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AGENDA
Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
Regional Planning Commission
Virtual Video Conference Meeting
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2023

1. Commencement of Meeting
    a. Pledge of Allegiance
    b. Roll Call
    c. Public Comment

2. Administrative Items
    a. Adoption of December 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes (motion)
    b. Referrals Report (*Joanna Rogalski)*
    c. Correspondence

3. Roundtable – Discussion of local activities and municipal land use processes.

4. NVCOG Updates
    a. Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOCD) (*Joanna Rogalski*)
    b. Metropolitan Transportation Plan *(Rich Donovan)*
    c. Sustainable CT *(Christine O'Neill)*

5. Adjournment

Called by
David White, Chair, NVCOG Regional Planning Commission

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Draft MINUTES
Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
Regional Planning Commission
Virtual Video Conference Meeting - YouTube Link
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2022

RPC Representatives: David White, Bristol; Lori Rotella, Naugatuck; Bob Nerney, Waterbury; Curt Bosco, Middlebury, Gino DiGiovanni, Derby; Bob Clarke, Woodbury, Kim McNeill, Southbury, Margus Laan, Plymouth.

Staff: Josh Lecar, Richard Crowther, Jr., Christine O'Neill, Savannah-Nicole Villalba, Joanna Rogalski.

1. **Commencement of Meeting**
   Chairman David White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was no public comment.

2. **Administrative Items**
   a. *Adoption of October 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes* – On a motion by Bob Clarke, seconded by Lori Rotella, with Kim McNeill abstaining, minutes of the October 4, 2022 meeting were approved.

   b. *Adoption of Regular Meeting Schedule for 2023* – On a motion by Bob Clarke, seconded by Curt Bosco, Option A (six meetings) for the 2023 regular RPC meeting schedule was approved.

   c. *Referrals Report* – Joanna Rogalski said 20 referrals have been received since the last meeting, many related to cannabis-related uses or accessory dwelling units.

   d. *Correspondence* – Ms. Rogalski said there was no correspondence.

3. **Roundtable – Discussion of local activities and municipal land use processes**
   Derby – Gino DiGiovanni said the Route 34 roadway reconstruction project is progressing with work on the underground utilities. A number of proposed development projects are under review through Planning and Zoning. The Derby-Shelton bridge project is also moving along.

   Middlebury – Curt Bosco said an application was received through Inland Wetlands for an 800,000 square foot warehouse on Southford Road. The site includes the former Timex building, the remainder of the former Timex property and an additional 30 acres of undeveloped land.

   Naugatuck – Lori Rotella said Naugatuck is working on its cannabis regulations. The public hearing will open next week. The Planning Commission gave a positive referral. The Zoning Commission has chosen to opt out for accessory dwelling units and this will be brought before the Borough board tonight for ratification. Naugatuck is also working on its transit-oriented development project for Parcel B. The public hearing for this will open on December 14. All other approvals have been received. A Dollar General has been approved, built, and opened.

   Waterbury – Bob Nerney said Waterbury recently scheduled a public hearing to extend the moratorium on cannabis. Cultivation was turned down as a ballot question in November and retail was approved by the voters. The current moratorium is set to expire on February 9, 2023. Cannabis regulations are currently being worked on. He believes retail will be permitted but regulated through zoning.

   Woodbury – Bob Clarke said Woodbury had an applicant attend a meeting last month to make simultaneous applications through Zoning, Planning, and ZBA to reutilize the ski area by converting it into a commercial/retail district.

Bristol – David White said Bristol is entering the final phases of its zoning regulations rewrite. Public hearings will take place. A five-story assisted living and memory care facility was approved and is now under construction.

Southbury – Kim McNeill said Southbury's new planning director is Judy Lynch. Southbury's Plan of Conservation and Development is almost ready for final review. There is a new arts and culture subcommittee of the Economic Development Commission. Southbury was awarded Bronze certification from Sustainable CT. A new restaurant and a new Michael's will be opening. Southbury's 350th anniversary will be celebrated next year.

