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COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS**

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**MINUTES**

**Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and Central Naugatuck Valley MPO**

**April 19, 2024**

**Commencement of Meeting**

Chairman Pete Hess called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll was called.

**NVCOG CEOs/Reps:**

In person: Jeff Caggiano, Mayor, Bristol; Andrew Martelli, Alternate, Cheshire; Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury; Pete Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck; George Temple, First Selectman, Oxford; Joe Kilduff, Mayor, Plymouth; Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect; Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton; Ed Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston; Paul Pernerewski, Mayor, Waterbury; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott.

Remote: David Cassetti, Mayor, Ansonia; Gerard Smith, First Selectman, Beacon Falls; Stephen Sordi, First Selectman, Bethlehem; Joseph DiMartino, Mayor, Derby; Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Seymour; Jeff Manville, First Selectman, Southbury; Barbara Perkinson, First Selectwoman, Woodbury.

Guests: Jane Dunbar, CTDOT; Meg Haffner, The Kennedy Collective; State Representative Cindy Harrison; Tommy Hyde, Naugatuck Valley Regional Development Corporation.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public that wished to address the Board.

**CNVMPO Meeting**

**III-1 2025-2028 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination Public Comment**

There were no members of the public that wished to address the MPO and no online requests to make comment were received.

**III-2 February 2024 Air Quality Conformity Determination**

Rich Donovan reported, as part of the adoption of the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the DOT released a determination that planned and programmed projects will not exceed the EPA limits on component emissions for any of Connecticut's non-attainment or maintenance areas. We've held a 45-day public comment period on the draft conformity determination and have received no comments. The Air Quality Conformity Determination has received endorsement from the NVCOG TTAC at their April meeting.

**Bob Chatfield MOVED to adopt CNVMPO Resolutions 2024-08, 2024-09 and 2024-10; SECONDED by Ed Mone.**

Resolution 2024-08 - Resolution of Conformity with the Clean Air Act – CT Portion of the NY/NJ/LI PM2.5 Attainment Maintenance Area

Resolution 2024-09 - Resolution of Conformity with the Clean Air Act – Greater Connecticut Ozone Non-Attainment Zone

Resolution 2024-10 - Resolution of Conformity with the Clean Air Act – Connecticut Portion of the NY-NJ-CT Ozone Non-Attainment Zone

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### III-3 CNVMPO Planning Program Self Certification

Rich Donovan reported, as part of the TIP development process and at least once every four years the MPO must self-certify that it conducts its planning process in alignment with federal regulations included in Titles 23 and 49 of the U.S. Code. Up until last year, the CNVMPO self-certification was all that was required as the region did not meet the threshold to be a transportation management area. After becoming designated as a TMA, not only will we have to self-certify but will also go through federal certification reviews with the FHA and FTA. Our first review will likely be sometime in 2027 or early 2028.

**Ed Mone MOVED to adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2024-11; SECONDED by Jeff Caggiano.**

Resolution 2024-11 - Urban Transportation Planning Certification – Central Naugatuck Valley MPO

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### III-4 2025-2028 TIP

Rich Donovan reported, we've developed in coordination with the Connecticut DOT the 2025-2028 TIP for the CNVMPO region. This plan has been made public for more than a 45-day comment period. In that time, we received one question about the delineation of the MPO boundaries within the NVCOG, and one comment via social media generally in support of transportation improvements in the region. We've had independent public meetings and the TTAC endorsed adoption of the 2025-2028 TIP at their April meeting.

**Bob Chatfield MOVED to adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2024-12; SECONDED by Ed Mone.**

Resolution 2024-12 – Adoption of the Federal Fiscal Years 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program - Central Naugatuck Valley MPO

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### III-5 TIP Amendments – Projects 0170-3731 and 0170-3732

Kevin Ellis reported, these TIP amendments are for funding for CT Rides to host campaigns and many events encouraging people to use CT Rides.

