

Regular MetroCOG Board Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 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
Dan Lent, First Selectman, Remote	Easton
Christine Vitale, First Selectperson, Remote	Fairfield
Terry Rooney, First Selectman, Remote	Monroe
David Chess, Mayor	Stratford
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman	Trumbull
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Nicolas Dostal, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Mark Hoover, GIS Director	MetroCOG
Stephanie Ingraldi, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Colleen Kelleher, Finance Director	MetroCOG
Noah Miller, Regional Planner	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Garrett Eucalitto, Commissioner	CTDOT
Carlo Leone	CTDOT
Matthew Abbott	CTDOT
Michael Salter	CTDOT
Jonathan Delgado	Bridgeport
Joseph Katz	Bridgeport
Andrea Raices-Lugo	Bridgeport

Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, First Selectman Tesoro at 10:18am. Mr. Fulda performed the roll call.

II. **Public Participation**

III. **Presentation**

Commissioner Eucalitto provided the board with an update on CTDOT projects and explained the current funding situation.

Commissioner Eucalitto thanked the CEOs and their public works teams for their efforts over the winter.

First Selectman Lent inquired about the Norwalk Bridge and a highspeed switch.

Commissioner Eucalitto responded that the installation of the highspeed interlockings was complete but because of the curvature the MNR cannot go through any quicker.

First Selectman Lent commented on the number of lanes on I-95 between Branford and Rhode Island. The Commissioner provided an overview of the Planning and Environmental Linkages study for the area.

First Selectman Rooney inquired about the Stevenson Dam project, Commissioner Eucalitto noted a study was being done but there was no solution at this time as it is out for rescoping. The First Selectman expressed concern over incidents at the bridge and the need for a safety railing. The Commissioner suggested signage due to the weight issues on the bridge.

First Selectman Rooney asked about working with the private freight railroad in his Town on addressing a bridge in poor condition.

Mr. Flatto commented that the balance between the COGs/MPOs and state priorities has improved over the last 5-7 years. He expressed concerns about the STF and federal funding.

There was a discussion regarding the age of infrastructure in the state, the status of federal transportation funding, the State Transportation Fund and its current funding sources, and concerns of a deficit.

Mr. Fulda commented that these issues were not due to fiscal imprudence in the state but a lack of revenue. First Selectman Tesoro mentioned issues with maintenance in the commuter lots and the need for mowing.

There was a brief update of several other projects in the area.

Mr. Abbott told the board that if there were specific signals that needed to be updated to let MetroCOG staff know and Mr. Abbott would ensure it was taken care of.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. May 28, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes from May was made by First Selectman Rooney and seconded by Mayor Chess. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Action Items

a. FY 2027 Budget

Mr. Fulda explained that the budget was presented at the May meeting and contained no updates. Ms. Kelleher clarified differences in the budget after a question was posed by Mayor Chess.

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

b. FY2027 Regional Services Grant Work Plan

A motion to approve the RSG workplan was made by First Selectman Rooney and seconded by Mr. Flatto.

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG was receiving 1.1 million in RSG funds. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Discussion Items

a. Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Project submission

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG staff met with Municipal staff. Projects were provided to the municipalities for updates and needed to be returned to MetroCOG staff so they could submit them through a form, due to CTDOT by July 1.

Mr. Flatto requested a tentative list of submissions.

b. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

Mr. Fulda announced that MetroCOG staff would be meeting with stakeholders.

A motion to enter executive session to include the board members was made by Mayor Chess and seconded by First Selectperson Vitale. The meeting entered executive session at 10:53

VII. Executive Session (Personnel)

VIII. Other Business

a. Next Meeting Dates:

i. July 30, 2026

ii. August 27, 2026

IX. **Adjourn**

Christine Vitale, MetroCOG Secretary

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