4. **NVCOG Updates**
   a. *Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOCD)* – Joanna Rogalski said outreach for the RPOCD has been ongoing with visits to Planning or Planning and Zoning Commission meetings at multiple communities including Southbury on December 13 and Seymour on January 13. Additionally, an existing conditions report is being prepared and Ms. Rogalski plans to present it to RPC members at a future meeting.

   b. *Metropolitan Transportation Plan* – Rich Donovan said the public participation survey for the MTP is now closed. The next step will be for NVCOG to put out some initial drafts for public review. Because transportation and land use are so closely related, he would like to receive feedback from the RPC. He requested a link to the project be put in the minutes. MTP 2050.

   c. *Route 8 & Waterbury Branch Line Corridor/Alternative Modes Study* – Mr. Donovan said this study for the Route 8 and Waterbury Branch Line corridor has a study area extending along the Waterbury Branch rail line from Naugatuck through Shelton. The study's three components are: improvements to the rail line (some of which have been implemented since the study began), a bus rapid transit alternative starting at the Derby-Shelton station down to Bridgeport, and a transit-oriented development component. A draft of the study has just been issued and the public comment period will last until January 15. A hybrid public meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on December 15 at the Valley Transit District in Derby. Comments from the RPC about the study are encouraged. Public Info Session on NVCOG Alt Modes Study

   d. *Housing Program* – Savannah-Nicole Villalba said her new title is Senior Regional Planner for Housing and Integrated Development. In this capacity, she invited anyone with housing questions or planning initiatives on the local level to contact her. She is currently working on a project involving PA 22-30 which requires municipalities with populations over 25,000 have to adopt a fair rent commission. In the NVCOG region this is Bristol, Naugatuck, Waterbury, Shelton, and Cheshire. She is drafting a memo that will be sent to those communities.

   e. *Cannabis Zoning* – Josh Lecar said COST held a meeting on November 17 where a presentation was given Attorney Ken Slater of Halloran and Sage who reviewed cannabis legislation. In his presentation, Attorney Slater noted that most towns have been regulating this use via zoning rather than by ordinance. Attorney Slater indicated the current legislative session has removed a statutory cap on the number of establishments by towns. Attorney Slater also suggested that special permit regulation might be a good option for towns that wish to maintain more control on the location of potential cannabis-related uses. In statute, Attorney Slater noted, an adopted town ordinance trumps zoning so if there are conflicts between provisions, the ordinance would be the controlling factor. There is also provision in statute for a distance regulation. NVCOG is available for consultation on best practices.

Replying to a question by Chairman White concerning the acceptance of cannabis sales within the state, Mr. Lecar said that for the most part large urban communities seem to have had more acceptance of it. In some smaller communities, there has been a more negative reaction. Joanna Rogalski said Wolcott had recently redefined micro-cultivators.

f. *Waste Crisis Story Map* – Christine O'Neill spoke about Connecticut's waste crisis. Up to one-third of Connecticut's waste is currently shipped out of state. CT DEEP is funding waste reduction pilot programs across the state, including Ansonia, Seymour, and Woodbury. These pilots may include an evaluation of unit-based pricing and demonstration of organics diversion. NVCOG also received a grant to help educate the region about the waste crisis and has created a story map, which Ms. O'Neill reviewed. Responding to a question by Chairman White about trash to energy, Ms. O'Neill said incineration is a waste disposal method first, although some energy can be generated. She said there is pollution associated with it and incineration facilities have a 30-year lifespan. Chairman White was surprised to hear about the pollution as he had believed the facilities were safe.

g. *Funding Opportunities*
   i. Section 319 Clean Water Grant, Due 2/9/23 – Ms. O'Neill said DEEP makes this grant available on an annual basis. Funds can be used to develop a watershed-based plan or to implement actions in an existing plan. A 40% match is required.

   ii. Aquatic Invasive Species Grant, Due 1/6/23 – Ms. O'Neill said this grant is also offered by DEEP. The grant may be used for three potential purposes: to research aquatic invasives, to manage or remove aquatic invasives, and for public education on this topic. There is a 25% local match.

5. **Adjournment**
At 7:21 p.m., on a motion by Lori Rotella, seconded by Gino DiGiovanni, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo
Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

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Summary of Zoning, Subdivision & POCD Referrals Received
November 29, 2022 - January 30, 2023

