

Attachment A

**Minutes of September 24, 2026
Regular MPO Meeting**

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Regular Meeting
Greater Bridgeport & Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
September 24, 2026, at 10:00am
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Name

Representing

Frank Tyszka, Mayor, (Proxy, Javier Varas) Remote
Joseph Ganim, Mayor, (Proxy, Ken Flatto)
Joseph DiMartino, Mayor, (Proxy, Sean Grace)
Dan Lent, First Selectman, Remote
Terry Rooney, Chair and First Selectman
Mark Lauretti, Mayor and VTD Chair
David Chess, Mayor, Remote
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman
Steve DeMichele

Ansonia
Bridgeport
Derby
Easton
Monroe
Shelton
Stratford
Trumbull
GBT

Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director, Remote
Nicolas Dostal, Regional Planner II
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director
Mark Hoover, GIS Director
Stephanie Ingraldi, Regional Planner
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director
Simone Lesci, Regional Planner
Noah Miller, Regional Planner, Remote
Theo Frye Yanos, Regional Planner
Daisy Everingham, Regional Planner
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director
Matthew Abbott, Remote
Rick Dunne, Remote
Brandon Young, Remote
Sarah Lopez

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Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, First Selectmen Rooney, at 10:00am. Mr. Fulda performed the roll call.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 30, 2026 (Attachment A)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Lauretti and seconded by Mayor Chess. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. ACTION ITEMS [Click here for project details.](#)

1. Resolution 2026-16, Revision to the FY 2026 and 2027 Unified Planning Work Program. (Attachment B)

A motion was made by Mayor Lauretti and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro to move Item 1. Mr. Fulda provided an update. The revision would add two studies: a Downtown Fairfield Parking Study and a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for Trumbull. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2026-17, Amendment FFY 2025-2028 TIP/STIP, FHWA Projects, Resolution (Attachment C)

i. 0173-0565: Merritt Parkway Corridor Management Plan

A motion was made by Mayor Lauretti and seconded by Mr. Flatto to move item 2. Mr. Fulda provided an update. The purpose of the project is to develop a management and rehabilitation plan for the Merritt Parkway Corridor. Mr. Flatto expressed concerns regarding the potential clear-cutting of trees and emphasized that the Board should not clear the way for clear-cutting in the future, noting that it has occurred in the past and can have diverse impacts. Mr. Fulda stated that, before any such action could take place, the matter would have to come before the MPO. Mayor Lauretti also expressed concern regarding the removal of trees. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. 2027 Connecticut Safety Performance Targets (Attachment D)

Mr. Fulda provided an update and noted it would be an action item at the next meeting.

2. Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2027-2030 Update <https://mtp2027-2055-ctmetro.hub.arcgis.com/>

Mr. Fulda provided an update. Staff is working on the MTP plan, and public engagement is ongoing. First Selectman Rooney expressed concern regarding the timing of lights on Route 25 in Monroe and asked that the matter be looked into.

3. Next Meetings:

- i. November 19, 2026
- ii. 2027 Schedule TBD

Mr. Fulda received several TIP amendments from CTDOT, and a special meeting may be scheduled before the November meeting.

VII. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Lauretti and seconded by Ken Flatto. The meeting was adjourned by 10:11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Fulda, Executive Director,
MetroCOG
MPO Co-Secretary

Rick Dunne, Executive Director,
NVCOG
MPO Co-Secretary