**George Temple MOVED to adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2024-13; SECONDED by Ed Mone.**

Resolution 2024-13 – Amendment – FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Central Naugatuck Valley MPO

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **NVCOG MEETING**

### **IV-1 Minutes for Approval**

**Bob Chatfield MOVED to approve the 03-22-2024 CNVMPO/NVCOG meeting minutes; SECONDED by Jeff Caggiano. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **V FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **V-1 Financial Report for the Period Ending 3-31-2024**

Rick Dunne explained that Michael Szpryngel is on vacation and will report next month.

**Jeff Caggiano MOVED to TABLE; SECONDED by Bob Chatfield. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **V-2 Appointment of Auditor**

Rick Dunne explained, this is the formal appointment to OPM designating the auditor for the 2024 agency audit. We awarded a contract in 2020 with King & King for fiscal years 2021 through 2025. Sometime during 2025 we will go back out for solicitation for auditor.

**Bob Chatfield MOVED to authorize Management Signature on the engagement letter with King, King & Associates, CPAs, and provide notification to OPM of auditor appointment. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **VI DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **VI-1 Kinneytown Dam**

Rick Dunne reported, Kinneytown Dam will be on the May 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee agenda. We're currently out in the field for a property survey. Once the title search and field survey are completed, we should have a clear understanding of title. We're engaging CDM Smith to design sanitary sewer replacement as part of the dam removal. We have Seymour's WPCA engineer on that committee.

We have some of the money for construction separate from the \$15 million grant for the dam. We have some, not quite half, that we estimate for construction of that project and have requested additional funding.

The RFP for the engineer for the overall project is being run by our partners Save the Sound. They are sub-recipients under the major grant. They're in the Q&A portion of the RFP process.

In mid-May, EPA will begin their environmental investigation of the impoundments as well as background levels above the north impoundment and down at the point where the Housatonic meets the Naugatuck River for other background levels.

As President of the Connecticut Brownfields Land Bank, I executed an extension of the Asset Purchase Agreement with the owners of Kinneytown Hydro which will allow us to take on this extended due diligence and take us out to November as an outside date to close. Once we close, the Land Bank will own the property and be responsible for the assets, and the role of the COG will be to continue to manage the larger grants. I anticipate that at some point the Land Bank will be directly funded for some of the activities.

Our staff along with Save the Sound conducted a door-to-door canvass of the neighborhoods bordering Coe Pond as a kickoff to the community involvement phase. There was some opposition, but the full story isn't out there yet – the engineer hasn't been hired, we don't know what the design of the project will be. People are assuming things based upon our applications. We are open; everything is on our website.

## VI-2 Waste Committee

The Waste Committee is scheduled to hold its organizational meeting at 9 am May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We received the paperwork from CT DEEP for the Regional Waste Authority grant, to put together and investigate that setup. At the end of that process, towns will have the option to decide whether to form the regional waste authority. We don't need all the towns to be able to do it, and we can invite other towns outside of the region to join us. The Committee that you formed is timely and will be a great help in steering that project forward with the staff and consultants that we have. It's a \$300,000 grant for us to convene, investigate and determine what is the best path forward if we want to form an RWA. We will hash out the process of whatever it is you want to undertake.

## VI-3 Upcoming Executive Committee Items

The Executive Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will discuss the following:

- 2025 Budget
- By-Laws Revision
- Personnel Policy
- Kinneytown Dam (executive session to discuss anything that's privileged)
- Audit Committee

## VII ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

### VII-1 Brownfields Projects Memo

Ricardo Rodriguez reported that environmental remediation has begun at 199 Water Street, Torrington. At 300 Broad Street LEP is working to refine the limited sight characteristics, this is being done to develop the bid specs. On March 22, the RLF Committee approved three loans that were in the underwriting process. ION Bank is our new underwriting provider. They are working on another underwriting report for an applicant that will be considered at the upcoming RLF Committee meeting. As a reminder – all funding for these loans will be paid back after 24 months.

There is detail on all NVCOG's current brownfields projects in the memo in the meeting packet.

#### VII-2 Household Hazardous Waste

Steven Perry reminded the Board of the upcoming HHW collection event from 8am to 2pm Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Ansonia Public Works, 1 North Division Street.

