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Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and

Central Naugatuck Valley MPO

Virtual Video Conference Meeting (with limited in-person attendance)

10 a.m., Friday, October 9, 2020

NVCOG Representatives: Sheila O'Malley, Alternate, Ansonia; Gerry Smith, First Selectman, Beacon Falls; Len Assard, First Selectman, Bethlehem; Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Mayor, Bristol; Jerry Sitko, Alternate, Cheshire; Andrew Baklik, Alternate, Derby; Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury; Pete Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck; George Temple, First Selectman, Oxford; David Merchant, Mayor, Plymouth; Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect; Kurt Miller, First Selectman, Seymour; Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton; Neil O'Leary, Mayor, Waterbury; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott; Barbara Perkinson, First Selectman, Woodbury.

Guests/Other: Congresswoman Jahana Hayes, Jennine Lupo, De'Marcus Finnell, Office of Congresswoman Hayes; Kevin Zak; Sara Radacsi, CTDOT; Kristyn Rosa, Oxford; Hedy Ayers, Eversource; April Chaplin, Kennedy Center; David Krechevsky, Greater Waterbury Chamber, Lou Mangini, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's Office; Ellen Graham, Senator Richard Blumenthal's Office.

Staff: Rick Dunne, Mark Nielsen, Aaron Budris, Glenda Prentiss, Trish Bauer, Lauren Rizzo, Christian Meyer, John DiCarlo, Karen Svetz, Michael Szpryngel, Richard Crowther, Jr., Gabriel Filer, Ricardo Rodriguez, Lesley Barewin.

1. **Commencement of Meeting (Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Public Comment)**

Chairman Neil O'Leary called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll was called.

Public Comment: Hedy Ayers of Eversource said strategic processing improvements are being put into place to address areas of concern regarding storm-related outages.

Congresswoman Jahana Hayes addressed the board. She spoke about the importance of getting the Heroes Act passed. She is also working on the issues of food security and unemployment compensation. Rep. Hayes noted the importance of infrastructure improvements and making the region attractive to business. Bob Chatfield asked about FEMA reimbursements. Rep. Hayes said a national plan is necessary to address needs as they arise, that she receives frequent updated guidance from FEMA and that the magnitude and duration of the pandemic was unanticipated.

Tom Dunn spoke about the need for support for first responders and appropriate consequences for those who break the law. Rep. Hayes said she fully supports law enforcement. Legislation passed at the federal level calls for transparency, accountability, and reform. Training for police is essential. As part of the discussion, it was noted that the State of Connecticut is reporting a reduction in the amount of violent crime, although not all municipalities are having that experience. Connecticut's Police Reform bill was discussed, and the conversation then moved to transportation issues. Mark Nielsen asked about the prospects and timeline for a new transportation bill. Rep. Hayes said funding had been secured for a study of MetroNorth trains in this area. She said that transportation is a bipartisan top priority and is hopeful to see some action on it in the upcoming sessions that will have positive results for the region.

2. **CNVMPPO Meeting** (*Voting members for these items are limited to the 15 CEOs in the CNVMPO area*)
- a. *2021-2024 TIP Public Comment* – There was no additional public comment on the 2021-2024 TIP.

b. *Approval of Amendments to the 2018-2021 CNVMPO TIP*

- i. Add Project No. 0174-0442: Replace Traffic Control Signals District 4, and Add Project No. 0171-0459: Replace Traffic Control Signals District 1 – On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve CNVMPO Resolution 2021-06 adding both projects referenced above to the 2018-2021 CNVMPO TIP.

- c. *Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2021-2024* – Christian Meyer said the TIP is a list of federally funded projects, has a four-year time frame, and is a living collaborative document that is fiscally constrained. He explained that it must abide by air quality conformity measures. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To endorse CNVMPO Resolution 2021-01 approving the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2021-2024.

d. *Approval of Air Quality Conformity and Determination of TIP and MTP*

- i. Ozone NAAQS NY-NJ-CT Non-Attainment Area
ii. Ozone NAAQS Greater Connecticut Non-Attainment Area
iii. PM2.5 NAAQS Connecticut Portion of the NY-NJ-CT Attainment/Maintenance Area

On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To endorse CNVMPO Resolutions 2021-02, 2021-03, and 2021-04 approving the Air Quality Conformity and Determination of the TIP and MTP.

