

**Special Meeting Agenda: November 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

**\*\*\*\* ALL ATTENDEES MUST ATTEND REMOTELY \*\*\*\***

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I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2021-02: Urban Transportation Planning Certification

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Next Meetings:

i. January 28, 2021

ii. March 25, 2021

V. ADJOURN

*Interpreters for any language are available upon request and at no charge; the request must be received within five (5) or more business days before the meeting.*

**INFORMATION REGARDING THIS REMOTE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING**

On March 14th, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in an effort to reduce the risk of transmission by virtue of attendance at public meetings, Governor Lamont suspended in-person open

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meeting requirements and permits conducting public meetings remotely by conference call, videoconference or other technology. A copy of the full text of Executive Order No. 7B(1) is available for review via <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7B.pdf>

Accordingly, the Greater Bridgeport Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO) has selected GoToMeeting as the preferred technology application to conduct this remote public meeting in compliance with Executive Order No. 7B(1). This technology will permit up to 250 members of the public to participate in real-time in the public meeting via computer, tablet, smartphone or telephone via the access information set forth on this meeting agenda. It is highly recommended that any interested participant download and utilize the GoToMeeting software applications which are available in the meeting link below prior to the commencement of the meeting. Each meeting may have unique participation information, including access code, phone number and live link. Please be sure that you are accessing the correct information for the correct meeting.

Any members of the public who desire to submit written information relative to the business set forth on the agenda may do so up to one hour in advance of the meeting via electronic mail to [info@ctmetro.org](mailto:info@ctmetro.org)

**Notice is hereby given that this remote electronic public meeting shall:**

1. Permit the public to view or listen anonymously, and when permitted, participate in real-time;
2. Be recorded and posted to the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments' (MetroCOG) and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments' (NVCOG) website within 7 days;
3. Be made available to the public within a reasonable time (at MetroCOG's and NVCOG's offices or upon written request).

**In addition to standard parliamentary procedure as outlined on this agenda, the following special rules shall apply to all participants:**

- Please "mute" your microphone so as reduce background noise at any time you are not speaking.
- Prior to speaking on each occasion, each speaker shall clearly state their name and title for the record.
- The use of chat features are prohibited and will not be considered during the meeting if in use.

Notice is hereby given that only 250 participants may access this remote electronic public meeting at any one time.

Access is granted solely by the GoToMeeting technology on first access basis and is not within the control of the Greater Bridgeport Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization. While it is anticipated that this participant limit will be sufficient, should the participants reach said limit, the meeting may be adjourned and continued at a later date using technology appropriate to ensure all members of the public may participate.

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### **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN REMOTE ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

Anyone who desires to address the Council must adhere to the following rules of participation:

- The Board welcomes all public participation but asks that all comments be limited to items listed on the meeting agenda.
- Please state your name and address for the record prior beginning your comment.
- 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.

**RESOLUTION 2021-02**

**URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CERTIFICATION  
GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO) is authorized by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* relating to self-certification of metropolitan planning organizations, requires the MPO to certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable US Department of Transportation requirements and must submit such certification concurrent with the submittal of the entire proposed TIP to the FHWA and the FTA as part of the STIP approval;

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments conducts the transportation planning process for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning region in accordance with the planning regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation and specified in the *FAST Act*, by preparing an annual Unified Planning Work Program, conducting and performing transportation planning activities as contained in the UPWP, cooperatively preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed short-range transportation improvement program (TIP), preparing and updating a metropolitan transportation plan (MTP), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and MTP, and proactively involving the public in the transportation planning process and;

**WHEREAS**, the GBVMPO adheres to the principles of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity, as specified in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Older Americans Act, and regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects and the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area covered by Greater Bridgeport and the Valley planning regions, hereby certifies that the urban transportation planning process has been and is being conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the rules and regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation under the *FAST Act* and that all applicable provisions relative to involvement of public and private providers of mass transportation, civil rights, involvement of minority business enterprises, special efforts for elderly and disabled persons, the Clean Air Act and amendments, 23 U.S.C and 49 U.S.C have been satisfied.

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This resolution shall become effective as of November 30th, 2020.

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 November 30th, 2020, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matt Fulda, Executive Director  
MetroCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

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

Date: November 30th, 2020