



NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

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AGENDA
Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
and
Central Naugatuck Valley MPO
Hybrid Meeting
49 Leavenworth Street, 3rd Floor
Waterbury, CT 06702
10 a.m., Friday, April 21, 2023

Prior to the start of the meeting, there will be a presentation about MyCT Savings by Lisa Kidder, Strategic Communications Manager, Office of the Connecticut State Comptroller.

1. Commencement of Meeting
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. 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 2023-16, TIP Amendments – Project Nos. 0170-3688, 0174-0466, 0170-5025, and 0080-0135 (*Kevin Ellis, attachment, motion*)

3. NVCOG Administrative Items
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2023 CNVMPO and NVCOG meeting (*attachment, motion*)
 - b. Approval of Agency Financial Reports and Summaries for the period ending 3/31/23 (*Michael Szpryngel, attachment, motion*)
 - c. Director's Report
 - Legislative Update (*Drew Baklik*)
 - Opioid Advisory Committee (*Drew Baklik*)

4. Emergency Management (*Joanna Rogalski and John Field*)
 - a. Regional Emergency Planning Team Update
 - b. Community Emergency Response Team Update

5. NVCOG Planning/Transportation
 - a. Sustainable CT Fellow Update (*Christine O'Neill*)
 - b. Waterbury Line Station Projects Update (*Rich Donovan*)

6. Environmental Planning
 - a. Discussion of Solid Waste Management (*Commissioner Katie Dykes or her representative from CTDEEP*)
 - b. MSW/Recycling Update (*Christine O'Neill, attachments*)
 - c. Environmental Sustainability Forum on Invasives, 4/27 (*Christine O'Neill, attachment*)

7. Other

8. Adjournment

Called by
Neil O'Leary, Chairman

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April 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM: 20230421-TIP Amendments for Projects 0174-0466, 0170-3688, 0170-5025, 0080-0135, 0017-0191

To: Central Naugatuck Valley MPO Board Members and Alternates
From: Elliot Wareham, Transportation Planner
Subject: Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

The CT DOT is requesting several changes to the CNV MPO 2021-24 TIP, including the addition of several new projects.

Project No. 0174-0466 – Retaining Walls Pod 4C

Project 0174-0466 involved replacement, rehabilitation, and elimination of deficient retaining wall structures in a region designated Pod 4C, located in District 4.

The project’s total cost is \$20,689,000. Federal share is \$16,471,000, and state share is \$4,118,000. There is no local share.

Funding Code	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
STPA	ROW	2024	100	80	20	0	New project
STPA	CON	FYI	20,489	16,391	4,098	0	New project

Project No. 0170-3688 – ALT/FCHT Connector Study

Project 0170-3688 is a proposed study to determine the best route to connect the State’s two most significant and longest multi-use trails: the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail and the Air Line State Park. The connector would begin in Portland at the westernmost terminus of the ALT, connecting to the FCHT in Cheshire. Approximately half of the route of the ALT-FCT Connector has either been constructed in the form of existing off-road and on-road routes, or it has been planned or designed, or is in the process of being planned or designed by the municipalities. This project will identify and prioritize route options for the other half of the trail, which has not been studied in sufficient detail to allow it to be improved for safe and inviting bicycle transportation and recreation.

The project’s total cost is \$350,000. Federal share is \$280,000, state share is \$35,000, and local share is \$35,000. The local match will come from a State Urban Act Grant awarded to the City of Middletown.

Funding Code	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
STPA	PL	2023	350	280	35	35	New project

Project No. 0170-5025 – Statewide Various Sign Support

Project 0170-5025 will install and remove overhead sign supports at 18 locations statewide.

The project’s total cost is \$10,400,000. Federal share is \$8,320,000, and state share is \$2,080,000. There is no local share.

Funding Code	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
STPA	CON	2023	10,400	8,320	2,080	0	New project

Project No. 0080-0135 - Middlebury Bridge Replacement

Project 0080-0135 is the replacement of a non-NBI bridge (culvert) carrying I-84 over Wooster Brook in Middlebury.

The project’s total cost is \$12,226,000. Federal share is \$11,003,000, and state share is \$1,223,000. There is no local share.

Funding Code	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
NHPP	PD	2023	816	735	82	0	New project
NHPP	FD	FYI	583	525	58	0	New project
NHPP	CON	FYI	10,825	9,743	1,083	0	New project

Project No. 0017-0191 – Realign CT 72 in Bristol at Memorial, Blakeslee, and Downs

Project 0080-0135 is being deleted due to a new external funding source.

