



NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

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MINUTES
Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
and
Central Naugatuck Valley MPO
Hybrid Meeting
NVCOG Conference Room
49 Leavenworth Street, 3rd Floor
Waterbury, CT 06702
10 a.m., Friday, March 11, 2022

NVCOG Representatives: Sheila O’Malley, Alternate, Ansonia (virtual); Gerry Smith, First Selectman, Beacon Falls (virtual); Stephen Sordi, First Selectman, Bethlehem (virtual); Jeff Caggiano, Mayor, Bristol (in-person); Andrew Martelli, Alternate, Cheshire (virtual); 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 (virtual); Joe Kilduff, Mayor, Plymouth (virtual); Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect (virtual); Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Seymour (virtual); Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton (in-person); Neil O’Leary, Mayor, Waterbury (virtual); Mark Raimo, Alternate, Watertown (virtual); Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott (in-person); Barbara Perkinson, First Selectwoman, Woodbury (virtual).

Guests/Other: State Representative Geraldo Reyes; John Field, DEMHS Region 5; Sara Radacsi, CTDOT; Hedy Ayers, Eversource; Lou Mangini, Office of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro; Ellen Graham, Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal; State Representative Ron Napoli; Tom Hyde, Naugatuck Valley Regional Development Corp.; State Representative Cindy Harrison; Lisa Slonus, Weston & Sampson; Zack Keith, Waterbury Development Corp.; Jack Walsh, Derby WPCA (all virtual).

Staff: Rick Dunne (in-person); Mark Nielsen (in-person); Aaron Budris (virtual); Joanna Rogalski (virtual); Lauren Rizzo (in-person); John DiCarlo (virtual); Michael Szpryngel (in-person); Richard Crowther, Jr. (in-person); Josh Lecar (in-person); Richard Donovan (virtual); Kevin Ellis (in-person).

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. There was no public comment.

2. CNVMPO Meeting (Voting members for these items are limited to the 15 CEOs in the CNVMPO area)

- a. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2022-08 – TIP Amendments for Project 0171-0459* – Kevin Ellis said this addition to the TIP is for the installation and revision of traffic control signals in District 1. The modifications may also include upgrades to pedestrian features. One traffic signal within the CNVMPO is included in this project. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2022-08 approving the above listed TIP amendment.

- b. *Interchange Exit Renumbering* – Mark Nielsen explained that CTDOT is undertaking a comprehensive renumbering of exit numbers on expressways throughout the state. The new numbering system will be based on location reference to mileage as opposed to consecutive numbering. Renumbering is being completed as signs along the expressways are being replaced and upgraded. This system is required by the Manual of Uniform Traffic

Control Devices (MUTCD). Mr. Nielsen reviewed the schedule for implementing route renumbering and the renumbering plan for Route 8 through the Naugatuck Valley.

- c. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2022-09 – Endorsement of Waterbury RAISE Grant Application: WATER Phase 2* – Mr. Nielsen said the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program is intended to provide states and communities with funds to implement projects that will have significant local or regional impact. RAISE is the successor to the TIGER and BUILD programs. Waterbury was awarded a previous federal grant under the TIGER program. That project was known as WATER – Waterbury Active Transportation and Economic Resurgence. It reconstructed Freight Street and rehabilitated and extended Jackson Street. A key component of the WATER project involving the Waterbury section of the Naugatuck River Greenway (NRG) was unfunded but remains a priority to the city. Waterbury will submit a project proposal under the RAISE program. Elements of the proposed project include extending the NRG Trail from Eagle Street to West Main Street, implementing various improvements along West Main Street from Riverside Drive to the Green, converting a vacant parcel into the riverfront park, and installing EV charging stations at the Waterbury train station. On a motion by Tom Dunn, seconded by Ed St. John, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2022-09 expressing the CNVMPO’s support of the project and authorizing the Executive Director to prepare, sign and submit a letter of support.

3. **NVCOG Administrative Items**

- a. *Approval of the Minutes of the February 11, 2022 NVCOG & CNVMPO Meeting* – On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Rich Dziekan, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the February 11, 2022 NVCOG and CNVMPO meeting.

- b. *Approval of Agency Financial Reports and Summaries for the Period Ending 1/31/22* – Michael Szpryngel reviewed the financial report. NVCOG is 58% through the fiscal year and the net position is \$171,000. There have been no significant changes in funding sources or activities and no significant unexpected expenses. Additionally, the expected Regional Service Grant (RSG) funds were recently received. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

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

- c. *Approval of FTA Capital Program Certifications and Assurances FY 22* – Rick Dunne explained that approval of the FTA Capital Program Certifications and Assurances is requested each year for a program in Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, and Shelton. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2022-13, FTA Capital Program Certifications and Assurances for FY 22.

