

RESOLUTION

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY & REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATION

Bridgeport, Connecticut

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments on September 30, 2021, Bridgeport, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) secured funding from the United States Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Program (EDA Grant # ED19PH13030038) to complete a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Greater Bridgeport Region; and

WHEREAS, a CEDS is a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development and is the result of a regionally-owned planning process designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area of region; and

WHEREAS, a CEDS is a requirement for local and regional governments to access certain federal funding programs under the EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Programs;

WHEREAS, the CEDS must include, at a minimum, a Summary Background, Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats (SWOT) Analysis, Strategic Direction/Action Plan, Evaluation Framework and Economic Resiliency Framework; and

WHEREAS, MetroCOG serving as the regional Council of Governments for the Greater Bridgeport Region worked to complete a CEDS for our Region which is comprised of the City of Bridgeport and the Towns of Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford and Trumbull; and

WHEREAS, MetroCOG and the CEDS Strategy Committee consisting of public and private stakeholders led the Planning Process, which include a public survey, public comment period and public information meeting, culminating in the creation of the CEDS that identifies actionable steps to achieve the economic goals of the Greater Bridgeport Region; and

WHEREAS, as one of the State of Connecticut's nine regional council governments, MetroCOG meets the eligibility criteria to be designated as a Regional Economic Development District pursuant to CGS Section 32-741; and

WHEREAS, MetroCOG received approval from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management and the Department of Economic & Community Development to prepare and adopt a CEDS under CGS Section 32-742; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of the CEDS by the MetroCOG Board of Directors, MetroCOG will explore the designation of the Greater Bridgeport Region as an Economic Development District pursuant to CGS Section 32-743(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONNECTICUT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That the MetroCOG Board of Directors supports the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and hereby adopts the MetroCOG CEDS for the five-year period of 2021-2026.
2. That the MetroCOG Board authorizes the Executive Director to apply to the State of Connecticut and the United States Economic Development Administration for Regional Economic Development District designation.

The Secretary is authorized to impress the seal of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments on any such documents, amendments, rescission, or revision.

Agency: Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments

Secretary _____

DATE: _____

First Selectman Vicki Tesoro
MetroCOG Secretary

AGENCY SEAL



**RESOLUTION OF THE
CONNECTICUT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS**

Bridgeport, Connecticut

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments on September 30, 2021, Bridgeport, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS, the Council approves the allocation of Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program funds for the following new projects to replace existing projects:

Bridgeport:

- Seaview Avenue Improvements, \$1.6 million.

Stratford:

- Main Street Complete Streets Improvements Phase II, \$2.5 million

RESOLVED, that the Council authorizes the allocation of Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program funds as contained in the attached summary sheet.

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First Selectman Vicki Tesoro
MetroCOG Secretary

AGENCY SEAL



**RESOLUTION OF THE
CONNECTICUT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE TOWN OF STRATFORD: COMPLETE STREETS PHASE II**

Bridgeport, Connecticut

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments on September 30th, 2021, Bridgeport, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS, MetroCOG assisted the Town of Stratford with their *Complete Streets Improvement Plan for Stratford Center* and is current administering the engineering design for *Complete Streets Phase I – “Barnum Avenue Harvey Place”*;

WHEREAS, the Town would like to advance the Complete Streets Improvements along the Main Street corridor to include *Complete Streets Phase II – Barnum Avenue Crossing (at the intersection of Barnum Avenue and Main Street) to Paradise Green*;

WHEREAS, the Town has secured \$250,000 in funding from their Capital Improvement & Equipment Program for *Complete Streets – Phase II (Barnum Avenue Crossing to Paradise Green)*;

WHEREAS, the Town has requested the services of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) to provide project administration of Complete Streets – Phase II including coordination with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) and the oversight of a third-party engineering firm to advance *Complete Streets Phase II – “Barnum Avenue Crossing to Paradise Green”* –to full engineering design;

RESOLVED, that the Council approves and authorizes entering into an Agreement with the Town of Stratford in support of administering *Complete Streets Phase II – “Barnum Avenue Crossing to Paradise Green”* for a cost of \$25,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council’s Executive Director, Matt Fulda, be and hereby is authorized to act on behalf of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments in executing all necessary agreements as may be required to complete all tasks as outlined in the Agreement, and any subsequent amendments to the Agreement.

