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DATE: October 14, 2020

RE: Resolutions Adopted at the September 24th, 2020 Regular MPO Meeting,
which resumed on October 14th, 2020.

Attached, please find copies of the resolution adopted by the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO on October 14th, 2020, a resumption of its September 24th, 2020 meeting. The resolutions adopted by the MPO were:

- **2020-06:** Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
- **2020-07:** Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act PM2.5 for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
- **2020-08:** FFY 2021 ~ 2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

The above resolutions were adopted and endorsed by the GBVMPO at a regular meeting at which a quorum was present and after adhering to the public involvement process, as stipulated in the MPO's public participation program handbook. If you have any questions or comments regarding the MPO's actions of September 24th, 2020, October 14th, 2020 or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate COG.

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RESOLUTION 2020-06
RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT OZONE
FOR THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the GBVMPO that the plans and programs approved today, October 14th, 2020 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in this Nonattainment area (Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination April 2020); and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the GBVMPO

That the GBVMPO finds that the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5

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Air Quality Conformity Determination, dated April 2020, contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the GBVMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the GBVMPO on September 24th, 2020, which resumed on October 14th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Fulda, Executive Director
MetroCOG – MPO Co-Secretary



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

Date: October 14th, 2020.

RESOLUTION 2020-07
RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT PM2.5
FOR THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the GBVMPO that the plans and programs approved today, October 14th, 2020 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

WHEREAS, The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the GBVMPO

That the GBVMPO finds that the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity

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Determination dated April 2020 contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

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Respectfully submitted,



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MetroCOG – MPO Co-Secretary

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

Date: October 14th, 2020

RESOLUTION 2020-08
FFY 2021 ~ 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE
GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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 develop and endorse a transportation improvement program for the portion of the Bridgeport-Stamford urbanized area located in the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning regions;

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization has, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the Greater Bridgeport Transit and the Valley Transit District, jointly prepared the *FFY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization*;

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP* describes all projects programmed to receive federal transportation funding assistance from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration over the next four federal fiscal years beginning October 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP* establishes project priorities, indicates project schedules, provides estimates of project cost and identifies federal funding program;

WHEREAS, the financial plans for the *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP* are included and demonstrate financial constraint to anticipated federal funding resources expected to be allocated and authorized to the State of Connecticut and the Bridgeport-Stamford urbanized area;

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP* was made available for review and public notification and review of the proposed TIP was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's *Public Participation Program Handbook*, as amended, including providing a 30-day review and comment period, holding a public information meeting, posting the draft TIP on the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) websites and considering public comments in revising the draft TIP;

WHEREAS, MPO endorsement of the *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP* is contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during the public comment period. Any comments received during the Public Comment period will be reviewed and considered once the public comment period has ended.

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WHEREAS, the proposed *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP* has been presented to the MPO, reviewed and discussed;

WHEREAS, the proposed program of projects in the *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP* were assessed for their impacts on air quality and the State’s ability to attain the *National Ambient Air Quality Standards* for the 8-hour Ozone and PM_{2.5} pollutants and the regional emissions assessments demonstrate that the proposed projects will not have an adverse impact on air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as long as no major adverse comments are received during the public comment period, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, after reviewing the draft *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization* and modifying the program of projects based on public comment and revisions received during the 30-day review and comment period, endorses the *FFY 2021 – 2024 TIP* presented and discussed here today as the official *TIP* for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Region. The endorsement of the TIP covers a four-year period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TIP approval constitutes project selection in accordance with the requirements of the *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)*.

This resolution shall become effective as of October 14th, 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 September 24th, 2020, which resumed on October 14th, 2020 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



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