NVCOG Ref #	Municipality	Date Rec'd	Type	Adjacent Muni's/COG's	Regionally Significant	Description of Referral	Public Hearing Date	Date Response Sent
MONR-25-100422-Z	Monroe	10/4/2022	Z	Trumbull, Shelton, Oxford, Newtown, Easton	No	The Town of Monroe Planning and Zoning Commission is considering a draft zoning text amendment for accessory dwelling units.	10/20/2022	10/13/2022
WDBG-26-100422-S	Woodbridge	10/4/2022	Z	Orange, New Haven, Hamden, Bethany, Seymour, Asonia, Derby	No	The Woodbridge Town Plan and Zoning Commission has received an application for a three-lot subdivision with open space for property located at 356 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge.	11/7/2022	10/28/2022
PLAI-27-101422-Z	Plainville	10/14/2022	Z	Southington, New Britain, Farmington, Bristol	No	The Plainville Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing a number of zoning text amendments. Many of the revisions are to comply with statutory changes while several are staff recommendations.	11/8/2022	10/28/2022
OXFO-28-101722-Z	Oxford	10/17/2022	Z	Shelton, Seymour, Beacon Falls, Naugatuck, Middlebury, Southbury, Newtown, Monroe	No	The Town of Oxford has received a proposal for a text amendment to the Oxford Zoning Regulations from 8 Pheasant Run, LLC as owner, and Vesta Modular as applicant, to add a new use in the industrial zone, permitted by special exception. The proposed zoning regulation text amendments would see the addition of Article 2, Section 2.13a and the addition of Article 9, Section 9.3.23, to allow a Commercial/Industrial modular storage and repair facility.	11/1/2022	10/28/2022
NAUG-29-102022-Z	Naugatuck	10/20/2022	Z	Beacon Falls, Bethany, Prospect, Waterbury, Middlebury, Oxford	No	The Borough of Naugatuck has initiated a proposed zone change for six properties along Maple Street and Elm Street. The proposed zone change is for these properties to be changed from a I-1 designation to the SDD-1 Special Development District #1 in the Naugatuck Land Use Regulations.	11/9/2022	10/28/2022
NAUG-30-102022-Z	Naugatuck	10/20/2022	Z	Beacon Falls, Bethany, Prospect, Waterbury, Middlebury, Oxford	No	The Borough of Naugatuck has brought an application before the Naugatuck Zoning Commission for a proposed Text Change amendment to Section 59 Special Development District #1 (SDD-1) of the Naugatuck Zoning Land Use Regulations.	11/16/2022	11/7/2022
WTTN-31-110322-Z	Watertown	11/3/2022	Z	Middlebury, Waterbury, Thomaston, Litchfield, Morris, Bethlehem, Woodbury	No	The Town of Watertown Planning & Zoning Commission has received a proposal for an amendment to the Watertown Zoning Regulations from Attorney Franklin Pilicy acting on behalf of the property owner Renaissance Galleria, LLC, as follows: Petition to amend the Zoning Regulations at Section 2, Definitions, to add "Planned Development District (PDD."	12/7/2022	11/10/2022
WTTN-32-110322-Z	Watertown	11/3/2022	Z	Middlebury, Waterbury, Thomaston, Litchfield, Morris, Bethlehem, Woodbury	No	The Town of Watertown Planning & Zoning Commission has received a proposal for an amendment to the Watertown Zoning Regulations from Attorney Franklin Pilicy acting on behalf of the property owner Renaissance Galleria, LLC, as follows: Petition to amend the Zoning Regulations at Section 34.14, Drive-through Facilities.	12/7/2022	11/10/2022
WTTN-33-110322-Z	Watertown	11/3/2022	Z	Middlebury, Waterbury, Thomaston, Litchfield, Morris, Bethlehem, Woodbury	No	The Town of Watertown Planning & Zoning Commission has received a proposal for an amendment to the Watertown Zoning Regulations from Attorney Franklin Pilicy acting on behalf of the property owner Renaissance Galleria, LLC, as follows: Petition to amend the Zoning Regulations to establish the Sealy Oakville Center Planned Development District (SOCPDD).	12/7/2022	11/10/2022