#### VII-3 Rain Barrel & Composter Sale

Steven reported that the NVCOG Rain Barrel and Composter Sale will continue through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Orders are placed online at [www.nvcogct.gov/compostersale](http://www.nvcogct.gov/compostersale). Pickup is from 10am to 1pm May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Seymour Community Center, 20 Pine Street, Seymour.

### VIII TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

#### VIII-1 Grant Opportunities

Rich Donovan reviewed the grant opportunities that are open to towns right now. Please let us know if you are interested in any of these as soon as possible. They include:

- *Transportation Alternatives* set aside is soliciting projects for any active transportation items. We do our rankings of projects as they come in with our partner COGs based on the different urban areas. Final applications need to be in to CT DOT by the end of June.
- *Safe Streets and Roads for All* program is open. We are assisting as NVCOG staff to one of our member towns and discussed the program with another. There are two deadlines remaining – May 16<sup>th</sup> for planning and implementation projects and a late August planning application deadline that everyone is eligible for.
- *CT DOT Microgrant Program* - this is open and available to towns, schools, school districts and non-profit agencies. In the first quarter, we received four applications worth about \$20,000 in requests. We strongly encourage towns to apply.
- *MGP 2025-2028* – the Matching Grant Program. This has been a difficult grant process in trying to get the money out to towns and transit districts. It is eligible to all towns. The allocated amounts are based on a 1:1 match with town dollars. The towns in the Lower Naugatuck Valley Region would work directly with VTD to assign those funds. For towns that are part of the GWTD, Joanna will be in touch to make sure that we have documentation and the assignment of funds to the COG for the operation of GWTD. For towns that are not part of a transit district, as they change this program, applications come to the COG before going to DOT. This is now a four-year solicitation, so once the

applications are in for the 2025-28 period, you will need to show a continuation of effort to receive that matching grant funding.

#### VIII-2 LOTCIP

Rich Donovan reviewed the anticipated available LOTCIP allocations between now and 2028. We expect to have appropriated all the money right around this time next year, and project a deficit of about \$35 million in 2027. Our annual allocation is about \$10 million per year and hope it will increase over time. Projects will be delayed a little but certainly will get built. We are the first region to have expended 100% of its funding, and hopefully other regions will follow right behind us, allowing the DOT to go to the Legislature, show the success of the program and request additional funding.

This is what we've been aiming for all along. We do not want to stop receiving projects. We have confirmed with DOT they will continue to issue commitments to fund, regardless of how far in the hole we are. The only place that they will interfere is, if we don't have the funding available, they will not be able to issue authorizations to award, and likely will ask towns to hold off on going out to bid. We still want to maintain our open solicitation and receive project proposals as they come in and we want to make sure this program remains as over-programmed as we can get it to be.

Because this may change some project schedules, we want to get ahead of that before it happens. TTAC will create a subcommittee to make recommendations for project timeline prioritization. They will put together a proposal to be addressed at the June TTAC meeting. Whatever policy TTAC decides to recommend will come to this Board for adoption in June.

Rick Dunne stated that he is confident the curve will flatten out. There is about \$5 million that will come back to the program once towns close out their completed projects. He explained that the towns get a check for 120% of low bid in advance of the project construction. Any leftover funds are to be returned to the program. NVCOG Staff will be reaching out to each town's Finance managers to help close out these projects and return the funds to the program. Projects are currently ranked by readiness.

#### VIII-2i - LOTCIP - Shelton Constitution Blvd Phase III

Rich Donovan explained that last month Shelton Constitution Boulevard Phase II was approved, and the approval of Phase III will allow them to construct the remainder of the road connecting Routes 108 and 110, giving them program eligibility for federal aid and classifying the road in the future as a minor urban arterial. We have asked the City to prepare a separate application for Phase III so we can submit Phases II and III together, receive commitment to fund for both, even though Phase II will be built before Phase III.

**Tom Dunn MOVED to adopt NVCOG Resolution 2024-17; SECONDED by Ed Mone.**

*NVCOG Resolution 2024-17* – LOTCIP – Allocate NVCOG Attributable Funds for the Constitution Boulevard Phase 3, Shelton

**Motion carried unanimously.**

VIII-2ii – LOTCIP – Seymour Avenue and Division Street, Derby

Kevin Ellis described the proposed safety improvements to three locations in the area of Griffin Hospital in Derby. The improvements include sidewalks, crosswalks, improved lighting, road reconstruction, or mill and pave in small segments where roads are fully reconstructed.

