

MINUTES Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments Hybrid Meeting NVCOG Conference Room 49 Leavenworth Street, 3rd Floor Waterbury, CT 06702 10 a.m., Friday, June 10, 2022

NVCOG Representatives: David Cassetti, Mayor, Ansonia (virtual); Stephen Sordi, First Selectman, Bethlehem (virtual); Jeff Caggiano, Mayor, Bristol (in-person); Rich Dziekan, Mayor, Derby (in-person); Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury (in-person); Pete Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck (in-person); George Temple, First Selectman, Oxford (in-person); Joe Kilduff, Mayor, Plymouth (virtual); Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect (virtual); Sheila O'Malley, Proxy, Seymour (virtual); Jeff Manville, First Selectman, Southbury (virtual); Neil O'Leary, Mayor, Waterbury (virtual); Mark Raimo, Town Manager, Watertown (virtual); Marwin Gonzalez, Proxy, Wolcott (virtual); William Agresta, Alternate, Woodbury (virtual).

Guests/Other: Inspector General Robert Devlin, Jr. (in-person); Frank Capozzi and other members of the staff of the Inspector General (in-person); John Field, DEMHS Region 5 (virtual); Sara Radacsi, CTDOT (virtual); Jonathan Ferrigno, Eversource (virtual); Maria Vaccarelli, North East Transportation (virtual).

Staff: Rick Dunne, Mark Nielsen, Aaron Budris, Joanna Rogalski, Trish Bauer, Richard Crowther, Jr., Michael Szpryngel, Ricardo Rodriguez, Christine O'Neill, Josh Lecar, Richard Donovan, Desira Blanchard, Kevin Ellis.

Prior to the start of the meeting, there was a presentation by Connecticut Inspector General Robert Devlin, Jr.

1. Commencement of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll was called. There was no public comment.

2. CNVMPO Meeting

- a. Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2022-15 TIP Amendments Kevin Ellis said CTDOT is requesting a change to the CNVMPO 2021-24 TIP. It includes the addition of four new projects. Project No. 0174-0462 is for Bridge Deck Preservation, Project No. 0170-3633 is for the CTDOT Transportation Asset Management Program, Project No. 0170-3635 will manage, maintain, and enhance a Bridge Management System, and Project No. 0170-3636 is for a Pavement Management System for CTDOT, and Project No. 0170-5032 is for a Pavement Management Group for CTDOT and CTDOT's consultant liaison engineer to perform federally eligible engineering activities associated with administration and oversight of the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Ed St. John, it was unanimously
 - VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2022-15 approving the above listed TIP amendments.
- b. Corridor Study Updates Josh Lecar said the West Main Street final report was completed last month. The public comment phase will conclude on September 23. Mr. Lecar noted that the City of Waterbury was awarded a RAISE grant of \$23 million, of which \$9 million is to begin preliminary design and continue through to construction on

components of the project as well as construction for a portion of the Naugatuck River Greenway connecting into downtown. There is also a coordination effort for the New Mix project. The Route 229 study also has a completed final report and the public comment phase for it has concluded.

3. NVCOG Administrative Items

a. *Approval of the Minutes of the June 10, 2022 Meeting* – On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the June 10, 2022 CNVMPO and NVCOG meeting.

b. Approval of the Minutes of the August 24, 2022 NVCOG Special Meeting – On a motion by George Temple, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 NVCOG special meeting.

c. Approval of Agency Financial Reports and Summaries for the Period Ending 6/30/22 – Michael Szpryngel reviewed the financial report. Mr. Szpryngel said a \$100,000 deficit budget had been adopted by the board at the start of the fiscal year. The fiscal year had concluded with a \$14,400 surplus. On the expense side of the operating budget, advertising and professional services were overextended. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the NVCOG financial reports and summaries as presented.

- d. Director's Report Rick Dunne said the NVision planning conference will take place at the Palace Theater on September 13. The Regional Plan of Conservation and Development is currently being worked on, it had been delayed due to the pandemic. The disadvantaged business enterprise plan was updated, and the public comment period ends on September 16.
- Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-07 Authorization for Executive Director Rick Dunne to Execute Agreements for Previously Approved Program Applications
 On a motion by Rich Dziekan, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously
 - VOTED: To approve NVCOG Resolution 2023-07 authorizing Executive Director Rick Dunne to execute agreements for previously approved program applications.