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BRIS-34-110322-Z	Bristol	11/3/2022	Z	Southington, Plainville, Farmington, Burlington, Plymouth, Wolcott	No	The City of Bristol Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to the Bristol Zoning Regulations at Section V.A.3.i to add a density limit where none existed before. The proposed density limit is 4 units per acre. (Application #AZR 22-2.)	12/12/2022	11/10/2022
CHES-35-110922-Z	Cheshire	11/9/2022	Z	Hamden, Wallingford, Meriden, Southington, Wolcott, Waterbury, Prospect, Bethany	No	The Town of Cheshire Planning and Zoning Commission has received an application from John Torello for a Zone Text change to the Cheshire Zoning Regulations at Section 30 23, Schedule A, Permitted Uses, to add Subsection D.	12/12/2022	11/17/2022
MIDD-36-111522-Z	Middlebury	11/15/2022	Z	Oxford, Naugatuck, Waterbury, Watertown, Woodbury, Southbury	No	The Town of Middlebury Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing to opt out of CGS Section 8-1bb, Temporary Health Care Structures.	12/5/2022	11/17/2022
MIDD-37-111522-Z	Middlebury	11/15/2022	Z	Oxford, Naugatuck, Waterbury, Watertown, Woodbury, Southbury	No	The Town of Middlebury Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing to opt out of CGS Section 8-2o, zoning regulations for accessory apartments.	12/5/2022	11/17/2022
MIDD-38-111522-Z	Middlebury	11/15/2022	Z	Oxford, Naugatuck, Waterbury, Watertown, Woodbury, Southbury	No	The Town of Middlebury Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing to opt out of CGS Section 8-2p, dwelling unit parking space limitations.	12/5/2022	11/17/2022
WTBY-39-111822-Z	Waterbury	11/18/2022	Z	Naugatuck, Prospect, Cheshire, Wolcott, Plymouth, Thomaston, Watertown, Middlebury	No	The City of Waterbury Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to the Waterbury Zoning Regulations to extend an existing limited and temporary moratorium on Cannabis establishments that is set to expire on 2/9/23. The proposal seeks to extend the moratorium on Cannabis Establishments for an additional time period not to exceed six months (8/9/23).	Not listed	11/18/2022
PROS-40-112122-Z	Prospect	11/21/2022	Z	Bethany, Cheshire, Waterbury, Naugatuck	No	The Town of Prospect Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing a text amendment to the Prospect Zoning Regulations at Article 3, District Regulations, to amend Section 3.1 Uses by District of the Zoning Regulations, to opt-out of the requirement for the allowance of accessory living units aka accessory apartments, pursuant to Public Act 21-29, Section 6.	12/7/2022	11/22/2022
PROS-41-112122-Z	Prospect	11/21/2022	Z	Bethany, Cheshire, Waterbury, Naugatuck	No	The Town of Prospect Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to the Prospect Zoning Regulations at Article 5, Accessory Use in Residential Zones, Section 5.2.2 Private Garages, Detached, Section 5.2.2.2, to change the 24-foot maximum height to be measured from the floor elevation of the garage floor instead of the garage door.	12/7/2022	11/22/2022
PROS-42-112122-Z	Prospect	11/21/2022	Z	Bethany, Cheshire, Waterbury, Naugatuck	No	The Town of Prospect Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to The Prospect Zoning Regulations, Article 2, General Provisions, Section 2.2, Definitions, concerning building height and the exclusion of cupolas under certain conditions	12/7/2022	11/22/2022
WOLC-43-112322-Z	Wolcott	11/23/2022	Z	Cheshire, Southington, Bristol, Plymouth, Waterbury	No	The Wolcott Zoning Commission is proposing a text amendment to the Town of Wolcott Zoning regulations pertaining to cannabis and micro-cultivators.	12/21/2022	11/28/2022
CHES-44-112322-Z	Cheshire	11/23/2022	Z	Hamden, Wallingford, Meriden, Southington, Wolcott, Waterbury, Prospect, Bethany	No	The Cheshire Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing a zone text change to the Town of Cheshire Zoning Regulations to extend the Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments for an additional six months.	12/12/2022	11/28/2022

NVision50: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region & Central Naugatuck Valley MPO

Draft Executive Summary

February 2023

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

About the Plan

The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) prepared NVision50: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region & Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (CNVMPO) in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), the municipal members of the NVCOG, and transportation stakeholders throughout the region. Input from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and feedback from residents and visitors to the region were crucial to establishing the long-term transportation vision for the region.