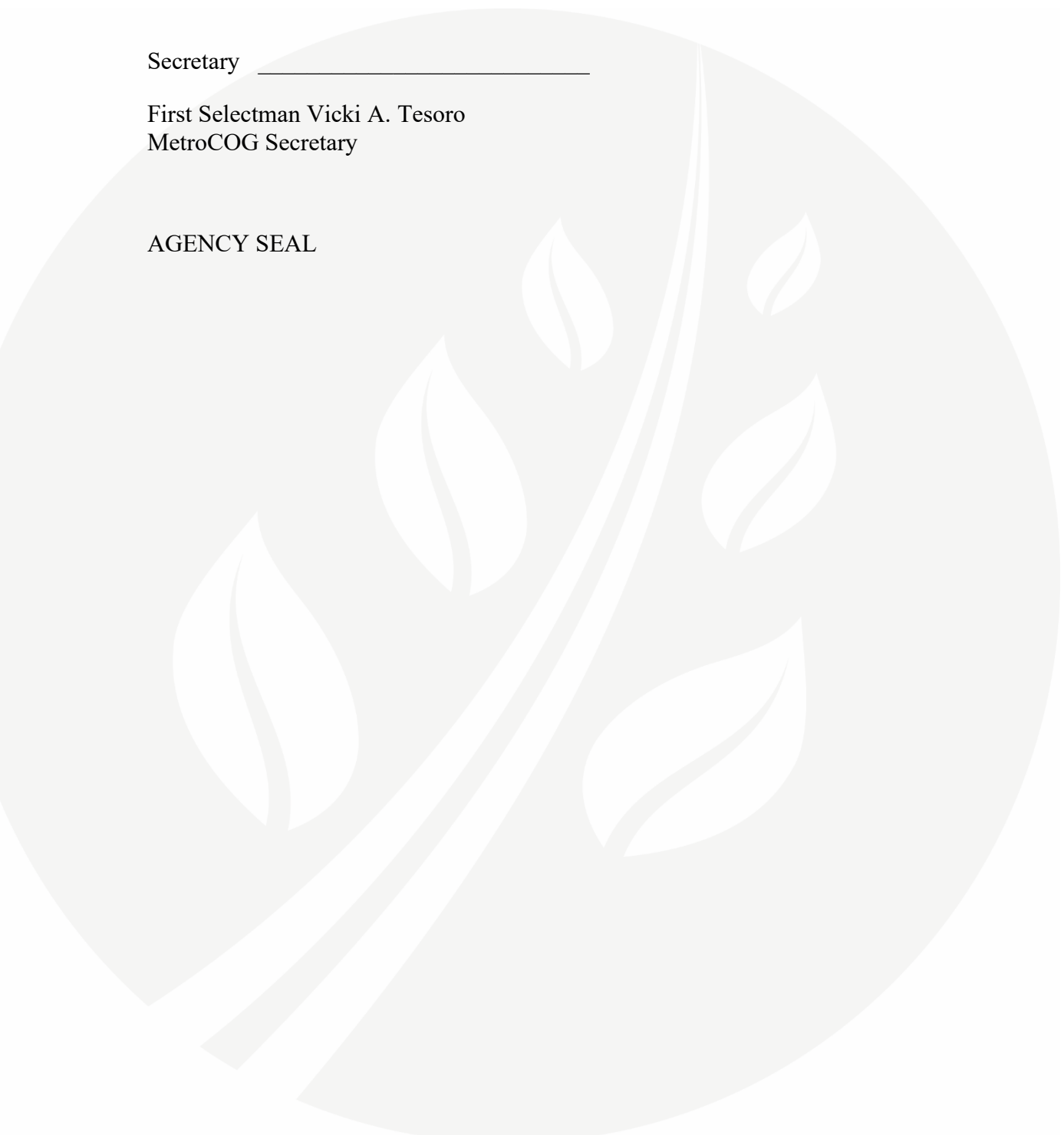


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AGENCY SEAL



**RESOLUTION OF THE
CONNECTICUT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL: GRANT WRITING AND ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES**

Bridgeport, Connecticut

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments on September 30th, 2021, Bridgeport, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS, MetroCOG regularly researches, applies for and administers various state and federal funding grant programs that benefit the Region;

WHEREAS, MetroCOG also provides grant program research and grant application review assistance to member municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 have provided municipalities with new phases, allocations, and guidance to address issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic and to deliver fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, small businesses, industries, and government agencies;

WHEREAS, Town of Trumbull has requested MetroCOG's assistance with grant research, writing and administration due to the prevalence of new funding opportunities and allocations;

WHEREAS, MetroCOG will provide these services to the Town of Trumbull on an as-needed basis;

RESOLVED, that the Council approves and authorizes entering into an Agreement with the Town of Trumbull in support of various services related to grant research, writing and administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council's Executive Director, Matt Fulda, be and hereby is authorized to act on behalf of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments in executing all necessary agreements as may be required to complete all tasks as outlined in the Agreement, and any subsequent amendments to the Agreement.

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