- e. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2021-05, Self-Certification* – Mr. Meyer explained that Section 450.336 of the Metropolitan Planning Rules (23 CFR Part 450) requires that at least every four years the Metropolitan Planning Organization certify that that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with applicable federal laws and regulations. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To endorse CNVMPO Resolution 2021-05, certifying that the transportation planning process is being conducted in accordance with federal requirements.

- f. *Discussion: Safety Performance Measures* – Mr. Meyer spoke about the safety performance targets set by the Dept. of Transportation. This will be brought before the board for a vote at the November meeting. He spoke about the revised methodology that DOT has used and the 2021 target numbers. There will be loss of autonomy in how federal funds are assigned and used if the targets are not met. He said that meeting the targets should not be an issue for Connecticut.

3. NVCOG Administrative Items

- a. *Approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2020 NVCOG & CNVMPO Meeting* – On a motion by George Temple, seconded by Bob Chatfield, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the September 11, 2020 NVCOG & CNVMPO meeting.

- b. *Approval of Agency Financial Reports and Summaries for Period Ending 8/31/20*- Michael Szpryngel reported that NVCOG is 16.67% through the fiscal year, with a bottom line of \$196,119. There have been no unexpected reductions in funding sources, and the EPA 2016 Assessment Grant has been extended by one year. On a motion by Tom Dunn, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the agency financial reports and summaries for the period ending 8/31/20.

- c. *Director's Report* – Mr. Dunne said he was sure that the board was familiar with the special legislative session items concerning the transfer act, election monitors, and public utility companies. As there were no questions or comments on those items, Mr. Dunne then spoke about the Tingue Dam and the issues concerning fish bypass on the Naugatuck River. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been looking into the issue and responded to NVCOG's written request for information. At the November meeting, an update will be given on a meeting that is scheduled with the Fish and Wildlife Service and with DEEP. Mr. Dunne said there would be a presentation next month by Kevin Zak on the topic of fish bypass. Mayor O'Leary and Mayor Hess indicated their support of the issue.

Mr. Dunne next discussed the Regional Service Grant Annual Report that was recently filed with the legislature. A copy of the report will be distributed to the board members.

4. NVCOG Planning/Transportation

- a. *LOTICIP Update* – Mr. Meyer said this program is moving along well and has funds available to go forward. A number of projects have been completed over the construction season and other projects are approaching final design. \$24.2 million has been expended to date for NVCOG projects, leaving a balance of \$30.3 million. CTDOT also has the authority to request another \$8.8 million in 2021 funds, as needed, from the Connecticut State Bonding Commission.

- b. *Endorsement of Revised Project Cost for Beach Road, Wolcott Project* – Karen Svetz said Beach Road in Wolcott is a very busy minor arterial roadway. As such, when NVCOG performed a preliminary design review, the engineers were asked to take a closer look at improving the roadway geometry in order to improve safety. The engineers have made some significant adjustments to improve the horizontal and vertical curves and added other safety improvements. These changes have caused an increase in the cost of this LOTICIP project beyond the 20% threshold. The changes were presented to and endorsed by TTAC. On a motion by Pete Hess, seconded by Bob Chatfield, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2021-08 approving the revised cost estimate for Beach Road in Wolcott.

c. *Active Transportation Funding Opportunities*

- i. Community Connectivity Grant Program – Christian Meyer said this was a direct solicitation from CTDOT to the municipalities. This competitive grant program supports pedestrian and bicycle safety and improved access to city and town centers. NVCOG staff is available to provide technical assistance with applications. Submittal deadline is October 16, 2020.
- ii. Active Living/Active Transportation Grant – Mr. Meyer explained that this grant is provided through the CT Department of Public Health. Funding is available for complete street educational training or consulting, small scale complete street implementation projects, and bike racks. There is also a “train the trainer” program consisting of a one day workshop presented by Bike Walk CT that will provide educators with resources to implement and teach a bicycling education program in elementary schools, specifically geared toward 4th grade students. NVCOG staff will distribute applications once they become available.

