Selection and Prioritization

Mr. Fulda explained the Air Quality program was solicited by Federal Highways and four projects were prioritized for the region.

A motion to approve the project selection and prioritization was made by First Selectwoman Kupchick and seconded by Mayor Lauretti. The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Next Meetings:
 - i. March 25, 2021
 - ii. May 27, 2021

VI. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Laretti and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Fulda, Executive Director,
MetroCOG
MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director,
NVCOG
MPO Co-Secretary

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Attachment "

RESOLUTION 2021-08
AMENDMENT
FFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FHWA PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to prepare, endorse; and periodically amend a short range Transportation Improvement Program for the 10-town MPO area within the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area;

WHEREAS, the MPO endorsed the *FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions (TIP)* at its October 14th, 2020 meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*;

WHEREAS, the *FAST Act* allocates funds to the State of Connecticut under various federal transportation assistance programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration;

WHEREAS, the *FAST Act* planning guidelines require the *TIP/STIP* to be fiscally constrained to available program funds;

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendments to the *TIP/STIP* to add program funding to continue on-going projects listed in the current *TIP/STIP*;

WHEREAS, these amendments represent minor modifications of the *TIP/STIP* and involve projects that are exempt from the regional emissions analyses and do not necessitate a new air quality analysis;

WHEREAS, the public notification and review of these proposed amendments was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's *Public Participation Plan*, as amended, and the proposed amendments are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Metropolitan Transportation Plans of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO endorses the amendment of the *FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* to include the projects as described and listed in the attachment to this resolution.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 25, 2021.

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We, the undersigned co-secretaries of Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Connecticut, do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the MPO at a public meeting held on March 25, 2021 at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Fulda, Executive Director
MetroCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

Richard T. Dunne, Executive Director
NVCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

Date: March 25, 2021

AMENDMENT
FFY 2021-2024 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(TIP/STIP): FHWA PROGRAMS

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting the following amendments to the FFY 2021-2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP).

1. **Project 0015-0380, Bridgeport Highway Operations Procurement:** This project was approved as part of the original TIP (October 14, 2020 meeting). The amendment is necessary due to a revised cost estimate from \$805,000 to \$1.565 million.

Proposed Action: **Revised cost estimate** Federal Aid Programs: NHPP

Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)
OTH	2021	\$1,465	\$1,408	\$156	\$0

2. **Project 0170-3417, Mast Arm & Span Pole Inspections, Statewide:** This project was approved as part of the original TIP (October 14, 2020 meeting). The amendment is necessary due to revised cost estimates from \$600,000 to \$1 million in 2021 and \$150,000 to \$750,000 in 2022. This project will assess and record the condition of traffic signal mast arms and span poles which will allow CTDOT to take corrective action as needed. The inspection will assist in determining the asset's service life as well.

Proposed Action: **Revised cost estimate** Federal Aid Program: STPA

Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)
OTH – AC Conversion	2021	\$1,000	\$800	\$200	\$0
OTH – AC Conversion	2022	\$750	\$600	\$150	\$0

3. **Project 0173-0415: Rehab Br 06750 (culvert on Rte 25), Trumbull:** This bridge project was originally funded with NHPP funds and was on the STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) but is now being moved to STP-BS, which requires MPO approval for addition to the Greater Bridgeport/Valley TIP. The project will rehabilitate a corrugated metal pipe that was found to have multiple deficiencies during a bridge inspection (*additional information can be provided upon request*).

Proposed Action: **New Project** Federal Aid Programs: STP-BS

Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)
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CON	2021	\$1,830	\$1,464	\$366	\$0
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MPO Action: The proposed amendments are consistent with the long range transportation of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments and the Valley Council of Governments and conform to the air quality objectives. The proposed schedule, programming and funding adjustments will maintain a financially constrained TIP/STIP. It is recommended that the MPO endorse the proposed amendments to the FFY 2018-2021 TIP/STIP as described above and listed in the attached table.

Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
2021-2024 TIP/STIP: Amendments for 3/25/2021 meeting

Region	FA Code	Project	AQ	Route	Location	Description	AC	Phase	Year	Total	Federal	State	Local	Comment	Change
7	STPB	0173-0415	X6	Various	Trumbull	REHAB BR 06750 (CULVERT) o/ UNNAMED BROOK		CON	2021	1,830,000	1,464,000	366,000	0	NEW PROJECT	5
7	NHPP	0015-0380	X6	VARIOUS	Bridgeport	BRIDGEPORT HIGHWAY OPERATIONS PROCUREMENT	AC Conv	OTH	2021	1,565,000	1,408,500	156,500	0	INCREASE ESTIMATE FROM FED \$725K.	4
70	STPA	0170-3417	X6	VARIOUS	Statewide	MAST ARM & SPAN POLE INSPECTIONS	AC Conv	OTH	2021	1,000,000	800,000	200,000	0	INCREASE ESTIMATE FROM FED \$480K.	4
70	STPA	0170-3417	X6	VARIOUS	Statewide	MAST ARM & SPAN POLE INSPECTIONS	AC Conv	OTH	2022	750,000	600,000	150,000	0	INCREASE ESTIMATE FROM FED. \$120K.	4