- d. *Review of Preliminary FY 2023 Budget Estimates and Dues Schedule* – Rick Dunne provided updates to the preliminary FY 2023 budget and dues schedule. The budget is balanced with

the assumption there will be no increase in the RSG from the state. A 5% dues increase is included in the schedule. Another assumption is that all available federal funds will be billed. The budget will not be adopted until May or June, following the legislative session. The dues schedule anticipates the 5% increase but also utilizes a different population base from census. The region's population was 447,750 in 2010 and in 2020 the population was 450,376. Even with a 5% increase, there are varying rates of increases to programming funding because of population change. The total increase at 5% is approximately \$11,000.

- e. *Director's Report* – Rick Dunne said the NVision event has been rescheduled to September 13, 2022 at the Palace Theater

Mr. Dunne displayed a draft flow chart showing a process by which competitive federal grants are aggregated at the COG level. The chart will be the basis of discussion with state Department of Revenue Services Commissioner Boughton's office, CTDOT, and the COGs. Municipalities would identify projects and forward them to the COGs for review and evaluation of grouping projects for regional implementation. COGs will submit endorsed prioritized lists of projects to CTDOT. CTDOT will review project scopes for program eligibility, endorse the project groupings and provide pre-application approvals. If CTDOT responds to the COGs and municipalities with approval, COG staffs would draft the applications for submission. Details are being finalized.

Mr. Dunne said there were two bills raised in the legislature this year that he wanted the board to be aware of. The first bill proposes to provide an option for town road aid to be aggregated at the COG level. The second bill proposes a pilot program for the Capitol Region Council of Governments to work with OPM to determine how small transportation projects can be delegated to MPOs for design. Neither of these bills has been initiated or sponsored by the COGs.

Mayor Lauretti inquired about the status and next steps concerning the regional wastewater treatment consolidation study. Rick Dunne said the study was complete, published, and had been presented publicly. The next step would be for the three involved towns to get together and determine how they would share in the estimated \$65 million savings.

Mayor Lauretti inquired as to who had the responsibility of maintaining the travel portion of the Derby-Shelton bridge, as it is in disrepair. Mark Nielsen said this was a CTDOT project. Mr. Dunne said staff would contact CTDOT.

Mr. Dunne said he is arranging a discussion with CTDOT about the level of funding in the LOTCIP program which has not kept up with the original arrangement with the state that was to swap, dollar for dollar, state for federal dollars. The federal dollars have increased, the state dollars to LOTCIP in their place have not. Mr. Dunne is hopeful for a resolution which will allow regions like NVCOG, that program aggressively, to have those funds in place in the state bond package this year.

4. **Municipal Shared Services**

John DiCarlo said OPM is funding applications for the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP). The program has not been funded since 2015. Potential applications include a regional subscription to Nearmap for on demand, high resolution imagery, which would be useful to

assessors and other municipal departments. Other possible applications include assistance for MS4 compliance and brownfields.

Additionally, Mr. DiCarlo said NVCOG continues to look for ways to reduce municipal solid waste disposal costs. A possible RPIP application would be for a regional composting site. NVCOG continues to work with DEEP and six towns to receive funding for the sustainable materials grant program. Tom Dunn said legislative testimony had been given to keep the MIRA plant from closing. The cost of transporting food waste is an ongoing concern. Ed St. John said Middlebury and Naugatuck are working together concerning a potential anaerobic digesting facility in Naugatuck.

5. Emergency Management Update

- a. *COVID Response Update* – Joanna Rogalski said during the last meeting of the long-term recovery committee for Region 5, the focus was on health and human services issues and jobs and business. Housing and childcare remain concerns. An update on projects that were submitted to FEMA Region 1 in October of 2021 is expected on March 29. John Field said today is the final day for resource requests for PPE and test kits. The warehouse is being transitioned over to the state Department of Public Health. Some of the medical assistance provided by the National Guard is being phased out. The collection of data continues for COVID public assistance through FEMA’s program.

Mr. Field said DEMHS Region 5 is putting together a school safety and security working group. Planning for avian influenza has begun. Planned hurricane exercises will take place with the National Weather Service.