Mark Nielsen said that in the way CTDOT is running the Community Connectivity Grant Program, they are basically bypassing the COGs and soliciting the municipalities directly, which is at cross purposes with the mission of COGs to provide assistance to their communities. Mr. Nielsen said he believes the program could be run more efficiently through the COGs, much in the same way that LOTCIP is run. Rick Dunne added that by CTDOT soliciting directly to 169 towns, municipalities may not be aware that they do not need to hire consultants to write their applications and that the COGs can perform that function. He also said that ratings and rankings should be performed by the COGs and not through CTDOT. He noted that municipalities must be aware that if a project comes in at a higher cost than had been applied for, the town will be responsible for the cost of the overrun.

- d. *Authorization to Apply for FTA Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant* – Mark Nielsen said that NVCOG, as a designated FTA recipient, is considering submitting an application under the FTA Pilot TOD Program. The planning project would focus on the Waterbury Rail Line and develop comprehensive TOD plans for each of the WRL stations. Per FTA requirements, NVCOG would need to create partnerships with each municipality along the line and partner directly with CTDOT on the application. NVCOG has contacted CTDOT. Applications are due October 26, 2020. On a motion by Pete Hess, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To endorse NVCOG Resolution 2021-09 authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application to FTA under the Pilot TOD Program and execute any and all documents and agreements necessary to conduct the planning project, including partnership agreements with the CTDOT – Office of Rails and each municipality along the Waterbury Rail Line.

Mr. Nielsen mentioned that NVCOG recently received the Five-Year Capital Plan from CTDOT. Staff is reviewing the plan and will have a meeting with CTDOT on October 30, 2020. The plan consists of all the highway and transit projects that CTDOT wants to implement over the next five years.

5. Environmental Planning

- a. *Brownfields Activities Update* – Mr. Dunne said progress is being made on bylaw changes for the Connecticut Brownfield Land Bank. An extension was received on an assessment grant. The Revolving Loan Fund that expired with EPA has been closed out, and a new one will be opened this month.

6. Regional and Municipal Shared Services Update

- a. *Household Hazardous Waste Event* – John DiCarlo said the last event for the year was held on September 26 in Ansonia. A meeting with the 15 municipalities participating in the program will take place to establish the 2021 dates.

7. Regional Recreation Guide

Glenda Prentiss said that last year NVCOG staff worked with the Yale-Griffin Prevention Research Center to create an online application that features low-cost and no-cost physical activity resources for the lower Naugatuck Valley communities. In April of this year, NVCOG applied for and received a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation to expand the database to cover the entire Naugatuck Valley Region. An online viewer was created so the public can easily find places where they can participate in outdoor activities to promote a healthy lifestyle. More than 20 types of physical activities were collected. The application was demonstrated, and Ms. Prentiss asked that member municipalities place a link to this resource on their websites so that more people can find and use the information. She will send an email with the link to municipal website administrators and chief elected officials.

8. Emergency Management Update

Rick Dunne reported that the Governor had filed a major disaster declaration with the federal government for Tropical Storm Isaias. Connecticut did not meet the funding thresholds for the August 27 storm, but Connecticut will apply for federal highway funding money for roadway repairs. There have been spikes in coronavirus cases on college campuses, nursing homes, and in certain areas of the state. The federal government shipped 70,000 rapid tests to Connecticut and another 70,000 are expected next week. The phase three business opening is in place with the ability for towns to back off if their particular area is not ready. The Cares Act funding deadline is October 30, 2020. A new executive order is expected from the Governor to clarify the use of hybrid meetings. Distance learning is expected to stay in place for now. Two new concerns are that the northwest portion of the state has few testing centers, and that coronavirus is spreading while the homeless population is rising. The state will be placing more focus on the homeless situation. The Long-Term Recovery Steering Committee is expecting funds from EDA to address long horizon economic recovery activities.

