Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor, (Proxy, Ken Flatto)	Bridgeport (Left 10:30am)
Dan Lent, First Selectman, Remote	Easton (Arrived 10:06am)
Christine Vitale, First Selectperson, Remote	Fairfield
Terry Rooney, First Selectman, Remote, Vice-Chair	Monroe
David Chess, Mayor	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman, Chair	Trumbull (Arrived 10:15am)
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Nicolas Dostal, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Mark Hoover, GIS Director	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Simone Lesci, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Daisy Everingham, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Hannah Reichle	MetroCOG
Christine Brown, Chief of Staff	Fairfield
Doug Lomonte	Berchem Moses
Darrel Harris	Town of Easton

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Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair, First Selectman Rooney at 10:02am. Mr. Fulda performed the roll call.

II. **Public Participation**

Darrell Harris (Easton): Provided comments on the POCD regarding housing in Easton, emphasizing the need to protect watershed areas due to the town's role in supplying water to the state. Also stressed that the POCD should remain advisory and that zoning decisions should remain under the authority of the Town of Easton.

III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. September 24, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes from June was made by Mayor Chess and seconded by First Selectperson Vitale. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Executive Session: Contractual Negotiations**

A motion was made to enter Executive Session with members of the board, Mr. Fulda and Mr. Carlton and Mr. Lomonte by Mayor Chess and seconded by First Selectperson Vitale at 10:11AM. The meeting resumed in open session following executive session at 10:35am.

V. **Action Items**

a. EPA Revolving Loan Fund – Remediation Loan 410 State St. Bridgeport

A motion was made by Mayor Chess to amend the contract language, seconded by First Selectperson Vitale. There was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously. A motion to approve the EPA Revolving Loan Fund as amended was made by First Selectperson Vitale and seconded by First Selectman Tesoro. There was no further discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

b. MetroCOG 2026 Regional POCD Update

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the POCD, noting that it was ready for adoption following multiple public sessions and a public comment period during which the plan was made available for review. Mr. Fulda thanked both MetroCOG and municipal staff for their hard work. A motion to approve the POCD was made by First Selectperson Vitale and seconded by Mayor Chess. The motion carried unanimously. There was no further discussion. First Selectman Tesoro thanked everyone for their participation.

c. Downtown Fairfield Parking Study

A motion was made by First Selectman Rooney and seconded by Mayor Chess to move item c. Mr. Fulda provided an update on the resolution, which authorizes MetroCOG to enter into a contract with Stantec upon MetroCOG's receipt of the necessary funding, and to execute all necessary instruments for the purposes of the Study. First Selectperson Vitale looked forward to the parking study. First Selectman Tesoro looked forward to learning more about the project, and Mayor Chess expressed appreciation for the study as well. There was no further discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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VI. **Discussion Items**

a. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the CEDS. Mr. Noah Miller (Regional Planner) is conducting stakeholder outreach and meeting with member municipalities. Recommendations are anticipated in December or January.

b. Regional Pictometry Flight and Web Application

Mr. Hoover provided an update on the Regional Pictometry Flight and Web Application, noting that the imagery has been used by municipal assessor offices as a data source since 2013. A resolution outlining the cost to MetroCOG and municipalities will be presented at the next meeting.

c. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Update

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the SS4A grant, noting that MetroCOG is working with Stantec to develop concepts for identified crash locations.

d. Housing Bill

Mr. Fulda provided an update on the housing bill and noted that a meeting with municipal staff was held in October. Mr. Lesci is working with municipal staff on this effort. Mayor Chess raised a question regarding BuildforCT and unit counts for the needs assessment.

e. CPRG Update

Mr. Fulda provided an update on CPRG. MetroCOG is working internally on the grant and conducting a baseline inventory of municipal buildings. Mr. Dostal added that he will coordinate with municipal staff.

f. MTP Update

Mr. Hoover provided an update on the MTP, noting that the final outreach events have been completed. He thanked the municipalities for sharing MTP information in their newsletters.

VII. **Other Business**

a. Next Meeting Dates:
   i. November 19, 2026
   ii. December 17, 2026

VIII. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectperson Vitale and seconded by Mayor Chess at 11:06am.

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Christine Vitale, MetroCOG Secretary

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