



NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

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Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Hybrid Meeting

NVCOG Conference Room

49 Leavenworth Street, 3rd Floor

Waterbury, CT 06702

10 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2023

NVCOG Representatives:

In person: Ed Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston; Neil O’Leary, Mayor, Waterbury

Virtual: David Casseti, Mayor, Ansonia; Gerry Smith, First Selectman, Beacon Falls; Stephen Sordi, First Selectman, Bethlehem; Jeff Caggiano, Mayor, Bristol; Rich Dziekan, Mayor, Derby; Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury; Pete Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck; Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect; Sheila O’Malley, Economic Development Director, proxy for Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Seymour; Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton; Jeff Manville, First Selectman, Southbury; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott; Barbara Perkinson, First Selectwoman, Woodbury.

Guests/Other:

In person: Nita Asani, Waterbury; John Wardzala, The Kennedy Collective

Virtual: Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT; Gary Lane, Avangrid; Jameson Foulke (Sen. Murphy); Meg Hafner, The Kennedy Collective; Ellen Graham (Blumenthal)

Staff:

In person: Rick Dunne, Mark Nielsen, Faith Thurmond, Aaron Budris, Lauren Rizzo, Karen Svetz, Richard Crowther, Jr., Christine O’Neill, Patricia Bruder, Richard Donovan, Elliot Wareham

Virtual: Drew Baklik, Eytayo Olaleye

The meeting may be viewed at the NVCOG YouTube channel: [NVCOG & CNVMPO Meeting - July 21, 2023](#)

1. Commencement of Meeting

Chairman Neil O’Leary called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 2023-21, Project Nos. 0174-470 – Rehab of Bridges in Thomaston, 0151-XXXX – WATER Phase II, Waterbury, and 0171-XXXX Ctfastrak Safety and Accessibility Deployment*

Bob Chatfield MOVED to adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-21, Project No. 0174-470 – Rehab of Bridges in Thomaston; SECONDED by Tom Dunn. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Chatfield MOVED to adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-21, Project No. 0151-XXXX – WATER Phase II, Waterbury and 0171-XXXX Ctfastrak Safety and Accessibility Deployment; SECONDED by Tom Dunn. The motion carried unanimously.

3. NVMCOG Administrative Items

- a. *Approval of the Minutes of the June 16, 2023 CNVMPO and NVMCOG Meeting*

Bob Chatfield MOVED to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2023 CNVMPO and NVMCOG meeting; SECONDED by Ed Mone. The motion carried unanimously.

4. NVMCOG Planning/Transportation

- a. *Approval of NVMCOG Resolution 2024-01, LOTCIP - Seymour Pearl Street*

Ed Mone MOVED to adopt NVMCOG Resolution 2024-01, LOTCIP – Seymour Pearl Street; SECONDED by Rich Dziekan. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. *Approval of NVMCOG Resolution 2024-02, LOTCIP - Bristol Divinity Street Culvert*

Jeff Caggiano MOVED to adopt NVMCOG Resolution 2024-02, LOTCIP – Bristol Divinity Street Culvert; SECONDED by Ed Mone. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. *Approval of NVMCOG Resolution 2024-03, LOTCIP - Bristol Shrub Road Sidewalks*

Jeff Caggiano MOVED to adopt NVMCOG Resolution 2024-03, LOTCIP – Bristol Shrub Road Sidewalks; SECONDED by Ed Mone. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. *Approval of NVMCOG Resolution 2024-04, LOTCIP – Ansonia State Street*

Sheila O’Malley MOVED to adopt NVMCOG Resolution 2024-04, LOTCIP – Ansonia State Street; SECONDED by Rich Dziekan. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Opioid Settlement Update

Chairman O'Leary introduced Nita Asani, a member of his staff that has been working with the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, which he co-chairs with DMHAS Commissioner Nancy Navarretta. Ms. Asani will share information that NVCOG will distribute to the cities and towns outlining the broad framework of uses for the Opioid Settlement funding.

He explained the deep impact the opioid crisis has had statewide, especially in the large cities such as Waterbury. He noted that at least 50 percent of opioid-addicted people became addicts by taking legal prescriptions after surgeries. Because every city and town has signed up for the funding, Connecticut will receive the maximum amount of the award.

He encouraged the cities and towns to take a regional approach on the use of their awards, getting together to provide prevention training and education in the schools. There have been several meetings at which Commissioner Navarretta's staff members Katie Ramos and Chris McClure have taken the lead. They are working on developing a curriculum for parents and students to teach them the dangers of opioids and fentanyl.