9. Other

Chairman O’Leary asked Kurt Miller to say a few words about his future endeavors. Mr. Miller said he would be starting a new position as Chief Fiscal Officer for the City of Ansonia on 10/13/20. On behalf of the NVCOG board, Chairman O’Leary wished him the best of luck. Mr. Miller said his last

official day as First Selectman of Seymour would be October 20, 2020. At a board meeting on that date, a current member of the Seymour Board of Selectmen will be chosen as his successor.

Chairman O'Leary said he and Mayor Hess had joined together to create a new economic development agency called the Naugatuck Valley Regional Development Corporation. Tom Hyde will be the CEO, and Chairman O'Leary said he would like to have him in attendance at the next NVCOG meeting. Replying to a question from Sheila O'Malley, Chairman O'Leary said the other NVCOG municipalities would be welcome to join the NVRDC.

Andrew Baklik acknowledged and thanked the NVCOG staff for their assistance to the City of Derby.

10. Adjournment

By unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo
Administrative Services Coordinator
for
Ed Mone, Secretary



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RESOLUTION 2021-01

**ENDORSEMENT
FFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR THE
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 develop and endorse a transportation improvement program for the Central Naugatuck Valley metropolitan planning area.

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments is the designated host agency for the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO and has, in consultation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, prepared the *FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization*.

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2021-2024 TIP* lists and describes all transportation improvement projects programmed to receive federal transportation funding assistance from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration over the next four federal fiscal years beginning October 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2021-2024 TIP* establishes project priorities, indicates project schedules, provides project funding estimates, and identifies federal funding programs.

WHEREAS, the financial plan for the *FFY 2021-2024 TIP* is included and demonstrates financial constraint to anticipated federal funding resources expected to be allocated and authorized to the State of Connecticut and the Waterbury Urbanized Area.

WHEREAS, the *FFY 2021-2024 TIP* was made available for public review and comment, and notification of the proposed TIP was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's *Public Outreach Policy* endorsed March 2017 and revised February 2020, including providing a 45-day review and comment period, holding a public information meeting, posting the draft TIP on the NVCOG website and considering public comments in reviewing the draft TIP.

WHEREAS, the proposed *FFY 2021-2024 TIP* has been presented to the CNVMPO, reviewed and discussed.

WHEREAS, the proposed program of projects included in the *FFY 2021-2024 TIP* were assessed for their impact on air quality and the State's ability to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Ozone and PM_{2.5} pollutants and the regional emissions assessments demonstrate that the proposed projects will not have an adverse impact on air quality nor prevent

the State from attaining the air quality standards, as required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Central Naugatuck Valley MPO endorses the *FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization* presented and discussed here today. The endorsement of the FFY 2021-2024 TIP covers a four-year period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024 and is contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during the public review and comment period between August 24, 2020 and October 9, 2020.

This resolution shall become effective as of October 9, 2020.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the CNVMPO at a public meeting held on October 9, 2020, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



N. Warren Hess, Treasurer

October 9, 2020

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RESOLUTION 2021-02

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
OZONE – NY-NJ-CT**

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO that the plans and programs approved today, October 9, 2020 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in this Nonattainment area (Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination April 2020); and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission’s guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO that the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO finds that the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and



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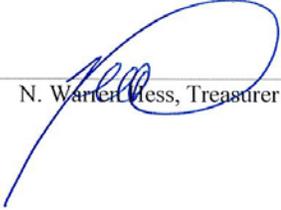
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hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination, dated April 2020, contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO on October 9, 2020.