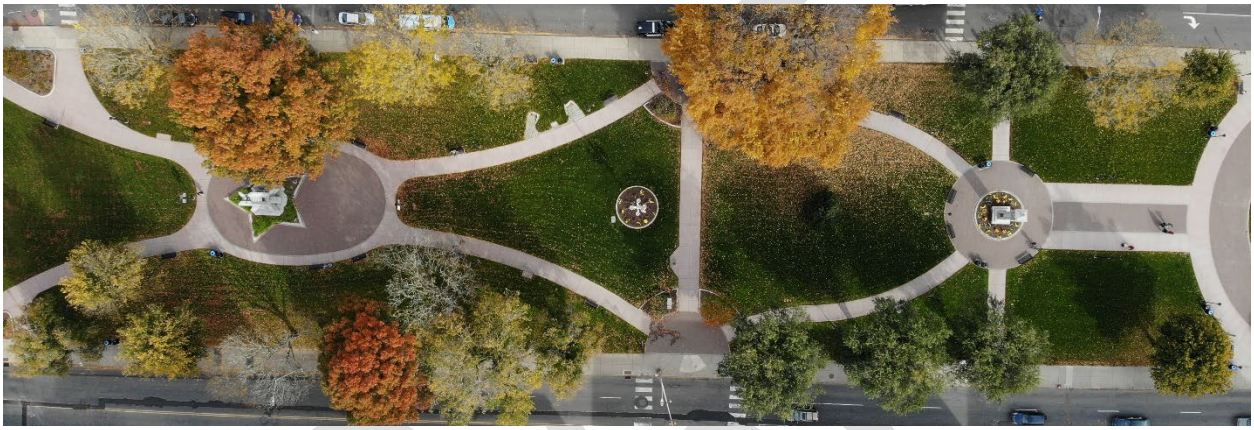

Figure 1 The Waterbury Green from Above

NVision50 sets the priorities, goals, and long-term vision for the multi-modal transportation system in the Naugatuck Valley Region. Through funding priorities, the plan aims to:

- Reduce and ultimately eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries
- Improve air quality and address noise and light pollution caused by the transportation system
- Provide more ways to travel by foot, mobility aid, bike, and micromobility devices
- Expand access to bus and rail, improving speed, reliability, and reducing wait times
- Establish a strong footing for future changes in transportation technology

The planning process for NVision50 emphasized projects that:

- Are multimodal, supporting the full range of ways people and goods get around our region
- Provide a regional benefit, rather than project that focus their benefits on one town or local development
- Are spread broadly throughout the region, ensuring that projects of importance aren't concentrated in any one town
- Align with the goals of the NVCOG's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, Policy Board, and those of the Connecticut Department of Transportation

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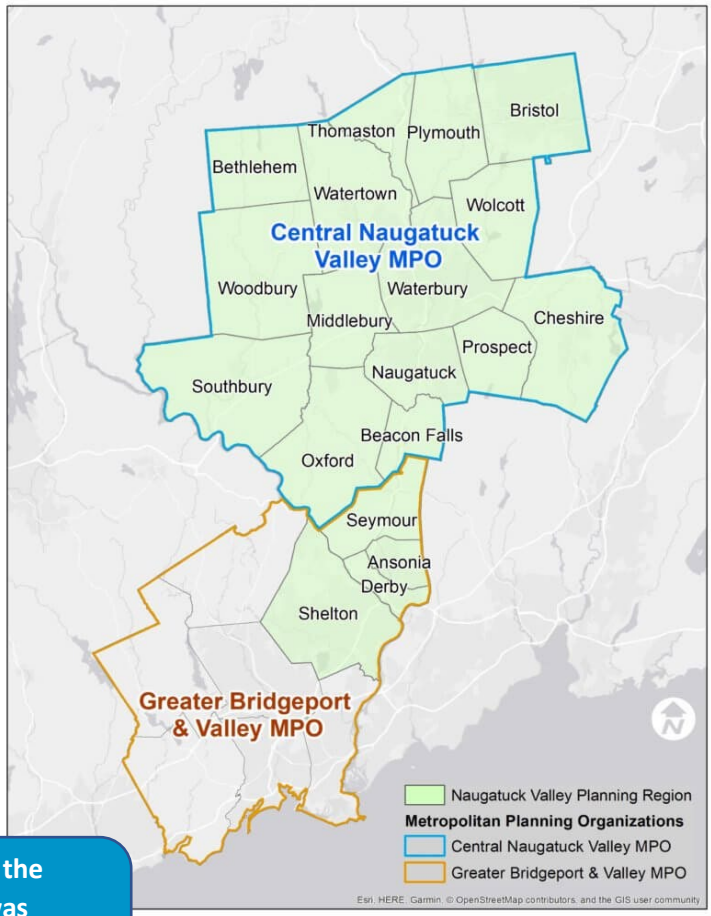
The Region

The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments represents the 19 town Naugatuck Valley Planning region, a diverse mix of economies, cultures, and geographies that makes up west-central Connecticut. Because the boundaries of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Councils of Governments (COGs) don't align in Western Connecticut, this plan plays a dual role of representing priorities and goals for the broader Naugatuck Valley Planning Region while limiting fiscal analysis and identification of projects to the CNVMPO area. Projects for the 4 Greater Bridgeport and Valley towns are identified in the MTP of the GBVMPO, created by the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments with support from NVCOG Staff.