Surveys will be sent to every community. Mayor O'Leary suggested getting those surveys out to members of the Boards of Education and educational leaders to see what they feel would address some of their needs. Vice-Chairman Lauretti noted that he feels the public campaign is the most important initiative the towns can undertake. He suggested engaging non-profits that provide social services regionally as well. Mayor O'Leary explained that in addition to the public campaigns that have already taken place (i.e., television, radio, social media, highway billboards) a new campaign of marketing and branding is being developed now. Ms. Ramos and Mr. McClure will speak about this and answer any questions at the next NVCOG meeting in September.

Chairman O'Leary strongly recommended that immediately after the surveys go out, the cities and towns hold their own town meetings with Education present. This would enable them to receive public input and begin the discussion with the goal of implementing age-appropriate curriculum in the schools to battle this crisis. He noted that a regional town meeting, perhaps at a large venue with all the COG member communities invited, may be held in the fall.

Mr. Dunne added that he has tasked Drew Baklik with doing the coordination between the NVCOG towns. Drew will be responsible for gathering the information that comes in either from Ms. Asani or from the towns and the school districts and disseminating it out to the membership. He will also attend any regional meetings slated for this subject.

Chairman O'Leary encouraged any town that hasn't received any Opioid Settlement funding to contact Ms. Asani, who will follow up with the Attorney General's Office on their behalf.

6. **Other** – no items presented.

7. **Adjournment**

At 10:31 a.m., Bob Chatfield MOVED to adjourn; seconded by Ed Mone. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Bruder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia Bruder, Executive Administrative Clerk
for
Pete Hess, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2023-21 – Amendment – FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Central Naugatuck Valley MPO
2. Resolution 2024-01 – LOTCIP – Allocate NVCOG Attributable Funds for the Pearl Street Roadway Reconstruction Project, Seymour
3. Resolution 2024-02 – LOTCIP – Allocate NVCOG Attributable Funds for the Replacement of Divinity Street Culvert over Unnamed Brook, Bristol
4. Resolution 2024-03 – LOTCIP – Allocate NVCOG Attributable Funds for the Installation of Sidewalks Along Shrub Road, Bristol
5. Resolution 2024-04 – LOTCIP – Allocate NVCOG Attributable Funds for State Street, Ansonia



CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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RESOLUTION 2023-21

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 within the Waterbury Urbanized Area and is required to maintain a fiscally constrained program of priority projects; and

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)*; and

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

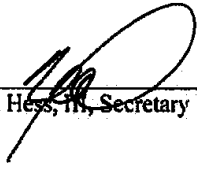
WHEREAS, the proposed projects do not necessitate a new Air Quality Conformity Determination; and

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 Plan for the Central Naugatuck Valley planning region;

BE IT RESOLVED that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO approves the amendment of the FFY 2021-2024 TIP.

This resolution shall become effective as of July 21, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on July 21, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.



N. Warren Hess, III, Secretary

July 21, 2023
Date



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RESOLUTION 2024-02

LOTICIP

**ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF DIVINITY STREET
CULVERT OVER UNNAMED BROOK, BRISTOL**

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on July 21, 2023, 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 \$955 thousand in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to fully fund the Divinity Street Culvert project as described and modified in Memorandum 20230711-DIVINITY.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on July 21, 2023

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed


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RESOLUTION 2024-01

**LOTICIP
ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE PEARL STREET ROADWAY
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, SEYMOUR**

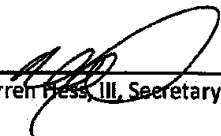
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WHEREAS, The NVCOG is responsible for selecting and distributing funds to member municipalities under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program ("Program").

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG approves the allocation of \$7.14 million in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to fully fund the Pearl Street reconstruction project as described and modified in Memorandum 20230711-PEARL.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on July 21, 2023

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed 
N. Warren Press, III, Secretary

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RESOLUTION 2024-04

**LOTICIP
ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR STATE STREET,
ANSONIA**

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

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

WHEREAS, the current cost estimate for the proposed project to construct State Street Complete Streets Improvement Project in Ansonia, Connecticut, funded under the Program, has increased by greater than 20% since endorsed by the NVCOG;

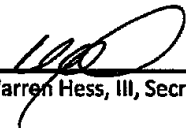
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments approves the revised construction cost estimate as enumerated and described in Memorandum 20230711-STATE.

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RESOLUTION 2024-03

LOTICIP

**ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG
SHRUB ROAD, BRISTOL**

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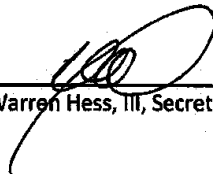
WHEREAS, The NVCOG is responsible for selecting and distributing funds to member municipalities under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program ("Program").

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG approves the allocation of \$1.94 million in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to fully fund the Shrub Road Sidewalk project as described and modified in Memorandum 20230711-SHRUB.

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RESOLUTION 2024-01

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RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, SEYMOUR**

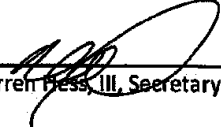
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