

**Attachment A**

**Minutes of September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
MPO Meeting**

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**Regular Meeting**  
**Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00am**  
**Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments**  
**1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
David Cassetti, Mayor, Remote	Ansonia
Richard Dziekan, Mayor, Remote, 10:10	Derby
David Bindelglass, First Selectman, Remote	Easton
Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman (Jackie Bertolone, Proxy), Remote	Fairfield
Kenneth Kellogg, First Selectman, Remote	Monroe
Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Remote	Seymour
Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Remote	Shelton and VTD
Laura Hoydick, Mayor, Chairman, Remote	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Remote	Trumbull
Doug Sutherland, GBT Chairman, Remote	GBT
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Nicholas Dostal, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Richard Donovan, Transportation Planning Director, Remote	NVCOG
Mark Nielsen, Assistant Director, Remote	NVCOG
Elliot Wareham, Remote	NVCOG
Jennifer Carrier, Remote	CTDOT
Jennifer Pacacha, Remote	CTDOT
Jane Dunbar	CTDOT
Nadya Hoolahan	
Kevin Pisacich	CT DECD
JT Sullivan	

## Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman

The GBVMPO meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mayor Hoydick at 10:07am.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 27, 2023

A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Mr. Sutherland and seconded by Mayor Dziekan. The motion carried unanimously.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2023-13 Safety Performance Targets for FY24

Mr. Fulda explained the requirement to endorse the annual safety targets and explained that the increase in crashes with serious injuries and/or fatalities was a nationwide trend.

A motion to approve the targets was made by Mayor Dziekan and seconded by Mayor Cassetti.

Mr. Sutherland inquired how the targets were determined and questioned the reasoning behind the fatality target.

Mr. Fulda acknowledged that no one was okay with any fatalities. He explained that the five-year rolling average in the development of the targets was detailed in federal regulations. Factors also include driver behavior.

Mayor Lauretti questioned how federal money effected driver behavior.

Mr. Fulda responded that CT was not alone in the fatality crash increase and there were funding mechanisms for driver education and tying transportation improvement programs to targets. The goal was to utilize and program money to reduce serious crash numbers.

Mayor Dziekan noted drivers were not being held accountable.

Mr. Fulda commented that enforcement is a piece that needs to be considered.

Mayor Hoydick noted that the general assembly approved red light cameras.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Amendment FFY 2021-2024 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution 2023-14

i. 0015-0368: Lafayette Circle, Bridgeport

Mr. Fulda explained that the construction phase was being moved to a future year to be determined due to drainage issues.

A motion to approve the amendment was made by Mayor Laretti and seconded by Mayor Dziekan. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Amendment FFY 2021-2024 TIP/STIP, FTA Projects, Resolution 2023-15

i. 0300-xxxx: NHL Station Improvement Program (delete FY24)

ii. 0300-0214: NHL - Time Phase 1 (track, catenary upgrades - 6 bridges, CP 259 interlocking)

Mr. Fulda briefly explained the amendments, noting that the TIME project would increase train speeds from New Haven to Grand Central. The NHL station improvement program would be removed from the TIP to utilize alternate funding.

A motion to approve the amendment was made by Mayor Laretti and seconded by Mayor Dziekan. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Next Meetings:

i. November 16, 2023

ii. 2024 Schedule

VII. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Dziekan and seconded by Mr. Sutherland. The meeting adjourned at 10:24.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matthew Fulda, Executive Director,  
MetroCOG  
MPO Co-Secretary

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Rick Dunne, Executive Director,  
NVCOG  
MPO Co-Secretary