



**RESOLUTION OF THE
CONNECTICUT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S RECONNECTING
COMMUNITIES& NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT AWARD**

Bridgeport, Connecticut

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments on May 30, 2024 Bridgeport, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS, MetroCOG recently applied for and was awarded a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”) Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (“RCN”) Program in the amount of \$750,000 for the Bringing Resilient, Interconnected Development as a Gateway to the East End (BRIDGE) Planning Study (the “project”); and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the RCN Program is to advance community-centered transportation connection projects, with a priority for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, that improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development and restoration;

WHEREAS, this Community Planning Study will address impacts of the surface transportation infrastructure in Bridgeport’s East End neighborhood, which currently consists of a large, complex intersection and the associated raised infrastructure of Interstate-95 that bifurcates the East End and physically and visually separates most of the neighborhood from Downtown Bridgeport;

WHEREAS, the Study has received broad support from local and state agencies and non-profits, and has secured the requisite non-Federal match funding from the City of Bridgeport; and

WHEREAS, the work to be conducted under the project will include an analysis of the Interstate 95 (Exit 29), Seaview Avenue, Stratford Avenue and Connecticut Avenue intersection and evaluate current and future uses and provide a forum for robust public engagement to better align the transportation infrastructure with the goals and needs of the East End and the City of Bridgeport; and

WHEREAS, MetroCOG has agreed to perform the services outlined in the grant application and to work closely with the Federal Highway Administration, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the City of Bridgeport and local non-profits and community organizations in the planning process.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONNECTICUT METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS that the Council adopted a resolution by a vote of ___ to ___ to approve:

1. That the MetroCOG Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director, Matthew Fulda, to enter into an Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration for the Brining Resilient, Interconnected Development to the East End Planning Study, and authorizes the Executive Director to execute all necessary instruments for the purposes of the grant.
2. The MetroCOG Board of Directors authorizes the Agency’s Executive Director, Matthew Fulda, or his designee, to act on behalf of MetroCOG in providing services as outlined in the Grant Agreement.

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 _____

First Selectman David Bindelglass

MetroCOG Secretary

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