DATE: October 9, 2020

BY: 
N. Warner Mess, Treasurer



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RESOLUTION 2021-03

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
OZONE - GREATER CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. The plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. The plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. The plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO that the plans and programs approved today, October 9, 2020 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Greater Connecticut Ozone Nonattainment area (Litchfield, Hartford, Tolland, New London and Windham Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in this Ozone Nonattainment area (Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination April 2020); and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission’s guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO that the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO finds that the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of



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Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination dated April 2020, contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO on October 9, 2020.

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RESOLUTION 2021-04

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
PM 2.5 - NY-NJ-CT**

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. The plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. The plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. The plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO that the plans and programs approved on October 9, 2020 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

WHEREAS, the results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM_{2.5} in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO finds that the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51



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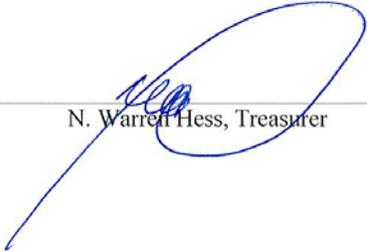
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and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination dated April 2020 contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

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RESOLUTION 2021-05

**URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CERTIFICATION
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO (CVNMPO) is required by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all US Department of Transportation requirements and regulations and must submit such certification concurrent with the submittal of the entire proposed Transportation Improvement Program to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration as part of the STIP approval.

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments is the designated host agency for the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO and conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation and specified in the *FAST Act*, by preparing a Unified Planning Work Program, conducting and performing the transportation planning activities contained in the UPWP, preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), preparing and updating the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and MTP, and proactively involving the public in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

WHEREAS, the *CNVMPO* adheres to the principles of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity, as specified in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Older Americans Act, and regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects and the implementation of an equal opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO, the metropolitan planning organization for the Central Naugatuck metropolitan planning area and the Waterbury urbanized area hereby certifies that the urban transportation planning process has been and is being conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the rules and regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation under the FAST Act and all applicable provisions relative to public and private providers of mass transportation, civil rights, involvement of minority business enterprises, special efforts for elderly and disabled persons, the Clean Air Act and amendments, 23 USC and 49 USC have been satisfied.

This resolution shall become effective as of October 9, 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,



N. Warren Hess, Treasurer

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RESOLUTION 2021-06

**AMENDMENT
FFY 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region (TIP)* at its June 9, 2017, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendment of the FFY 2018-2021 TIP to allocate Surface Transportation Program – Anywhere (STPA) grant funds for projects 0171-0459 and 0174-0442.

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 plan for the Central Naugatuck Valley planning region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO approves the amendment of the FFY 2018-2021 TIP to allocate federal aid funds as listed and described in the attachment to this resolution.

This resolution shall become effective as of October 9, 2020.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on October 9, 2020, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.



N. Warren Hess, Treasurer

October 9, 2020
Date



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RESOLUTION 2021-08

LOTICIP

ENDORSEMENT OF REVISED PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on October 9, 2020, 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 reconstruct Beach Road 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 20201009-LOTICIP.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on October 9, 2020

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed



N. Warren Hess, Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2021-09

**FTA PILOT TOD PROGRAM
ENDORSEMENT TO SUBMIT APPLICATION**

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on October 9, 2020, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, The FTA announced the availability of grant funds under the Pilot TOD Program (“Program”).

WHEREAS, the NVCOG, as a designated recipient of FTA funds, is eligible to apply for a grant under the Program, and the Waterbury Rail Line is the associated transit capital project.

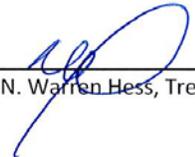
WHEREAS, the NVCOG will use grant funds from the Program to complete comprehensive TOD plans for each of the station area along the Waterbury Rail.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments authorizes the submittal of an application to FTA under the Program and authorizes the Executive Director, Rick Dunne, to execute any and all documents and agreements required by the Program.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on October 9, 2020

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed



N. Warren Hess, Treasurer