

GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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MEMO

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FROM: Matt Fulda, Executive Director, MetroCOG
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CC: Jennifer Pachacha, CTDOT
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DATE: March 27, 2025

RE: Resolution Adopted at the March 27, 2025 MPO Meeting.

Attached, please find copies of the resolution adopted by the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO on September 26, 2024. The resolutions adopted by the MPO were:

- **2025-05:** FFY 2025-2028 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects
 - 0015-0390: Bridgeport Park Avenue Streetscape; Waldemere Ave to Railroad Ave.
 - 0170-3640: Service Plaza Mainline Sign and Sign Support Replacement (I-95 & I-395)

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 March 27, 2025 or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate COG.

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RESOLUTION 2025-05
AMENDMENT
FFY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FHWA PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is authorized by the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to prepare, endorse; and periodically amend a short range Transportation Improvement Program for the 10-town MPO area within the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area;

WHEREAS, the MPO endorsed the *FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Regions (TIP)* at its May 30th, 2024 meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*;

WHEREAS, the *BIL* allocates funds to the State of Connecticut under various federal transportation assistance programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration;

WHEREAS, the *BIL* planning guidelines require the *TIP/STIP* to be fiscally constrained to available program funds;

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendments to the *TIP/STIP* to add program funding to continue on-going projects listed in the current *TIP/STIP*;

WHEREAS, these amendments represent minor modifications of the *TIP/STIP* and involve projects that are exempt from the regional emissions analyses and do not necessitate a new air quality analysis;

WHEREAS, the public notification and review of these proposed amendments was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's *Public Participation Plan*, as amended, and the proposed amendments are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Metropolitan Transportation Plans of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Planning Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO endorses the amendment of the *FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program* to include the projects as described and listed in the attachment to this resolution.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 27, 2025.

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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 regular public meeting held on March 27, 2025 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

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

Date: March 27, 2025

AMENDMENT FFY 2025-2028 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP/STIP): FHWA PROGRAMS

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting the following amendments to the FFY 2025-2028 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP).

Below are summaries of each project. The proposed action(s), funding sources, air quality code, phase, year and cost allocation for each project are detailed in the attached report.

0015-0390: Bridgeport, Park Avenue South Streetscape: This project was selected for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program as a result of a 2022 statewide solicitation of MPOs in the Bridgeport-Stamford TMA. The project includes the construction of raised bike lanes, concrete sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, crosswalk improvements, and installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) devices along Park Avenue, from Waldemere Avenue north to Railroad Avenue. As the first phase of a larger concept for the corridor, this project is the catalyst to extend these improvements further north along Park Avenue beyond Railroad Avenue.

This project is programmed for dual funding with TAP–BS and TAP-Flex funds. Design for this project is expected to begin in April 2025, with an estimated completion date of July 2026.

0170-3640: Service Plaza Mainline Sign and Sign Support Replacement (project cost increase):

This project was originally approved as part of the 2025-2028 TIP in May 2024. This project provides sign and sign support replacements at service plazas along Interstates 95 and 395. The CTDOT Project Manager provided information related to the increase in cost for this project. Costs increased are a result of the several items including, revisions to the structural steel sizes, overhead trusses and foundations, cantilevers and supporting foundations, and rock excavation increases compared to previous quantity estimates. With these revisions, the cost of this project increases from \$3,750,000 to \$6,700,000 – a roughly 79% increase.

Linking Performance to Investment: States and MPOs are required to establish performance targets and utilize a performance-based approach to transportation decision-making¹. The projects above are anticipated to support achievement of targets for the performance measures, as detailed in the attached report.

MPO Action: The proposed amendments are consistent with the long-range transportation plans of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and conform to the air quality objectives. The proposed schedule, programming and funding adjustments will maintain a financially constrained TIP/STIP. It is recommended that the MPO endorse the

¹ CTDOT's Performance Measures page is at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Performance-Measures/Performance-Measures>; 23 USC 150 details the FHWA's national goals and performance management measures, see <http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title23-section150&num=0&edition=prelim>

proposed amendments to the FFY 2025-2028 TIP/STIP as described above and listed in the attached tables.

0015-0390 - STREETScape; WALDEMERE AVE TO RAILROAD AVE

Project Type	FHWA
Lead Agency	CTDOT
Total Cost	\$4,790,000
Federal Performance Measure	Air Quality, Highway Safety
Project Description	STREETSCAPE; WALDEMERE AVE TO RAILROAD AVE



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Preliminary Design	Local Match	-	\$24,000	-	-	-	-	\$24,000
Preliminary Design	TAPB	-	\$96,000	-	-	-	-	\$96,000
Total Preliminary Design		-	\$120,000	-	-	-	-	\$120,000
Final Design	Local Match	-	-	\$24,000	-	-	-	\$24,000
Final Design	TAPB	-	-	\$96,000	-	-	-	\$96,000
Total Final Design		-	-	\$120,000	-	-	-	\$120,000
Construction	Local Match	-	-	-	-	\$910,000	-	\$910,000
Construction	TAP-FLEX	-	-	-	-	\$1,640,000	-	\$1,640,000
Construction	TAPB	-	-	-	-	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000
Total Construction		-	-	-	-	\$4,550,000	-	\$4,550,000
Total Programmed		-	\$120,000	\$120,000	-	\$4,550,000	-	\$4,790,000

0170-3640 - SERVICE PLAZA MAINLINE SIGN AND SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENT

Project Type	FHWA
Lead Agency	CTDOT
Total Cost	\$6,700,000
Federal Performance Measure	Highway Asset Management
Project Description	SERVICE PLAZA MAINLINE SIGN AND SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENT



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	NHPP	-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000
Total Construction		-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000
Total Programmed		-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000