Funding Code	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
NHPP	ROW	2023	-300	-240	-60	0	Delete project
NHPP	FD	2023	-750	-600	-150	0	Delete project
NHPP	CON	FYI	-7,300	-5,840	-1,460	0	Delete project

Recommendation:

MOTION: To adopt CNVMPO resolution 2023-16 approving the TIP amendments listed above.



RESOLUTION 2023-16

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 March 17, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

N. Warren Hess, Secretary, III

March 17, 2023
Date



MINUTES

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Hybrid Meeting

NVCOG Conference Room

49 Leavenworth Street, 3rd Floor

Waterbury, CT 06702

10 a.m., Friday, March 17, 2023

NVCOG Representatives: David Cassetti, Mayor, Sheila O'Malley, Alternate, Ansonia (both virtual); Gerry Smith, First Selectman (in-person), Michael Krenesky, Alternate (virtual); Stephen Sordi, First Selectman, Bethlehem (virtual); Jeff Caggiano, Mayor, Bristol (in-person); Andrew Martelli, Alternate, Cheshire (virtual); Roger Salway, Proxy, Derby (virtual); Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury (virtual); Fran Dambowsky, Proxy, Naugatuck (in-person); George Temple, First Selectman, Oxford (in-person); Joe Kilduff, Mayor, Plymouth (in-person); Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Seymour (virtual); Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton (in-person); Ed Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston (in-person); Mark Raimo, Town Manager, Watertown (virtual); Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott (virtual); Barbara Perkinson, First Selectwoman, Woodbury (virtual).

Guests/Other: Ellen Graham, Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal (virtual); John Field, DEMHS Region 5 (virtual); Gary Lane, Avangrid (virtual); Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT (in-person); Tommy Hyde, NVRDC (virtual); Antonietta Cotton, Avangrid (virtual); Betty Bajak, GWTD (virtual), Zach McKeown, CCM (in-person), John Wardzala, The Kennedy Collective (in-person).

Staff: Rick Dunne, Aaron Budris, Faith Thurmond, Richard Donovan, Eytayo Olaleye (all virtual); Mark Nielsen, Joanna Rogalski, Lauren Rizzo, Karen Svez, Michael Szpryngel, Richard Crowther, Jr., Christine O'Neill, Josh Lecar, Kevin Ellis, Steven Perry, Drew Baklik (all in-person).

1. Commencement of Meeting

Vice Chairman Mark Lauretti called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 2023-09, TIP Amendments – Project Numbers 0170-3667, 0170-3668, 0170-3682, 0170-3684, 0171-0496, 0174-0442, 0151-0341, and 0130-0193* – Kevin Ellis described the projects. Project No. 0170-3667 involves Statewide Transportation Demand Management in CT, Project No. 0170-3668 involves Statewide Transportation Demand Management in NY, NJ and CT, Project No. 0170-3682 is for NEVI Program Phase 1 Administration, Project No. 0170-3684 is for Resiliency Improvement Plan and Vulnerability Assessment, Project No. 0171-0496 is to Replace, Remove, or Rehab Retaining Walls Pod 1A, Project No. 0174-0442 is to Replace Traffic Control Signals, Project No. 0151-0341 is to Widen I-84 Eastbound in Waterbury, and Project 0130-0193 is for I-84 Pavement Rehabilitation. On a motion by Gerry Smith, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-09, endorsing the TIP Amendments listed above.

- b. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2023-10 – Endorsement of the Bridgeport-Stamford Urban Area Congestion Management Process* – Rich Donovan said one of the federal

requirements for transportation management areas or urban areas of greater than 200,000 residents is the development and maintenance of a congestion management process. As the CNVMPO has municipalities that are part of the Bridgeport-Stamford urban area, NVCOG staff worked in conjunction with Metro COG and West COG to develop an updated TMA-wide congestion management process. While NVCOG does not technically need to endorse this as an NVCOG process, because of the work staff put into it and the benefit it provides to NVCOG towns, it is worthwhile to do so. On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Joe Kilduff, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-10.

- c. *Air Quality Conformity Determination Presentation and Public Comment* – Rich Donovan said CTDOT does air quality modeling for all projects included within the short-term TIP for the MPOs across the state, as well as in the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plans. NVCOG received its air quality modeling conformity determination in February, which shows steadily declining emissions from transportation to well within the federal standards for each nonattainment area. A just under 40 day public comment period was held. No comments were received. Mr. Donovan opened the floor to public comment and/or questions. There were no questions or comments.
- d. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolutions 2023-12, 2023-13, and 2023-14 – Endorsement of CTDOT Air Quality Conformity Determination* – Mr. Donovan said these three resolutions could be handled in one motion. Resolution 2023-12 is for conformity with the Clean Air Act, Greater Connecticut Ozone Nonattainment Zone, Resolution 2023-13 is for conformity with the Clean Air Act, Connecticut portion of the NY-NJ-CT Ozone Nonattainment Zone, and Resolution 2023-14 is for conformity with the Clean Air Act, Connecticut PM2.5 Nonattainment Zone. On a motion by Tom Dunn, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolutions 2023-12, 2023-13, and 2023-14.