As of the 2020 Census, the region's population was 450,400. This is slight growth from 2010's 448,700

Like most of the country, the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region is growing more diverse. Racial and ethnic minorities now make up nearly 30% of the region's population, with Waterbury remaining a majority-minority city.

Plan Development & Engagement Highlights

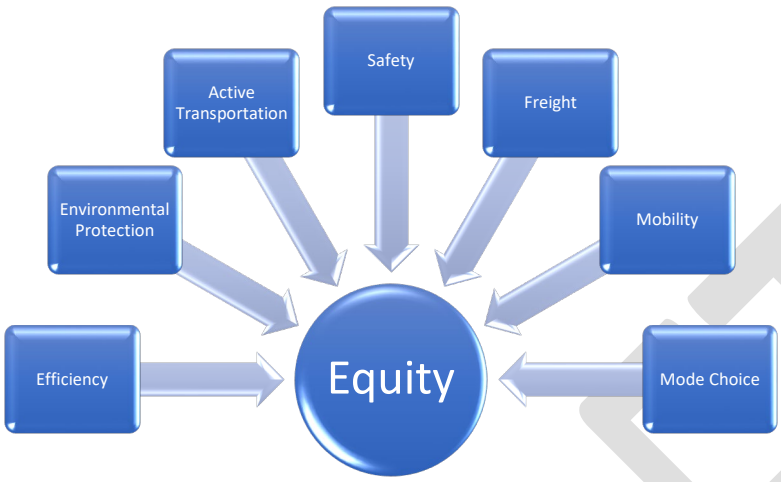
The creation of NVision50 was a collaborative effort across levels of government and greatly dependent on public input. The multi-year planning process began with NVCOG staff in November of 2020 and will culminate in the adoption of the plan by the NVCOG Board in February of 2023. Once accepted by the US DOT, this plan will guide transportation planning and development in the region until the next update in 2027. The goals and priorities identified in this plan represent the collective vision of stakeholders, staff, visitors, and residents of the region.

2 festivals with hundreds of conversations about priorities

687 responses to a multi-region survey

Input from stakeholders including rail, freight, and transit operators

Transportation Planning Priorities



The NVCOG defines Mobility Equity as:

- Mobility for all ages
- Mobility for all incomes
- Mobility for all abilities
- Mobility from anywhere to everywhere

In all planning activities in the region, including NVision50, equity is at the center. This plan aims to provide benefit greater than the burdens of the transportation system to all users and residents, regardless of location, age, ability, or income.

The Current System

The Naugatuck Valley Planning Region has a complex and aging infrastructure that includes an extensive network of highways and streets, a rail system that has been in place since the mid-19th century, a growing number of multi-use paths, and a general aviation airport. Within the current system, two concerns are consistently identified as the primary areas of concern: age of infrastructure and congestion on the road network.

Rail

The region's rail network was almost entirely built or upgraded to its current state by the New Haven Railroad in the early 20th century. The Waterbury Line, operated by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Metro North Railroad, is the only passenger service in the region. Freight is moved by rail on the Waterbury Line, as well as the Waterbury Secondary, the Central CT Line, and the Maybrook Line, which is maintained as active but currently does not have customers within our region.

Passenger rail service is limited and facilities are inadequate for modern standards. In addition to an expansion onto parts of the system only served by freight currently, upgrades are required to equipment, stations, and track. A recent project completed by the CTDOT included significant work to the Waterbury Line, an important start to bringing the desired frequency as well as a significant safety improvement.

Roads and Highways

The region's 2,865 miles of roads include Interstates 84 and 691, as well as CT Route 8, as the core of the system. This core is then supplemented by a series of arterial state routes, and an extensive system of local roads.

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Congestion along the freeway system is a recurring issue, especially within the GBVMPO portion of Route 8 and at the interchange between Route 8 and Interstate 84, known as the MixMaster. The region's auto-centric development outside of historic city centers has also lead to congestion along major state routes, with frequent signals and driveways to large commercial centers.