- b. *Regional Emergency Planning Team Update* – Ms. Rogalski a CEO meeting will take place on March 14. Those unable to attend are encouraged to send a proxy. An emergency management and cybersecurity training program will take place on March 31.
- c. *Community Emergency Response Team Update* – Ms. Rogalski said the next meeting of the statewide Citizens Corps will take place on March 17. A more targeted Region 5 meeting will take place on March 15.

6. NVCOG Planning/Transportation

- a. *LOTICIP*
 - i. *Financial Plan Update* – Mark Nielsen displayed a chart showing NVCOG’s LOTICIP financial plan. As had been noted earlier, NVCOG is approaching its full allocation. At approximately mid-point next year, NVCOG may be in a short-lived deficit situation until the next allocation is received. Mr. Nielsen noted that as the federal aid dollars that NVCOG “trades” with the state go up, NVCOG should be seeing an increase in LOTICIP funding, but this has not yet occurred. Mr. Nielsen said the projects or project price increases to be voted on today are included in the financial plan.
 - ii. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2022-11, New Project – Wolcott, Todd Bridge Road Replacement* – Kevin Ellis said Bridge No. 166006 over Lily Brook will be replaced in its entirety. The current project construction cost is estimated at approximately \$980,000. The municipality will be responsible for all associated design costs. On a motion by Pete Hess, seconded by Rich Dziekan, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2022-11, committing regionally apportioned LOTCIP funds to the above-described roadway reconstruction project in the Town of Wolcott.

- iii. Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2022-12, Price Increase – Naugatuck, Rubber Avenue Reconstruction – Kevin Ellis said the reconstruction of Rubber Avenue in Naugatuck was first endorsed by the NVCOG board in 2015. In 2020, CTDOT approved the project application and provided the Commitment to Fund. The current construction estimate will require a LOTCIP allocation of \$7.6 million for the reconstruction of this roughly 3,600-foot section of road which includes a new roundabout at the intersection with Meadow Street. NVCOG staff, with the guidance of the NVCOG TTAC, have reviewed the application and concur with the current estimate. On a motion by Tom Dunn, seconded by Ed St. John, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2022-12, approving the revised construction cost estimate for Rubber Avenue in Naugatuck.

- iv. Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2022-15, Price Increase – Waterbury Exchange Place Phase 2 Renovation Project – Mark Nielsen said the renovation and streetscape improvements along Bank Street, South Main Street, and North Main Street in Waterbury were initially included in the East Main Street project and were subsequently separated from that project to permit East Main Street to proceed. The cost estimates were revised and updated based on the final design plans and additional work required because of planned utility work. The project has been approved by CTDOT and the Commitment to Fund has been provided. The current construction estimate will require a LOTCIP allocation of \$10.2 million. NVCOG staff reviewed the revised cost estimates, discussed them with municipal staff, and concur with the current estimate. On a motion by Tom Dunn, seconded by Rich Dziekan, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2022-15, approving the revised construction cost estimate for the Exchange Place Phase 2 project in Waterbury.

- b. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2022-14 – Endorsement of Waterbury RAISE Grant Application: WATER Phase 2* – Mark Nielsen said this request is asking the NVCOG board to support the project and authorize the Executive Director to prepare a letter of support. On a motion by Rich Dziekan, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2022-14, expressing the NVCOG’s support of the project and authorizing the Executive Director to prepare, sign and submit a letter of support.

- c. *Discussion: I-84/Route 8 Interchange Assessment – NewMix* – Mark Nielsen said CTDOT initiated a planning and engineering assessment of the Route 8 and I-84 interchange in 2017. The planning study is intended to evaluate the condition of the interchange, assess possible improvement actions and determine their respective feasibility, and identify preferred actions and alternatives in the immediate, mid-term and long-term. An existing conditions report has been prepared and a fiscal warning was made in 2018 regarding the

cost of implementing preliminary actions. A project to extend the useful life of the interchange is currently underway. It is expected that this project will extend the life of the interchange by 25 years. This indicates that a major replacement/reconstruction of the interchange will not occur until about 2045. Mr. Nielsen said CTDOT recently established a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) process to determine and assess the potential community impacts of the future improvements to the interchange. The PEL process incorporates environmental, community, and economic goals in the very early planning and design phases of transportation projects/programs. As part of the PEL process, CTDOT established a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to discuss the future direction of the project and inform the project team regarding community impacts of potential actions. Mr. Nielsen is a part of the PAC, focusing on more immediate actions that the city may be interested in pursuing. There have been three PAC meetings to date and discussions have focused on a review of deficiencies, the drafting of a purpose and needs statement, and discussion of member perspectives on existing problems and associated impacts to the city. Mr. Nielsen will continue to provide updates to the NVCOG members.