- e. *NVision50 Presentation and Public Comment* – Mr. Donovan said NVCOG staff worked for 15 months on this update to the CNVMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The Plan, NVision50, represents the long-range goals and vision for transportation across the 15-town CNVMPO region. The plan looks at every mode of transportation in the region and develops a list of strategies and projects NVCOG staff would like to see happen over the course of the 28-year timeframe of the document. There is a focus on safety and also on maintaining the existing system with minor improvements, and expanding and improving transit services. The design and maintenance of multi-use trails has been incorporated into the document. The final draft document has been available for comment for just under 40 days. The comments received were for technical corrections and for the potential to use unused transportation rights-of-way for solar energy production. Mr. Donovan then opened the floor to public comment about NVision50 and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. There were no comments.
- f. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2023-15 – Adoption of NVision50: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Naugatuck Valley COG and Central Naugatuck Valley MPO* – On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by George Temple, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-15, endorsing NVision50: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Naugatuck Valley COG and Central Naugatuck Valley MPO as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Central Naugatuck Valley.

- g. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2023-11 – Annual Urban Self Certification* – Mark Nielsen said that the Metropolitan Planning Rules require that at least every four years the Metropolitan Planning Organization certify 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 Ed Mone, seconded by Joe Kilduff, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-11, certifying that the transportation planning process is being conducted in accordance with federal requirements.

3. NVCOG Administrative Items

- a. *Approval of the Minutes of the February 17, 2023 CNVMPO and NVCOG Meeting* – On a motion by Joe Kilduff, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the February 17, 2023 CNVMPO and NVCOG meeting.

- b. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-15 – FTA Capital Program Certifications and Assurances FY 23* – Mark Nielsen explained that since NVCOG is a direct recipient of FTA funding, each year it must adopt the FTA's Certifications and Assurances which apply to any project that uses FTA funds. The Certifications and Assurances were reviewed by NVCOG's attorney and assert that the agency will abide by the applicable provisions required by FTA. On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-15.

- c. *Approval of Agency Financial Reports and Summaries for the Period Ending 2/28/23* – Mike Szpryngel reviewed the financial report. NVCOG is eight months through the fiscal year with a net position of \$127,830 and is on target to break even at the end of the year. The cash balance is \$1.25 million, and the general fund has an unrestricted balance of \$878,826. Deferred revenue is \$1.1 million. NVCOG is on target for spending all major funding sources, there have been no unexpected funding cuts, and there is a possibility of additional funds. The expense summary shows that legal expenses for Kinneytown Dam have been high, but a \$60,000 reimbursement is expected through the NOAA grant. IT contracts and printing have been running high and will be adjusted in the budget revision. On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously

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

- d. *Review of FY 2022 Audit Report* – Mr. Szpryngel reviewed the agency audit report for the period ending 6/30/22. He said a deficit budget had been adopted and the agency has a net position surplus of \$30,749. The audit found no findings nor weaknesses in internal controls. The fiscal year ended with a cash balance of just under \$940,000, the general fund unrestricted balance was \$878,722, deferred revenue was \$595,259, and the actual indirect cost rate was 124.1%, which will be applied in FY 2024. There was a change in the net position of governmental activities of (\$83,624). Mr. Szpryngel explained this is a financial statement adjustment that the auditors made after their review. It is attributable to depreciation expense and how compensated absences are reported. He said that even though NVCOG is up \$30,749 on the books, just for financial statement analysis it is indicating a decrease, attributable as noted above. There was also a change to the audit report concerning the lease agreement. The GASB 87 rule compares the value of a short-term lease to the cost of NVCOG owning its own office space. Applying accounting principles, this rule compares the cost of paying interest to the cost of paying rent, and seeks to determine whether money would be saved or lost. In this case, over a five-year period, approximately \$32,000 would be saved by ownership, but the rule also makes an assumption of the fair market value of the leased space of the contract, so it is not exactly comparing apples to apples. Mr. Szpryngel said the new rule now shows the comparison, but it has no material impact.
- e. *Approval of FY 2023 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments* – Mr. Szpryngel said he had sent a version of this report last week and First Selectman Mone had advised him of an error. There was a problem with how the formula calculated salary. He said that when he initially made the budget adjustments, the figures were a little different, and the error somehow came into play. Upon correction of the error, it brought him back to what he had initially calculated, so there will be some variance between the initial report and the one he sent out yesterday. He said the main reason for the budget adjustment is due to a significant increase in funding: IJJA funds of \$300,000 and an SMM grant of \$35,000. He still estimates a year end projection of \$0, a balanced budget. Additionally, some legal expenses for Kinneytown will be reimbursed through the NOAA grant, but not all of them. Updates and improvements must be made to the existing office space and will span this fiscal year and the next. The advertising and printing line items increased due to public outreach initiatives. Finally, there were some other expense adjustments, such as for office supplies, due to the increase in staff. Responding to a question from Mark Lauretti, Mr. Szpryngel said the variance column on page 3 of the fiscal year 2023 adjustment report outlines the line item increases from the FY 2023 adopted budget. Rick Dunne and Mr. Szpryngel responded to questions about line items that increased. On a motion by Jeff Caggiano, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the FY 2023 budget adjustments as presented.