5. Emergency Management

a. COVID Response Update – John Field said there is the possibility of an annual booster shot for COVID. From a regional emergency planning perspective, the school safety and security working group continues to meet and is making good headway. The Army Corps of Engineers is conducting dam assessments and reviews with the municipalities and DEMHS is also involved. The cyber security working group is in the negotiation stages for an RFP they put out to conduct municipal assessments. On November 16 there will be AWR-148 training for schools during crisis. On November 15 there will be CEO training. A basic emergency management academy and an advanced emergency management

academy will be held. From an REPT perspective, the budget proposal for 2022 has been finalized.

Joanna Rogalski said the long-term recovery steering committee has suspended meetings until the next time it is needed.

- Regional Emergency Planning Team Update Ms. Rogalski reiterated Mr. Field's comment that CEO crisis leadership training will take place on November 15 for REPT 5 groups.
- c. *Community Emergency Response Team Update* Ms. Rogalski said there was no update for this item. Mr. Field offered that planning for a CERT Day is currently in progress.

6. NVCOG Planning/Transportation

a. Endorsement of NVCOG Resolution 2023-02 – Regional Safety Action Plan Update – Mark Nielsen said CTDOT funded the development of regional transportation safety plans. The plan for the Naugatuck Valley planning region was prepared in 2020 and endorsed by the NVCOG board in June 2021. The RTSP is a data-driven analysis of crashes throughout the region to identify hazard locations and the primary cause of crashes. Interviews with each municipality were conducted to determine local problems and issues. Representatives of public safety, engineering and public works departments participated in these interviews. Based on the data analysis and interviews, the plan identified countermeasures to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes.

Mr. Nielsen said NVCOG is proposing to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets for All program. For implementation grants, a local or regional plan must meet the requirements of the program. While there is not a current action plan in place, the existing Regional Transportation Safety Plan meets most of the requirements. NVCOG staff upgraded the RTSP to meet the requirements of the program. On a motion by Pete Hess, seconded by Rich Dziekan, it was unanimously

- VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-02 endorsing the updated Regional Transportation Safety Plan and Addendum.
- b. Endorsement of NVCOG Resolution 2023-03 State of Connecticut Complete Streets Policy – Mr. Nielsen said CTDOT adopted a statewide Complete Streets policy in October 2014. The policy focused on ensuring that all new street construction or existing street reconstruction took into consideration how all users of the transportation system utilize the street, rather than simply considering driver needs. The policy was adopted following the passage of Public Act 09-154, which directed the department to more thoroughly consider non-motorized users. Complete Streets has been general practice in the region for several years, including consideration for all regional and statewide projects. The endorsement of the CTDOT Complete Streets policy will serve as a formal recognition of Complete Streets as a design and policy priority for all projects within the region. Per CTDOT policy, the several action items identified will be implemented on the regional level to achieve this goal. On a motion by Rich Dziekan, seconded by George Temple, it was unanimously

- VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-03, endorsement of CTDOT Complete Streets policy.
- c. Endorsement of NVCOG Resolution 2023-04 Regional Vision Zero Statement Rich Donovan said Vision Zero is a comprehensive strategy focused on all participants in the transportation system, aimed to eliminate all roadway fatalities and serious injuries by utilizing a safe-system approach. This approach views fatal traffic crashes as avoidable rather than an inevitable side effect of getting around in our modern cities. With the availability of additional federal resources focused on safety, and the work being completed by the CT Vision Zero Council, Department of Transportation, and member municipalities, NVCOG's Vision Zero statement will define the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region's efforts toward zero fatalities. NVCOG and the member municipalities commit to zero traffic deaths and serious fatalities by or before 2060. Starting in 2023, NVCOG will prepare a biannual report showing progress towards this goal, identifying the most dangerous locations within the region, highlighting funding, design work, or construction that is taking place to address those issues and reporting on successful implementations of solutions within the previous years. This report will be made public and serve as a means of gathering additional public feedback about the efficacy of the safe systems approach. Ongoing public engagement will be a critical component of development and implementation of this plan. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously
 - VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-04, commitment to the goal of zero traffic deaths following the principles of Vision Zero.
- d. Endorsement of NVCOG Resolution 2023-05 Regional Safe Streets for All Grant Application – Mark Nielsen said NVCOG will be submitting a regional implementation grant application to implement various low-cost actions to address pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety. NVCOG put out a request for project submissions that could be included into a single regional project. Ten municipalities responded with specific actions. Crosswalk enhancements, traffic calming, and traffic signal timing revisions will be implemented throughout the region. The deadline for NVCOG to submit the application is September 15, 2022. On a motion by Rich Dziekan, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously
 - VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-05 expressing the NVCOG's support of the project and authorizing staff to submit a completed application.
- e. Endorsement of NVCOG Resolution 2023-06 Regional Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application – Rich Donovan said the USDOT has published a notice of funding opportunity for \$1 billion in grant funding over five years through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for a discretionary program entitled the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. The program is intended to reestablish connections between neighborhoods and municipalities that are split by the transportation network, with a particular focus on the expressway system. NVCOG has collaborated with MetroCOG and the Northwest Hills COG to devise an application that looks at the full length of Connecticut Route 8. NVCOG will be the lead applicant. The

application deadline is October 13, 2022. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Rich Dziekan, it was unanimously

- VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-06, expressing NVCOG's support of the project and authorizing staff to submit a completed application.
- f. LOTCIP
 - i. Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-08, Price Increase Wolcott, Todd Road Bridge Replacement – Kevin Ellis said the current construction cost for this project is estimated at approximately \$1.54 million. This is an increase from the preapplication amount of \$1.20 million which had been based on similar projects of comparable size and is due to geotechnical information gathered for the project location regarding the depth to bedrock. Additionally, the cost estimate increased due to the overall increase in construction costs within the last year. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously
 - VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-08, committing regionally apportioned LOTCIP funds to the above-described roadway reconstruction project in the Town of Wolcott.
 - ii. Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-09, Price Increase Watertown, ADA Sidewalks – Mr. Ellis said that as the design for this project progressed, the scope of work necessary to adhere to ADA guidelines and unforeseen impacts of the construction work to drainage structures and other existing features increased the cost of the project. The current project construction cost is estimated at about \$2.29 million, an increase from the previously approved amount of \$1.63 million. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously
 - VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-09, committing regionally apportioned LOTCIP funds to the above-described roadway reconstruction project in the Town of Watertown.
 - iii. Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-10, New Project Naugatuck, Hillside Avenue – Mr. Ellis said this new project will reconstruct Hillside Avenue from Meadow Street (Rt. 63) at the east to Fairview Avenue at the west. The current project construction cost is estimated at about \$3.9 million, with a LOTCIP grant of \$2.24 million and \$1.66 million being covered by the borough. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously
 - VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-10, committing regionally apportioned LOTCIP funds to the above-described roadway reconstruction project in the Borough of Naugatuck.
 - Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-11, New Project Middlebury, Route 64 Planning Study – Mr. Ellis said Route 64, located in Middlebury, is a major eastwest arterial connecting Middlebury to Waterbury and Woodbury. Additionally,

Route 64 connects to I-84 in Waterbury and to Route 6 in Woodbury, and Route 64 shares and connects with Route 188 which runs through Middlebury. There is an existing multiuse trail along the entire western portion of the Route 64 corridor turning south along Route 63 and ending just before the I-84 interchange. A major goal of the study is to investigate methods to extend the multiuse trail south and connect portions of Middlebury south of I-84. Additional goals are to investigate and improve pedestrian connections along Route 63 and 64, and to improve access to businesses along the Route 64 corridor. The current study cost is estimated at about \$300,000. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously

- VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-11, committing regionally apportioned LOTCIP funds to the above-described roadway reconstruction project in the Town of Middlebury.
- v. Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-12, New Project Waterbury, Downtown Traffic Signal Upgrade & Replacement Project – Mark Nielsen said the City of Waterbury was awarded funding under the US DOT CMAQ program in 2013 to upgrade and replace 15 traffic signals in the downtown area. The original grant amount was \$3 million. Due to the time that has expired between the award of the CMAQ funds and design completion, the project cost has increased substantially. The current project construction shortfall is estimated at about \$2.50 million. To fully fund the city's downtown traffic signal improvement project and permit the project to proceed, LOTCIP funds would be allocated to supplement the CMAQ funds. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously
 - VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-12, committing regionally apportioned LOTCIP funds to the above-described project in the City of Waterbury.

7. Environmental Planning

- a. Sustainable Materials Management Update Christine O'Neill explained that the Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program from CT DEEP is designed to help towns reduce waste and save money. Eight NVCOG municipalities have applied for funds. So far, four have been offered funding. DEEP has also announced they will be doing a second round of funding. Ansonia, Seymour, and Woodbury have passed resolutions to accept the funds. NVCOG will be receiving its own grant to provide education and outreach services for these towns and the wider region regarding the waste crisis. Separate from the SMM grant, NVCOG is expecting to roll out an online story map about the waste crisis.
- b. SolSmart Update Ms. O'Neill noted that the NVCOG board had voted to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy funded SolSmart certification program to promote regional solar development. SolSmart focuses on small-scale distributed generation solar projects. Over the past year, staff executed a number of actions to earn credit towards a designation. On June 21, NVCOG was notified that it had achieved SolSmart

bronze designation. NVCOG is the 14th regional organization to achieve this designation nationwide, and the 11th designee in the state.

- c. *Brownfields Update* Ricardo Rodriguez provided a brief update on the status of 16 brownfields projects. All projects are moving along well, with two projects anticipated to make significant progress within the next 30 days. Revolving Loan Fund applications are currently being analyzed and awards will be made after October 1.
- d. *Kinneytown Dam Update, Executive Session, if necessary* On a motion by Pete Hess, seconded by Rich Dziekan, with an invitation extended to NVCOG staff, it was unanimously

VOTED: To enter Executive Session at 11:37 a.m., subject to adjournment.

At 11:53 a.m., on a motion by George Temple, seconded by Ed St. John, it was unanimously

VOTED: To exit Executive Session.

8. Other

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by George Temple, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Rizzo, Administrative Services Coordinator for Pete Hess, Secretary

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AMENDMENT FFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is authorized by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to prepare, endorse, and periodically amend a short range Transportation Improvement Program for the 15-town MPO area within the Waterbury Urbanized Area and is required to maintain a fiscally-constrained program of priority projects.

WHEREAS, the CNVMPO endorsed the *FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region (TIP)* at its October 9, 2020, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendment of the FFY 2021-2024 TIP as shown in the attached page.

WHEREAS, the proposed projects do not necessitate a new Air Quality Conformity Determination.

WHEREAS, the public notification and review of these amendments was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's public involvement guidelines, and the proposed amendments are consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Pan for the Central Naugatuck Valley planning region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO approves the amendments of the FFY 2021-2024 TIP to allocate surface transportation program funding to the attached projects.

This resolution shall become effective as of September 9, 2022.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on September 9, 2022, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

N. Warren He III, Secretary

September 9, 2022 Date

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RESOLUTION OF THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS #2023-07

IT IS RESOLVED BY the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments that its Executive Director Rick Dunne be empowered to sign any and all documents required in the acceptance and execution of state or federal assistance grants or programs already applied for and approved by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and offered by the Grantor.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut on this 9th day of September 2022.

N. Warren Hese, III, Secretary

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments



ENDORSEMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN – 2022 ADDENDUM UPDATE

WHEREAS, The VN Engineers, under contract with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, prepared a Regional Transportation Safety Plan for the Naugatuck Valley planning region consistent with the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG Board endorsed the original Regional Transportation Safety Plan at its June 11, 2021, meeting; and

WHERAS, the staff of the NVCOG has completed an update to this document including new safety data, an expanded list of safety action items, and enhanced public engagement; and,

WHEREAS, these updates are included as addendums to the originally adopted document to serve as a mid-point update to the five year update cycle;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG endorses the Regional Transportation Safety Plan – 2022 Addendum Update presented at the NVCOG Board meeting on September 9, 2022, as the region's transportation safety action plan.

