

Minutes of January 30, 2025



# **Regular Meeting**

# Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization January 30, 2025 at 10:00am

# Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments 1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Name	Representing	
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David Cassetti, Mayor, (Proxy, Sheila O'Malley) Remote	Ansonia	
Joseph Ganim, Mayor, (Proxy, Ken Flatto)	Bridgeport	
David Bindelglass, First Selectman, Remote	Easton	
William Gerber, First Selectman, Remote	Fairfield	
Terry Rooney, First Selectman, Remote	Monroe	
Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Remote, 10:08	Seymour	
Mark Lauretti, Mayor and VTD Chair	Shelton	
Laura Hoydick, Mayor	Stratford	
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Remote	Trumbull	
Doug Sutherland, GBT Chairman, Remote	GBT	
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG	
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG	
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG	
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG	
Nick Dostal, Regional Planner	MetroCOG	
Stephanie Ingraldi, GIS Analyst	MetroCOG	
Devin Clarke, Senior Transportation Planner, Remote	MetroCOG	
Lindsay Naughton, Regional Planner, Remote	MetroCOG	
Rick Dunne, Executive Director, Remote	NVCOG	
Richard Donovan	NVCOG	
Jennifer Pacacha, Remote	CTDOT	
Jane Dunbar, Remote	CTDOT	
Steven DeMichele, Remote	GBT	

#### **Minutes**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER MPO Chairman

The meeting was called to order by the GBVMPO Chair, Mayor Lauretti at 10:04am.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

#### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

# IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 21, 2024

A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by First Selectman Rooney. The motion carried unanimously.

# V. <u>ACTION ITEMS</u>

1. Resolution 2025-03: Safety Performance Targets

A resolution to approve the Safety Performance Targets was made by Ms. O'Malley and seconded by First Selectman Rooney.

Mr. Fulda explained that this was the annual adoption of safety targets based on running five year data.

Mayor Lauretti inquired how the data fared.

Mr. Fulda explained that there was an increase in the state consistent with the national trend, as well as in increase in wrong way drivers. He noted that Connecticut was implementing wrong way detection technology and was hopeful that with more data, more improvements could be made.

There was a brief discussion that once the CTDOT target was set future targets could not go above that target. MetroCOG was considering setting its own targets for the region.

Mayor Hoydick noted that the reasons why needed to be determined. She commented that drivers are driving more erratically.

Mr. Dunne commented that in Connecticut drivers do not need to know how to drive to get a license.

Mr. Donovan commented that legislation was brought forward to protect pedestrians and educate drivers.

2. Amendment FFY 2025-2028 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution 2025-04

A motion to approve items i. through iii. was made by Mayor Hoydick and seconded by Mr. Southerland.

Mr. Fulda briefly explained each amendment.

- i. <u>0015-0339</u>: Bridgeport, CT-130 Rehab Bridge 02475 over the Pequonnock River:
- ii. <u>0036-0203:</u> Derby to Seymour, CT-8 Resurfacing, Bridge Rehab & Safety Improvements (Design-Build)
- iii. <u>0174-0459:</u> Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations, District 4 (delete project).

Mr. Flatto inquired if staff was tracking funding.

Mr. Fulda responded that he was keeping track of funding and currently all MetroCOG's funds were available.

# VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Complete Streets Policy.

Mr. Fulda explained that there was a directive from FHWA requiring a 2.5% set aside for complete streets. The MPO would need approval on the policy, which would continue work that was already being performed.

There was a brief discussion regarding identifying locations so a policy would be in place.

- 1. Next Meetings:
  - i. March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - ii. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

# VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Fulda, Executive Director,	Rick Dunne, Executive Director,
MetroCOG	NVCOG
MPO Co-Secretary	MPO Co-Secretary