- f. *Approval of FY 2024 Preliminary Budget Estimates* – Mr. Szpryngel said the approval of the preliminary budget estimates will not affect what the final budget will be. Mr. Szpryngel displayed a slide showing highlights of the FY 2024 preliminary budget estimate. These include a 9% increase in the overall budget, a significant increase in funding, and a \$0 year end projection (a balanced budget). Municipal dues are expected to increase by 3%, health insurance is projected to increase by 10%, advertising and printing will increase due to public outreach initiatives, and office equipment and

renovations will increase due to updates and improvements to the existing space. Anticipated major projects are facility improvements, redesign of the NVCOG website, and the purchase of accounting and project management software. Rick Dunne noted that the final budget will not be adopted until June, most likely. On a motion by George Temple, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the NVCOG fiscal year 2024 preliminary budget estimates.

- g. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-18, Endorsement of RPIP Grant Application for Ansonia Regional Senior Center* – Drew Baklik explained that, if awarded, this grant would serve parts of the lower Naugatuck Valley. On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by George Temple, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-18, endorsing the RPIP grant application for the Ansonia Regional Senior Center.

- h. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-19, Endorsement of RPIP Grant Application for Lower Valley Emergency Drone Fleet* – Mr. Baklik said this application was spearheaded by the fire departments with anticipated additional participation by the police departments and EMS. This application is expected to be submitted in August 2023. On a motion by Jeff Caggiano, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-19, endorsing the RPIP grant application for a lower Valley emergency drone fleet.

- i. *Director's Report*

- Legislative Update – Drew Baklik said staff is tracking dozens of relevant bills. All municipal solid waste bills are on hold until the JF deadline and are likely to continue to evolve afterwards. HB 6781 and other bills concerning affordable housing and tenants' rights continue to draw attention from the public and both sides of the aisle. HB 6742 outlines some changes to the bonding authorization for commercial rail freight lines, HB 5989 has to do with changes to the LOTCIP program, ASB 1042 would authorize DECD to provide capacity building grants to brownfield land banks, SB 1141 is focused on transit-oriented development, substitute house bill 6482 will authorize up to \$3 million per year from FY 2025 to 2029 to support bikeways, greenways, and rec trails. Senate bill 935 is the CMERS bill that would mandate municipalities to provide police and firefighters with CMERS pensions or pensions that are comparable or superior. Mr. Baklik said after the JF deadline passes, he will begin providing weekly bill updates to the CEOs. Sheila O'Malley commended Mr. Baklik for his efforts in legislative tracking.

4. **Emergency Management**

Joanna Rogalski said the Chesprocott Health District is planning to relocate to a two-acre parcel of land off Sandbank Road in Cheshire and needs to raise an additional \$1 million for a new facility. Drew Baklik is helping the health district explore funding sources. The annual emergency management symposium will take place on April 25 at Aria in Prospect.

- a. *Regional Emergency Planning Team Update* – The recently adopted Region 5 Public Works Mutual Aid Plan was activated on 3/14/23 due to the Nor’easter which caused numerous blocked roads in the Town of Goshen. A course about creating effective training plans for disaster response will be held on March 22 and March 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Litchfield County Regional Fire School. The Texas A&M extension service will be facilitating the training.
- b. *Community Emergency Response Team Update* – At the DEMHS Community Preparedness Strategic Planning and Grants Unit, Michael Davis is now the person to contact for funding requests and grant-related submissions. CERT is offering a free train-the-trainer course that will be held on March 25. The next statewide Citizens Corp council meeting will be held on April 20.