- d. *Active Transportation Plan – Request for Advisory Committee Members* – Rich Donovan said NVCOG planning staff began work last summer on a regional active transportation plan. The next phase of the study includes assembling an advisory committee of statewide and municipal and local staff members to advise and guide activities. Mr. Donovan requested recommendations from the NVCOG CEOs for members of their municipal staff to serve on the committee. In addition to engineering and public works staff, Mr. Donovan would also like recommendations that include board of education members and police officers. The first meeting of the committee will take place in April or May.

7. Environmental Planning

- a. *Discussion and Update of NVCOG Representative to the Regional Brownfield Partnership* – Rick Dunne said the Executive Committee made the appointment of Roy Cavanaugh from the City of Waterbury to the NVCOG vacant position on the Regional Brownfield Partnership board.
- b. *Discussion and Nomination of Slate of Directors to the Connecticut Brownfield Land Bank* – Mr. Dunne said the NVCOG Executive Committee appointed a nominating committee consisting of Mayor Dunn and Mayor Hess. They will present a list to the board for the nomination of up to 11 members to the land bank.
- c. *Composter and Rain Barrel Sale Update* – Aaron Budris said the 2022 NVCOG composter and rain barrel sale started earlier this week. The online store is now open at www.nvcogct.gov/compostersale. Residents can order backyard composters, rain barrels, and accessories directly from the online store which will be open until May 19. Orders will be picked up on May 21 at two events NVCOG will be hosting from 9am – 11am at the Seymour Community Center and from 1pm – 3pm at the Bethlehem Fire Department. Mr. Budris asked that municipal staff help to publicize the event by sharing NVCOG’s posts on social media and municipal websites, or by posting flyers in municipal buildings. A memo and digital flyer were sent to municipalities earlier in the week.

- d. *Kinneytown Dam Update* – Aaron Budris provided an update on actions and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) docket filings. On February 11, NVCOG and its coalition partners filed comments detailing Hydroland’s continued non-compliance and the impending impact to the 2022 and 2023 fish passage seasons at Kinneytown Dam. Since Hydroland has failed to meet several deadlines imposed by the FERC in a compliance letter dated December 22, 2021, the coalition requested that FERC issue civil monetary penalties or pursue revocation of the facility’s license exemption. On February 16, FERC filed a memorandum outlining a phone discussion held that day between FERC staff and Hydroland CEO Cory Lagerstom and Hydroland staff member Don Emel. Commission staff expressed the importance of consultation with the resource agencies. Senators Blumenthal and Murphy and Representatives DeLauro, Hayes and Himes filed a letter with FERC on February 28, expressing frustration with Hydroland’s continued inaction and asking the Commission to implement enforcement measures. The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) filed a letter with FERC on March 2, explaining that Hydroland failed to meet additional deadlines set forth in FERC’s December 22 order. Coalition partners and Mayors Hess and O’Leary met with FERC staff on March 8 to discuss details of the February 16 FERC phone call with Hydroland. Hydroland had expressed confidence that they would be able to bring the facility into compliance but gave several excuses for continued delays. Coalition partners explained they had little confidence in Hydroland’s understanding of what will be required for to be fully compliant for fish passage.

Additionally, during a site visit last week, Unit 1 was not running, and it is NVCOG’s understanding that the facility is still not producing electricity. Except for an access road being newly gated and posted, no new improvements were noted. Schooling fish were noted in the reservoir above the dam, although their species could not be identified.

Staff updated the interactive storymap to reflect recent events and FERC docket filings.

NVCOG staff and Naugatuck River Restoration Coalition partners are monitoring the facility and working with the resource agencies to ensure compliance and hold Hydroland accountable. NVCOG staff will continue to advise the board regarding direct actions it may take with FERC and will continue to brief federal delegation staff.

Mayor O’Leary requested that photography and videography of the plight of the fish at Kinneytown Dam continue to be documented.

8. Other

Mayor O’Leary brought up the topic of municipal property tax revaluation and the increasing property values on the residential level compared to property values on the commercial level. He said that Waterbury will most likely be using a phased-in approach, but another option before the legislature is to delay revaluation. He asked that any CEO that is considering delaying revaluation and/or phasing it in relay this information to NVCOG.