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ADOPTION OF THE STANDARDS OF THE CONNECTICUT COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, complete streets are defined as those streets that consider the mobility of all users, including safe facilities for non-motorized travelers; and,

WHEREAS, The CTDOT adopted a statewide complete streets policy on October 23, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, PA 09-154 establishes a legislative statewide commitment to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG and its member towns have demonstrated a commitment to safety and accessibility for all users through existing projects and priorities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG adopts the tenants of the CTDOT Complete Streets Policy for implementation within our region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the seven procedures laid out in the CTDOT policy will be replicated within the NVCOG region to ensure that the policy is enacted fully.

This resolution to go into effect on September 9, 2022.

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on September 9, 2022, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

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NVCOG Resolution 2023-04

Commitment to the Goal of Zero Traffic Deaths Following the Principles of Vision Zero

WHEREAS, crashes resulting in roadway deaths and serious injuries are preventable and not an inevitable result of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the NVCOG and its member municipalities strive to create a region that provides safe mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to the value and life of the residents of and visitors to the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has created a cross-agency Vision Zero Council to examine ways to improve roadway safety throughout the State, tasked with developing a statewide Vision Zero implementation plan and presenting data and targets to the Legislature for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, within the 19 town NVCOG region, 177 people have died on our roadways between the years 2019 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, an additional 553 people within our region have been severely injured in traffic crashes within the same three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the number of fatalities and serious injuries in the region is a public health issue that must and can be addressed to ensure the wellbeing and benefit of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a data-driven strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero uses a safe systems approach to traffic engineering that recognizes that humans make mistakes, and that transportation infrastructure should account for those mistakes; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero road safety goals are accomplished through a combination of engineering, education, emergency response, and enforcement measures; and

WHEREAS, preventing crashes within the region requires a comprehensive response from all municipalities, the NVCOG, and the CTDOT, that looks at transportation planning, design, policy, enforcement, education, and communication in order to most greatly impact the flaws within our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, improvements to roadway safety, especially for non-motorized users, aligns with the various Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Regional Safety Action Plan, and governing policies of the CT DOT;

WHEREAS, the NVCOG, in adoption of this resolution, joins a fast-growing list of Vision Zero Communities across the United States and worldwide that have committed to ending traffic deaths and serious injuries, work which has proven the tenants of a safe system approach as successful in this goal with the proper focus, collaboration, and funding;

BE IT RESOLVED, The NVCOG and Member Municipalities commit to zero traffic deaths and serious fatalities by or before 2060, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, a bi-annual report will be produced showing progress toward this goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a serious, continued, and well-coordinated effort between all parties is required to implement the solutions and improvements identified in the 2022 update of the Regional Safety Action Plan, leading to the creation of governing committees to oversee this work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the region's Vision Zero efforts will take into account equity and ensure that the most vulnerable roadway users receive the necessary attention to ensure their safety and mobility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ongoing public engagement will be a critical component of development and implementation of this plan, gathering input from residents, users of the roadway system, safety advocates, and municipal staff.

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SUPPORT OF THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTING A REGIONAL APPLICATION FOR THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the USDOT has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1 billion in grant funding through the *Safe Streets for Al Pilot Program*; and,