Additionally, John Field also spoke about the Public Works Mutual Aid plan that was activated in Goshen. He was impressed with the overwhelming response he received after putting out the request for aid. All municipalities that responded are members of NVCOG. Thomaston, Watertown, and Wolcott sent crews which accomplished a great deal, and Mr. Field offered the crews and the municipalities kudos. He noted that many other municipalities responded as well, but ultimately ended up not being used for assistance. An anthrax tabletop exercise will be held on March 21 in Litchfield. A plan called Rapid Welcome has been developed for migrant preparedness. A flood workshop with the Army Corps of Engineers will be held on June 21. He also said that Derby and Ansonia should be aware that CTDOT is working on a Route 8 highway diversion update.

5. **NVCOG Planning/Transportation**

- a. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-21 – Amendment to the MOU between Valley Transit District and NVCOG* – Mark Nielsen explained that since NVCOG is the designated direct recipient for federal funds provided by FTA for the lower Valley portion of the Bridgeport-Stamford urban area, the FTA requires that NVCOG and the Valley Transit District (VTD) execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defining roles and responsibilities. Accordingly, NVCOG and VTD executed an updated MOU in December 2020. Due to federal funds being made available under the CARES Act and ARPA to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, FTA has asked that the MOU be revised to include reference to these funding sources. On a motion by Jeff Caggiano, seconded by Joe Kilduff, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-21, endorsing the updated NVCOG-VTD Memorandum of Understanding.

- b. *Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Project Application Debrief* – Mr. Nielsen said NVCOG had submitted an application for the USDOT Safe Streets for All discretionary grant program. Notification was received that NVCOG’s application was not awarded and a debrief was held with USDOT. While the application was “Recommended” for award, because of the number of applications submitted, only proposals ranked “Highly Recommended” were awarded. USDOT’s review noted several areas that needed to be strengthened on NVCOG’s application. USDOT anticipates announcing the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the next round of SS4A funds in April. NVCOG plans to revise the previous

application to address the deficiencies noted in the debriefing meeting.

c. *LOTICIP*

- i. Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-16, New Project – Oxford, Chestnut Tree Hill Road – Kevin Ellis said this project will reconstruct Chestnut Tree Hill Road in Oxford from Oxford Road (Rt. 67) at the south to Chestnut Tree Hill Road Extension (Rt. 42) at the north. The length of the project is approximately 6,870 feet. The roadway will require full-depth reconstruction and will widen the roadway to 26 feet. A drainage analysis will be performed during design. It is anticipated that the analysis will recommend a new storm drainage system. The current project construction cost is estimated at about \$6.51 million. The municipality will be responsible for all associated design costs. NVCOG’s Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) met earlier in the month and recommends this project move forward. On a motion by Gerry Smith, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-16, committing regionally apportioned LOTICIP funds to the above-described roadway reconstruction project in the Town of Oxford.

- ii. Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-17, New Engineering On-Call List – Karen Svetz explained that the LOTICIP program allocates state funds along planning region boundaries. NVCOG has the responsibility to select eligible projects and distribute funds to member municipalities to construct transportation improvement projects. As part of the program guidelines, the municipal sponsors are responsible for completing the design process and NVCOG is required to certify that the project plans and specifications meet design standards established by the program. To facilitate this process, the NVCOG endorsed a consulting engineer on-call list at its October 11, 2019 meeting. This list included seven firms. At its November 4, 2022 meeting, the NVCOG exercised its option to extend the term of this list by six months. NVCOG uses this list to solicit proposals for third-party engineering reviews and other design services. An RFO was issued to solicit responses from qualified and experienced engineering firms to perform on-call transportation engineering and program management related to the project design review and other tasks. The deadline for proposals was December 16, 2022. Eighteen proposals were received. A TTAC selection committee met on February 8, 2023 to review the proposals. Based on the review process, the committee recommends the top nine firms be included on the new engineering on-call list. Ms. Svetz said this list is also open to municipalities to use for things other than LOTICIP projects. On a motion by Tom Dunn, seconded by Jeff Caggiano, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-17, endorsing the Engineering On-Call list.

6. **Environmental Planning**

- a. *Household Hazardous Waste Collection, April 22* – Christine O’Neill said the 2023 HHW collection dates and locations have been finalized. All the events will take place from 8

a.m. to 2 p.m. The first event will be held on April 22 at the Shepardson Community Center in Middlebury, the second event will be held on July 22 at Quaker Farms School in Oxford, and the third and final event of the year will be held on September 23 at Thomaston High School in Thomaston.