**Bob Chatfield MOVED to adopt NVCOG Resolution 2024-18; SECONDED by Tom Dunn.**

NVCOG Resolution 2024-18 – LOTCIP – Allocate NVCOG Attributable Funds for the Division Street and Seymour Avenue Safety Improvements, Derby

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**IX MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

IX-1 Legislative Update

Drew Baklik reported the short legislative session ends on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Jack DeOliveira, Drew, and Rick Dunne have been working on a legislative tracking sheet. We've been selecting bills from that and sending them along to the Board. We also intend to work with your staff to apprise you of deadlines and timelines by the end of the fiscal year, October 1 – following up with emails and newsletters.

Rick noted that Jack has been tracking these and putting together the bill list for us. He and Drew will send the members the list of the bills we think are most likely to make it to the floor. Jack has a very good sense of where these bills are.

In response to a question, Drew explained that a lot of the provisions regarding rental restrictions are buried in the bigger housing bill, and we may not see it until the end of session. It hasn't been out to debate yet, and a lot of that will depend upon what leadership wants. There has been a lot of push back on both sides. We will review it with SN and provide updates.

In response to another question, Drew explained that Speaker Ritter continues to say that it is his goal that all the towns are going to receive all of their ECS and Alliance money. This is another item we expect to find out at the last minute and will keep an eye on. The same with the Mashantucket Pequot Fund – it remains to be seen.

IX-2 Emergency Management Update

John Field's report can be found in today's meeting packet.

Drew reminded the Board that April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium at Camp Nett in Niantic. This is the premier emergency management event that brings together hundreds of local, state and federal public safety officials, public health providers and municipal leaders.

CEOs should have received an email from John Field regarding the Homeland Security Grant Program for Region 5. Municipalities need to submit MOAs to Sarah Better from Northwest Hills COG as they run that grant for us.

#### X-1 NVCOG Regional Planning Discussion

Rick Dunne explained, there is a memo in the packets that he asked staff to prepare regarding the status of the Regional Planning Commission. When the COG statutes were created in 2013-14 and the merger in 2015, Regional Planning Commissions were basically abolished in statute. We chose to keep our commission – technically, it's a committee of this Board. We have governing rules in place for it – and we have never had a quorum of the entire RPC. We changed the quorum rules so that if a town didn't participate, it no longer counted toward the quorum – so if they missed so many in a row, we stopped counting them.

Rick continued, you may recall that I wanted to abolish it and go to a staff led daytime planning meeting of town and city planners – much like the TTAC but for Planning. The fact is, we have a strong need to stay in touch with your town and city planners on a day-to-day and month-to-month basis. Savannah-Nicole stated, we'll do 2-3 trainings in the evenings, but we'll do what we did last year – the two full four-hour trainings every four years. We'll be able to supplement what they need for their statutory commissioner training requirements, and still have that big meeting at the end just in case your commissioners have not met that requirement.

That's the outline of the recommendation. It's fully fleshed out in the memo. If you do agree or direct us to go forward with this, we'll have two steps. One will be By-Law changes we'll have to make – SN has already identified those. Then we'll need to go forward and set up the town and city planners' group.

Mark Lauretti stated, at different points in time people felt that the Regional Planning Committee would extend into a local decision. That creates a lot of red flags because we in Connecticut are very grounded in the home rule. I think it's important for city officials to understand what's going on around them – for example what goes on in places like Bridgeport has an impact on places like Shelton and the Valley. There is a fear that there's going to be an overreach into your personal locale. If there's a way to try to put peoples' fears in a different place and focus them on general topics that really do have an impact on all of us, like what we do here, that would garner a little more participation.

Rick explained, we are hoping to create a more educational experience for the commissioners, more of a scenario where they can share information. For the staff, we know that they will participate in the large part during the day. I think that by having the staff do things like review, comment and recommend to the full Board the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, even look at the transportation plans and make recommendations to this body, by us passing through and discussing the regional referrals, that is potentially the larger piece of business we'd like to see. We want to see a better connection with your professional staff – the planners.