Mayor O’Leary also said there is a public hearing in the Connecticut General Assembly on Monday concerning juvenile justice issues. The CEOs may weigh-in on this issue through verbal testimony or by submitting written testimony through CCM. Another option would be for the CEO to contact CCM and advise them that he or she sees the juvenile justice package as extremely important.

9. **Adjournment**

At 11:36 a.m., on a motion by Tom Dunn, seconded by Rich Dziekan, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

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



**CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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RESOLUTION 2022-08

**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 plan 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 March 11, 2022.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on March 11, 2022, 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

March 11, 2022
Date



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RESOLUTION 2022-09

**SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF WATERBURY RAISE GRANT APPLICATION
WATER PROJECT PHASE 2
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

WHEREAS, the USDOT has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity* or *RAISE* discretionary grant program.

WHEREAS, the City of Waterbury will submit a project proposal under the RAISE program to:

- Extend the NRG Trail from Eagle Street to West Main Street
- Implement various improvements along West Main Street from Riverside Drive to the Green, including a road-diet, pedestrian enhancements, and bicycle lanes
- Convert a vacant parcel along Jackson Street into a riverfront park
- Install Electrical Vehicle charging stations at the Waterbury train station

WHEREAS, the proposed project will continue the City’s efforts to extend its Naugatuck River Greenway Trail and to make significant transportation infrastructure improvements that will generate opportunities for economic reinvestment as well as promote job creation and an overall improved quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO supports the project and the City’s application for funding assistance under the RAISE program.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 11, 2022.

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N. Warren Hess, Secretary

March 11, 2022

Date

RESOLUTION 2022-11

**LOTICIP
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 March 11, 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 \$1.2 million in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to fully fund the Todd Road Bridge Replacement project as described and modified in Memorandum 20220228-TODD.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 11, 2022

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed 
N. Warren Hess, III, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2022-12

**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 March 11, 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 reconstruct Rubber Avenue in Naugatuck, 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 20220228-RUBBER.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 11, 2022

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed 
N. Warren Hess, III, Treasurer

Resolution 2022-13

FTA Assistance – Certifications & Assurances FY 2022

WHEREAS, the **NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS** (hereinafter “NVCOG”), has sought assistance from the **FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION** (hereinafter “FTA”) pursuant to certain Assistance Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the FTA requires that each Applicant which seeks FTA assistance provide various certifications and assurances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NVCOG makes the certifications and assurances with respect to Categories 1 through 15, Categories 17 and 18, and Category 21 as set forth in the *Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs* (hereinafter the “FTA Certifications and Assurances”) and agrees that it has complied as of this date and that it will continue to comply with all the applicable requirements for Categories 1 through 15, Categories 17 and 18, and Category 21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NVCOG shall comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, requirements and guidance applicable to the FTA programs for which the Applicant has sought assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is duly authorized to make and execute the foregoing FTA Certifications and Assurances and the Affirmation of Applicant contained therein.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut on March 11, 2022

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed:



N. Warren Hess, III, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2022-15

**LOTICIP
ENDORSEMENT OF REVISED PROJECT COST ESTIMATE**

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

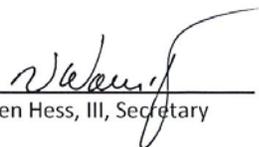
WHEREAS, the current cost estimate for the proposed project to renovate and install streetscape improvements along Bank Street, South Main Street and North Main Street in Waterbury, Connecticut, funded under the Program, has increased by greater than 20% since endorsed by the NVCOG.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments approves the revised construction cost estimate as enumerated and described in Memorandum 20220311-EXCHANGE.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 11, 2022

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed


N. Warren Hess, III, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2022-14

**SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF WATERBURY RAISE GRANT APPLICATION
WATER PROJECT PHASE 2
NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the USDOT has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity* or *RAISE* discretionary grant program.

WHEREAS, the City of Waterbury will submit a project proposal under the RAISE program to:

- Extend the NRG Trail from Eagle Street to West Main Street
- Implement various improvements along West Main Street from Riverside Drive to the Green, including a road-diet, pedestrian enhancements, and bicycle lanes
- Convert a vacant parcel along Jackson Street into a riverfront park
- Install Electrical Vehicle charging stations at the Waterbury train station

WHEREAS, the proposed project will continue the City's efforts to extend its Naugatuck River Greenway Trail and to make significant transportation infrastructure improvements that will generate opportunities for economic reinvestment as well as promote job creation and an overall improved quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments supports the project and the City's application for funding assistance under the RAISE program.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 11, 2022.

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