- b. *MSW & Recycling Update* – Ms. O’Neill said Ansonia, Seymour, and Woodbury are continuing their sustainable materials management programs along with several other communities throughout the state. Woodbury, in particular, has seen great success with increases week over week of diverted food waste. Town hall style meetings are being planned to gather qualitative feedback from residents. Additionally, NVCOG has begun planning for its annual composter and rain barrel sale.
- c. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-20, Endorsement of Regional Waste Authority Study Grant Application* – Aaron Budris said CT DEEP is accepting proposals through a new grant program to help municipalities and regions evaluate interest in and assist in expanding existing, or creating new, regional waste authorities. NVCOG staff has drafted a proposal that would fund a study to investigate the region’s capacities and needs and how a new or expanded regional waste authority could help municipal efforts. The application deadline is March 30. Mr. Budris said he is looking for the board’s support for this application. On a motion by Ed St. John, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-20 endorsing the completion and submission of an application to CT DEEP’s Regional Waste Authority Grant Program for the purpose of conducting a study regarding the possible formation of an RWA in or around the NVCOG region.

7. Other

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

At 11:19 a.m., on a motion by Jeff Caggiano, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo, Administrative Assistant
for
Pete Hess, Secretary



**CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY
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RESOLUTION 2023-09

**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 March 17, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Ed Mone, Treasurer

March 17, 2023

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**RESOLUTION 2023-10
ENDORSEMENT OF THE BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD URBAN AREA
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS**

WHEREAS, The Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is designated by the US Department of Transportation as the transportation planning agency for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region, and conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with Section 450 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended by the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and related US Department of Transportation planning regulations; and,

WHEREAS, Transportation Management Areas (TMA) are designated urban areas with populations of greater than 200,000 residents; and,

WHEREAS, TMAs are required to develop and maintain a Congestion Management Process that identifies a CMP network, utilizes data to identify problem areas, and includes a listing of strategies to improve key performance measures; and,

WHEREAS, The CNVMPO includes several towns within the Bridgeport-Stamford TMA, including Beacon Falls, Oxford, Southbury, and Woodbury as of the 2020 US Census Bureau designation of Urban Areas; and,

WHEREAS, NVCOG staff worked in partnership with the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) and the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) to develop a TMA-wide CMP;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO, after reviewing the final draft of the Bridgeport-Stamford Transportation Management Area Congestion Management Process, included as Appendix B on NVision50: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Naugatuck Valley COG & Central Naugatuck Valley MPO, endorses the CMP as the congestion management strategy for the part of the MPO covered by the urban area.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 17, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.



Ed Mone, Treasurer

March 17, 2023

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RESOLUTION 2023-11

**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)*, *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* 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 to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration as part of the STIP and MTP 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 and authorized by IIJA*, 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 *CVNMPO* 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 Valley metropolitan planning area and the Waterbury urban 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 IIJA* 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 March 17, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the CNVMPO at a public meeting held on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Mone, Treasurer

March 17, 2023

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RESOLUTION 2023-12

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
GREATER CONNECTICUT OZONE NONATTAINMENT ZONE
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

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, March 17, 2023, 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 February 2023); 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 that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO finds that the 2023-2050 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 hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination dated February 2023.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 17, 2023.

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RESOLUTION 2023-13

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
CONNECTICUT PORTION OF THE NY-NJ-CT OZONE NONATTAINMENT ZONE
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

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, March 17, 2023, 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 February 2023); 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 that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO finds that the 2023-2050 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 hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination dated February 2023.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 17, 2023

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March 17, 2023

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RESOLUTION 2023-14

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
CONNECTICUT PM2.5 NONATTAINMENT ZONE
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

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, March 17, 2023, 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 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO finds that the 2023-2050 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 hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination dated February 2023.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 17, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.



Ed Mone, Treasurer

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**RESOLUTION 2023-15
ENDORSEMENT OF NVision50: THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
PLAN FOR THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY COG & CENTRAL
NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

WHEREAS, The Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is designated by the US Department of Transportation as the transportation planning agency for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region, and conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with Section 450 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and related US Department of Transportation planning regulations; and,

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2019-2045 for the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region & Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Area was prepared and endorsed by the CNVMPO on April 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The IIJA and other related acts requires MPOs to prepare and develop long range Metropolitan Transportation Plans every four years that reflect at least a 20-year planning horizon, are partially financially constrained, comply with federal planning guidelines, consider all modes of transportation, address ten planning factors, consider six livability principles, and conform to the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and Connecticut's State Implementation Plan for Air Quality, as revised; and,

