



**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments**  
**Thursday, May 23rd, 2019 at 10:00 am**  
**MetroCOG Conference Room Bridgeport, Connecticut**

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman, Secretary	Easton
Michael Tetreau, First Selectman, Chairman	Fairfield
Ken Kellogg, First Selectman	Monroe
Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Vice-Chair	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman (Via Teleconference)	Trumbull
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Devin Clarke, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Deputy Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Joe Giuliatti, Commissioner	CTDOT
Tom Maziarz, Bureau Chief, Policy & Planning	CTDOT
Sara Radacsi, Transportation Planner 2	CTDOT
Maribeth Wojenski, Transportation Assistant Planning Director	CTDOT
Pamela Sucato	CTDOT
David Cassetti, Mayor (Sheila O'Malley, Proxy, conference call)	Ansonia
Richard Dziekan, Mayor (conference call)	Derby
Kurt Miller, First Selectman	Seymour
Rick Dunne (conference call)	NVCOG
Christian Meyer (conference call)	NVCOG
Mark Nielsen, Planning Director (conference call)	NVCOG
Jimmy Tickey	Lt. Governor



## Minutes

### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, First Selectman Tetreau, at 10:18 AM.

### **II. Public Participation:** There was no public participation

### **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- a. **April 25, 2019:** Mayor Hoydick made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Kellogg. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Presentations:**

#### **a. Commissioner Giulietti, CTDOT**

Mr. Maziarz, the Bureau Chief, Policy and Planning acknowledged that the purpose of the presentation was to remove any ambiguity and misinformation regarding the Governor's Congestion Mitigation and Tolling proposal. The proposal will rebuild highway infrastructure, reduce congestion and grow the economy.

There will be four highways tolled (I-95, I-84, I-91 and Route 15) and gantries will be placed every 6-7 miles. Mr. Maziarz explained that Massachusetts was used as the comparison.

Mr. Maziarz noted that the state would be following federal rules and explained how the rates would work.

Mr. Maziarz explained that the tolling revenue would only be allowed to be used on the highways where it was acquired and referenced a handout for a list of priority projects. Once highway needs are met the revenue can then be used elsewhere.

Mayor Hoydick inquired if there was any language regarding local supplemental funding as had been included in past proposals.

Commissioner Giulietti responded that if there is a congestion mitigation impact on local roads, funding may be available, but it is case by case.

There was a brief discussion about funding staying where it was collected.

Mr. Flatto expressed concern over socioeconomic and congestion impacts, specifically for people driving small distances, as the gantries are spaced so close together.

Commissioner Giulietti noted that gantries would be spaced to avoid people jumping off the highways and getting back on and explained that there will potentially be front loaded cards for those considered disadvantaged.

There was a brief discussion about Connecticut EZ-pass and the impact on the rail system.

First Selectman Tetreau requested a copy of the presentation. Mr. Fulda responded that he was in receipt of it and would get it to the board.

A motion to take item VII out of order was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Kellogg. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by Mayor Hoydick. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by Mr. Flatto to approve the 1% annual Executive Director bonus based on the current year's base payment. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **VI. Communications & Announcements:**

**a. Draft Budget**

Mr. Fulda presented the draft budget to the board and announced that it would be on the agenda for approval at the June meeting.

**b. Transportation Alternatives Program (FHWA)**

Mr. Fulda announced that the TAP deadline is now September 30<sup>th</sup> and it will be brought up to the MPO board for prioritization at the July meeting.

**c. Financials**

Mr. Fulda explained that there was an update to the total spending column as requested by the board.

There was a brief discussion about the fund balance and a request by the chair to identify a fund balance target in future budgets.

#### **VII. Other Business:**





**a. Executive Director Update on MetroCOG Activities:**

Mr. Fulda provided a brief update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and County Equivalency.

**VIII. Adjourn**

At 11:49 am, a motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Dunsby made and seconded First Selectman Kellogg. The motion carried unanimously.

First Selectman Adam Dunsby  
MetroCOG Secretary