Safety is a significant issue on the region's roads. In line with trends across Connecticut, 2022 continued the trend of increasing fatalities and serious injuries, especially for pedestrians and vulnerable users.

Figure 2 The Waterbury Line and Route 8 run alongside the Naugatuck River under the Prospect Street Bridge, Naugatuck

Being an older region, developed early in American history, much of the region's infrastructure is also old. In addition to the need to bring older roads and bridges to a state of good repair, there is also a concern for utilities buried within those streets, particularly in the urban core. Projects within the region often require additional time and planning as water infrastructure, old or disused electrical and gas lines, and rail for trolleys can often be found.

Transit

Within the region, five separate operators provide a fragmented and limited bus service. Within the core of the region, the Waterbury Division of CTtransit operates at long headways with limited service outside of Waterbury. The northeast corner of the region is served by the CTtransit Hartford Division's New Britain/Bristol service. CTtransit New Haven operates one route through Cheshire and Waterbury, and another that serves Derby, Seymour, and Ansonia. Finally, Greater Bridgeport Transit provides limited service into the southern portion of the region, entirely within the GBVMPO area. The Valley Transit District provides ADA and Dial-A-Ride services to the lower valley towns.

Aviation

The Naugatuck Valley Planning Region has a single general aviation airport, the Waterbury-Oxford Airport (OXC). This airport, under the control of the Connecticut Airport Authority, has recently seen improvements to its runway, the building of a Customs and Border Patrol facility, as well as significant completed and planned investments by private operators. Though limited in its traffic, the airport serves as an important economic driver within the region and a notable asset for growth.

Most residents fly commercially through one of the surrounding airports, including Bradley (BDL), located in Windsor Locks service Hartford and Springfield, MA, Tweed-New Haven (HVN), located in New Haven with limited but growing commercial flights to east coast destinations, or one of the Southern New York Airports including JFK International (JFK), La Guardia (LGA), or Westchester (HPN). Newark Liberty International (EWR) also serves the New York City area and provides service to residents of the NVCOG region.

Regional Transportation Needs

Based on the analysis of the current state of the system, clear trends and requirements emerged.

Figure 3 Waterbury Line Train at the platform of the Waterbury Station

- Integration of a Safe Systems approach to roadway design is critical to save lives and prevent serious injuries
- Protected and comfortable bike lanes and sidewalks are required to support users of a truly multi-modal system
- Bus routes and governance need to be rationalized across the region, providing shorter headways, reliable service, and better connections between parts of the region
- Congestion on the freeway network must be addressed through a series of state-of-good-repair projects, minor improvements where appropriate, and travel demand management efforts

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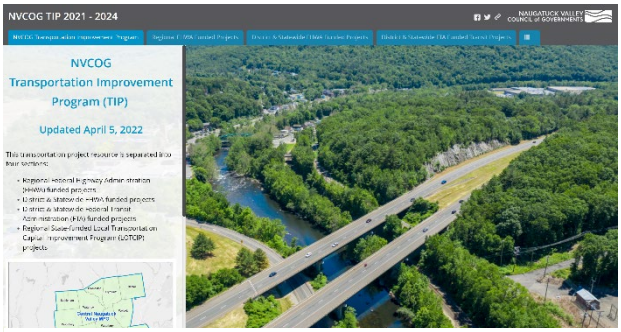
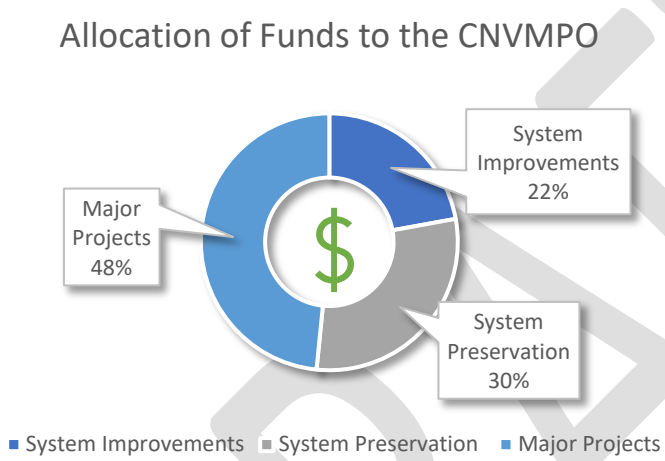