WHEREAS, The CNVMPO prepared and completed a new long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the timeframe of 2023 to 2050 through the transportation planning process and in conformity with FAST Act and IIJA planning guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, The CNVMPO conducted a proactive public involvement process that followed the procedures set forth in the MPOs Public Participation Program handbook, as revised, including soliciting input and guidance from transportation stakeholders, an online survey to gather feedback from the public, making the draft plan available to the public electronically for a period exceeding 30 days, preparing a summary of the draft plan and posting it on the NVCOG website, notifying the public of the new plan, soliciting review comments on the posted draft from stakeholders and pertinent organizations, holding a hybrid public information meeting on February 16, 2023, both virtually and at the NVCOG office, hosting a virtual listening session on March 9, 2023, inviting public comment to the March 1, 2023 meeting of the NVCOG Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, recording comments from the public, and considering and responding to comments; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed program of projects recommended in the CNVMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan was assessed for its impact on air quality and the State's ability to attain the Ozone and PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; and,

WHEREAS, the regional emissions assessments demonstrate that the proposed projects will not have an adverse impact on air quality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO, after reviewing the final draft NVision50: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Naugatuck Valley COG & Central Naugatuck Valley MPO, finds the MTP to conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR 21 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and endorses it as the official long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Central Naugatuck Valley metropolitan planning area.

This resolution shall become effective as of March 17, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.



Ed Mone, Treasurer

March 17, 2023

Date

RESOLUTION 2023-15

FTA ASSISTANCE – CERTIFICATIONS & ASSURANCES FY 2023

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 as described in Categories 1 – 15, 17, 18 and 21 of the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 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 of Categories 1 – 15, 17, 18 and 20.

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 17, 2023

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed: 
Ed Mone, Treasurer



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RESOLUTION 2023-16

LOTICIP

**ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE CHESTNUT TREE HILL ROAD ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, OXFORD**

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on March 17, 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 \$6.51 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 20230303-CHESTNUT.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 17, 2023

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed 
Ed Mone, Treasurer



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RESOLUTION 2023-17

LOTICIP

ENDORSEMENT OF DESIGN SERVICES ON-CALL LIST

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on March 17, 2023, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Valley COG Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Selection Committee conducted a qualifications-based consultant selection process to create one on-call consultant lists for municipal design phase and regional design phase review services.

WHEREAS, the Selection Committee unanimously selected nine firms to place on the On-Call List to perform design services at the request of the NVCOG or at the request of project sponsors. The list is attached to this Resolution.

WHEREAS, the term of the on-call list shall extend for three years from the date of endorsement by the NVCOG Board with an NVCOG option to extend the term by one year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG endorses the recommendation of the TTAC Selection Committee to include the selected firms, as presented, on the on-call list.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 17, 2023

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Signed

Ed Mone, Treasurer



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RESOLUTION 2023-18

AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its hybrid meeting on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is soliciting applications for the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP).

WHEREAS, the objective of the RPIP is to encourage municipalities to participate in voluntary regional shared services that have the potential to lower tax property burdens, produce measurable economies of scale, provide desired or required public services, and lower the costs and tax burdens associated with the provision of such services.

WHEREAS, the City of Ansonia has constructed a new Senior Center that will provide services to the surrounding lower Naugatuck Valley municipalities and is seeking additional funding to support operations thereof.

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) acts on behalf of its 19 member municipalities to prepare and submit RPIP grant applications to OPM.

WHEREAS, Ansonia and/or additional participating municipalities are committed to providing twenty-five percent (25%) of the operational costs in the first year and by the fourth year of operation, Ansonia and/or additional municipalities shall fund one hundred percent (100%) of costs associated with the Regional Senior Center.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG Board endorses the completion and submission of an application to OPM for RPIP funding to support the operations of a Regional Senior Center located in Ansonia, CT.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 17, 2023

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed



Ed Mone, Treasurer



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RESOLUTION 2023-19

AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its hybrid meeting on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is soliciting applications for the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP).

WHEREAS, the objective of the RPIP is to encourage municipalities to participate in voluntary regional shared services that have the potential to lower tax property burdens, produce measurable economies of scale, provide desired or required public services, and lower the costs and tax burdens associated with the provision of such services.

WHEREAS, the use of small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in emergency services has grown rapidly over the last twenty years and using drones during emergencies improves safety, efficiency and overall capabilities of emergency services.

WHEREAS, the Cities of Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, and the Town of Seymour are seeking funds to support a Shared Regional Emergency Service UAS program spearheaded by their local fire departments.

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) acts on behalf of its 19 member municipalities to prepare and submit RPIP grant applications to OPM.