WHEREAS, based on the program administration and funding requirements, the NVCOG requested project projects from member municipalities to include in a proposed Regional Safety Improvement Project; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG updated the Regional Transportation Safety Plan to comply with program requirements and make the region eligible to apply for an Implementation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the NVCOG has prepared a proposed project to develop a regional project that would implement various low cost actions on a multijurisdictional level to address pedestrian and bicycle safety and reduce the frequency and severity of crashes involving the most vulnerable users of the transportation system. Proposed countermeasures include improving sidewalks and closing gaps in the sidewalk networks, upgrading and installing crosswalks with high visibility treatments, upgrading pedestrian signals to comply with current MUTCD standards, revisions and upgrade of traffic signal to better accommodate pedestrian needs and increase visibility, install multi-use side paths along the street, install warning signage, centerline rumble strips, and dynamic speed feedback devices, and other low cost safety improvement actions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments endorses the NVCOG's Regional Safety Improvement Project and authorizes NVCOG staff to submit an application to the US Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets for All discretionary program, and further authorizes the Executive Director to submit any other documents required for the program and execute any and all agreements necessary, if awarded the grant.

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SUPPORT OF THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SUBMITTING A MULTI-REGIONAL APPLICATION FOR THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the USDOT has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1 billion in grant funding through the *Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program*; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG will submit, as the project lead, an application to conduct a study along the length of CT Route 8, from the interchange with Interstate 95 in the South to the Interchange with CT Route 44 in the North; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG will partner with the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments, along with the impacted municipalities to conduct this study; and,

WHEREAS, this study will coordinate with the work the CTDOT is currently planning for the interchange of CT Route 8 and Interstate 84, known as the MixMaster, in Waterbury; and,

WHEREAS, the study will focus on mitigating the impact that CT Route 8 has had within our communities, separating neighborhoods and dividing cities;

BE IT RESOLVED that Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments supports the project and authorizes the Executive Director and NVCOG staff to submit a completed application for the program, further authorizing the Executive Director to provide any required materials and sign documentation should the grant be awarded.

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LOTCIP ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE TODD ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, WOLCOTT

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on September 9, 2022, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, The NVCOG is responsible for selecting and distributing funds to member municipalities under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program ("Program").

WHEREAS, Program guidelines stipulate that changes in cost greater than 20% require review and approval by the Council of Governments.

WHEREAS, the current cost estimate for the proposed project to construct Todd Road Bridge Replacement in Wolcott, Connecticut, funded under the Program, has increased by greater than 20% since endorsed by the NVCOG.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments approves the revised construction cost estimate as enumerated and described in Memorandum 20220829-TODD

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LOTCIP ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR ADA SIDEWALKS WATERTOWN

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WHEREAS, Program guidelines stipulate that changes in cost greater than 20% require review and approval by the Council of Governments.

WHEREAS, the current cost estimate for the proposed project to construct ADA Sidewalks in Watertown, Connecticut, funded under the Program, has increased by greater than 20% since endorsed by the NVCOG.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments approves the revised construction cost estimate as enumerated and described in Memorandum 20220829-ADA SIDEWALKS

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LOTCIP ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE HILLSIDE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, NAUGATUCK

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WHEREAS, The NVCOG is responsible for selecting and distributing funds to member municipalities under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program ("Program").

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG approves the allocation of \$2.24 million in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to fully fund the Hillside Avenue reconstruction project as described and modified in Memorandum 20220228-HILLSIDE.

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LOTCIP ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE ROUTE 64 PLANNING STUDY REPLACEMENT PROJECT, MIDDLEBURY

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on September 9, 2022, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, The NVCOG is responsible for selecting and distributing funds to member municipalities under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program ("Program").

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG approves the allocation of \$300,000 in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to fully fund the Hillside Avenue project as described and modified in Memorandum 20220228-ROUTE 64 PLANNING STUDY.

Dated at	Waterbury	, Connecticut, on	September 9 , 20	22
Agency: Naug	atuck Valley Council o		gned	
			N. Warten Kess, III, Secretary	



LOTCIP ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE & REPLACEMENT PROJECT, WATERBURY

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on September 9, 2022, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, The NVCOG is responsible for selecting and distributing funds to member municipalities under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program ("Program").

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG approves the allocation of \$2.50 million in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to fully fund the Hillside Avenue project as described and modified in Memorandum 20220228- DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE & REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Dated at	Waterbury	_ , Connecticut, on	September 9 , 2022
Agency: Naug	atuck Valley Council o	Governments	
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			N. Warren Hess, III, Secretary
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