Figure 4 NVCOG TIP Project Map

Funding and Projects

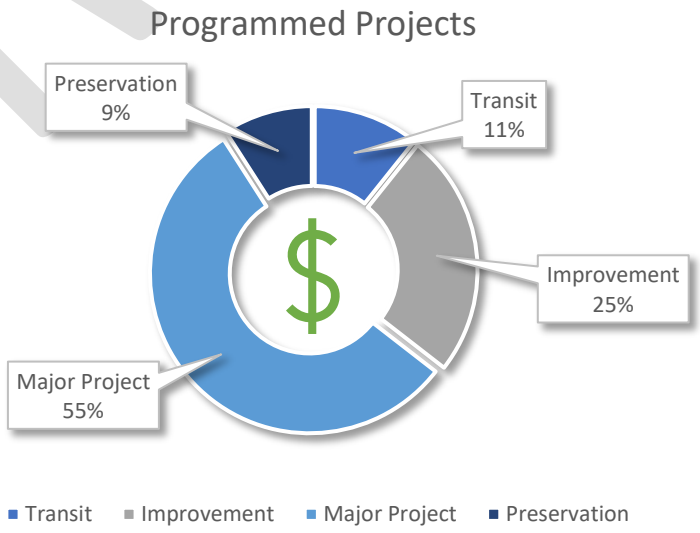
NVision50 contains the goals and vision for the CNVMPO that can be implemented by 2050 based on reasonably expected funding levels. These revenue estimates, provided by the CTDOT, provide for three types of projects; Major Projects of Statewide Importance, or projects controlled by the CTDOT that are vital for the highest levels of the transportation system, Improvements, which are projects that redesign infrastructure to address functional or safety issues, and Preservation, which rebuild existing infrastructure in place to reach and maintain a state of good repair. Though there are concepts and ideas for the region that would require expenditures beyond current funding expectations, these projects are included in out years of the plan as vision projects, though are not on the full project listing page to maintain fiscal constraint.



Within the expected funding limits of the MTP period, projects were identified and programmed into all major areas of the transportation system that fall under the purview of the NVCOG. Because the CAA operates airports with separate funding sources, no aviation projects were included.

Within the reasonable funding estimates for the region, four major categories received funding:

- Improvements: $1,410,205,000
- Major Projects: $3,154,250,000
- System Preservation: $516,389,000
- Transit: $610,831,000



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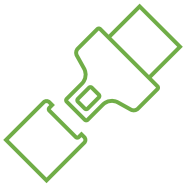
Outcomes of NVision50

NVision50 will result in improvements in the key focus areas of the NVCOG Region's Planning Priorities. At the center of it all, these projects aim to better distribute the benefits and burdens of the transportation system across the region.

Active Transportation

NVision50 supports the completion of the Naugatuck River Greenway and its connecting trails, along with improvements to sidewalks and cycling infrastructure along the region's roads.

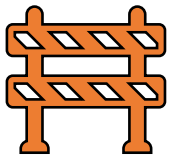


Improvements to roads and vulnerable user spaces will help the region achieve the goal of zero fatalities by 2060

Safety

Efficiency

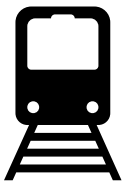
Improvements to the region's roads, bridges, rail, and trails will bring the condition of the transportation system back to a state of good repair



Build out of all projects in NVision50 offers additional travel options in all towns and for all people, advancing mobility equity

Mobility Equity

Mode Choice



Transit improvements, from infrastructure to service, will provide more options and ensure that everyone can get to where they are going

NVision50 supports a healthier environment through reduced congestion, implementation of reduced emission vehicles, and promoting mode shift to public transit, walking/rolling, and cycling

Environmental Protection

Freight

Reduction in congestion and improvements to the regional rail network will support the safe and efficient movement of freight into and out of the region

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The Fellows Are On Their Way!

*From **early June to late August**, NVCOG will host one or two Fellows that can assist your town in obtaining Sustainable CT certification.*

Three Steps to Prep

1. Form a Sustainable CT Committee
2. Have your municipality pass a Sustainable CT Resolution
3. Register on the Sustainable CT website and access your municipal dashboard.

If you complete those three steps **before June,** the Fellows can jump in and start earning you points right away!

Reach out to Christine at coneill@nvcogct.gov with any questions about the process. We are happy to help!