WHEREAS, Ansonia, Derby, Shelton and Seymour and/or participating entities therein are committed to providing twenty-five percent (25%) of the costs associated with the Regional UAS program in the first year and by the fourth year of operation, they shall fund one hundred percent (100%) of costs associated with the Regional UAS program.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG Board endorses the completion and submission of an application to OPM for RPIP funding to support a new Unmanned Aircraft System program in Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, and Seymour.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 17, 2023

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed

Ed Mone, Treasurer



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RESOLUTION 2023-20

**SUPPORT FOR THE NVCOG TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO CT DEEP'S
REGIONAL WASTE AUTHORITY GRANT PROGRAM**

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its hybrid meeting on March 17, 2023, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, Connecticut municipalities are struggling with increasing financial and environmental burdens of the waste capacity crisis.

WHEREAS, the NVCOG investigates sustainable waste management solutions in service of its member municipalities.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) has issued a Request for Applications for its new Regional Waste Authority Grant Program, with \$1.5 million in available funds.

WHEREAS, the NVCOG Board has indicated its support for studying the formation of a Regional Waste Authority, to better understand what services it could offer and how it could assist with current challenges facing our municipalities.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG Board endorses the completion and submission of an application to CT DEEP's Regional Waste Authority Grant Program, for the purpose of conducting a study regarding the possible formation of an RWA in or around the NVCOG region.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 17, 2023

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed

Ed Mone, Treasurer



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RESOLUTION 2023-21

**UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND VALLEY TRANSIT DISTRICT
REGARDING THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR CARRYING OUT PLANNING AND TRANSIT SERVICES**

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on March 17, 2023, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, The NVCOG is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration funds for the lower Valley portion of the Bridgeport-Stamford urban area.


WHEREAS, the FTA requires a Memorandum of Understanding between the NVCOG and VTD defining respective roles and responsibilities.

WHEREAS, the MOU was executed in December 2020 but needs to be updated to include reference to funding provided under the CARES Act and ARPA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVCOG approves the updated NVCOG-VTD MOU for carrying out planning and transit service in the lower Valley planning area.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on March 17, 2023

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed 
Ed Mone, Secretary

Calling all Naugatuck Valley residents!

COMPOST BIN & RAIN BARREL SALE

The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) is offering composters, rain barrels, and accessories at **wholesale rates** for residents of the Naugatuck Valley Region!



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Items will be available for pickup **ONLY** at one location on **SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023:**

- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the former Sears Auto Center parking lot, 375 Union Street, Waterbury



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The collection is open to the following towns:

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- No charge to residents.
- Proof of residency (such as a driver's license, tax bill, or other identification) is required for entrance.
- Up to 50 lbs. of residential waste will be accepted per vehicle.
- Please stay in your car at all times.



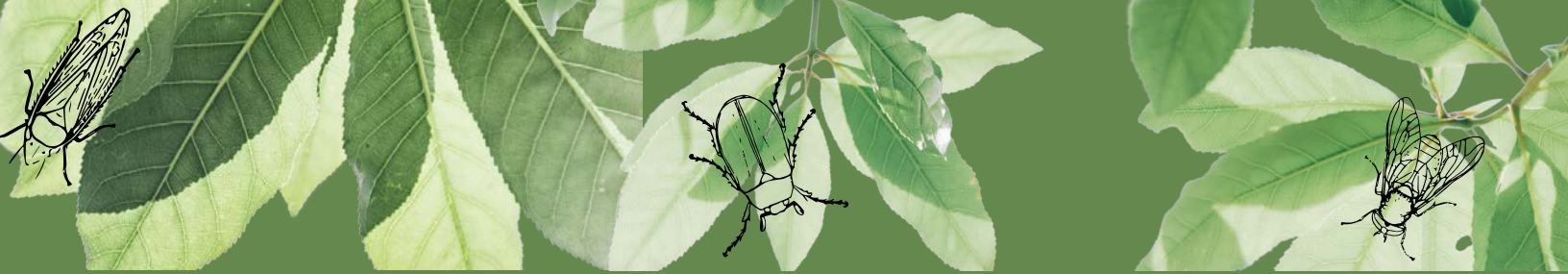
WHAT TO BRING

- Oil- and latex-based paints and stains
- Thermometers and thermostats containing mercury
- Drain and oven cleaners
- Upholstery cleaners, wood cleaners, strippers, and varnishes
- Pesticides, poisons
- Pool and photo chemicals
- Automotive cleaners and fluids (including motor oil)
- Grease and rust solvents
- Aerosols
- Metal polishes

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Auto batteries
- 20 lbs. propane tanks
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Asbestos
- Smoke detectors
- Explosives
- Radioactive or medical waste
- Grout, joint compound
- Lead paint chips
- Empty containers of any kind

*NVCOG reserves the right to reject additional materials.



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on
Invasive Species Management

Join experts from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station, CT DEEP's Wildlife Division, and EDDMapS to learn how to manage harmful, non-native wildlife.

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12pm - 1:30pm

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