SN explained, we have been working on making quarterly referral reports that we can send to your Planning Commissions as correspondence to keep them apprised of the referrals. We're making sure that nothing that was discussed in the RPC setting is left out in this new format. Since last year, we've been putting these reports online – visible to the public, your staff and your commissioners.

Savannah-Nicole noted that we're hosting an event in May in Cheshire. When we partner with a municipality, we let you pick what you'd like the training topic to be. We want to be sure that when your commissioners come together it's a worthwhile experience for them. This RPC setting doesn't seem to bring benefit to your commissioners or to your staff.

**Tom Dunn MOVED to direct staff to prepare an amendment to the By-Laws to establish the Land Use Technical Advisory Committee for review at the Executive Committee; SECONDED by Joe Kilduff. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### X-2 Commissioner and Municipal Staff Training Updates

Savannah-Nicole explained, we have a brief update to show what we have been doing for not only your land use staff but your commissioners.

There was an Accessibility Site Plan lunch and learn on April 5<sup>th</sup>, led by Bill Voelker, FAICP, the prior Cheshire Town Planner. We thank the Borough of Naugatuck, Town of Seymour, and the Town of Cheshire for giving us site plans for that meeting. We worked through a residential, a commercial, a healthcare and an open space plan to look at different ways your planners can encourage accessibility in their site plan reviews. There was a great turnout from throughout the region. This was the first training in which we were able to offer continuing education credits for your planners.

We look forward to Pizza and Planning events to work with your planners in achieving their 8-4c training requirements. The first one will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cheshire has requested that we cover site plan reviews, so we'll be talking with commissioners about how to read site plans and ensure they are compliant with your regulations. We're looking to have the next one of these in the fall – if you would like to be the community we partner with, please let me know.

#### X-3 2025-2030 Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut Regional Meeting

Savannah-Nicole explained, the Office of Policy and Management has released their draft 2025-2030 Conservation and Development Plan for the State of Connecticut. While the focus of this plan is for state agencies, it is still relevant at the local and regional level. Your municipal plan of conservation and development is reviewed for consistency with this plan as well as any state expenditure over \$200,000 gets looked at for consistency with this plan. OPM will be here for a lunch meeting on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We recommend that you and/or your Land Use and Economic Development staff attend to hear what they're proposing as it will relate to some of the funding opportunities that they'll have. We'll be sending you a memorandum of our draft comments on Monday and will compile any comments that you bring forth at that meeting.

This Board can see a full draft comment at its May meeting and we will send that off to OPM as NVCOG's comments before the deadline in June.

X-4 Connecticut Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Brochure

Savannah-Nicole explained that the Department of Agriculture sent us brochures that contain information on how to use WIC and the Senior SNAP benefits at farmers' markets. We ask the CEOs to bring the brochures back to their town and distribute them to the appropriate places, such as the Town/City Hall, Library, Senior Center, or to a community-based organization. She provided each CEO a bundle of 100 brochures: 50 in English and 50 in Spanish. The Community Planning team will deliver the brochures to those that did not attend today.

Roundtable

Chairman Pete Hess would like this and future agendas to include a roundtable before adjournment.

Mark Lauretti asked how healthcare costs are affecting the other towns. His town is self-insured and it has been costly since the onset of the Covid pandemic. He has been contemplating shifting to the State plan. Ed Mone commented that the State Comptroller has been making improvements to make the plan more attractive to the municipalities. The members briefly discussed this amongst themselves.

Rick Dunne reminded the Board that NVCOG has a table for the May 9<sup>th</sup> Greater Waterbury Chamber's Mayoral Luncheon featuring Mayor Paul Pernerewski. There are a few seats left and if any CEO would like to attend, they should contact Trish Bruder to reserve a seat.

XI ADJOURNMENT

**Ed Mone MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Joe Kilduff. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia M. Bruder, Executive Clerk

**Attachments:**

**CNVMPO Resolution 2024-08**

**CNVMPO Resolution 2024-09**

**CNVMPO Resolution 2024-10**

**CNVMPO Resolution 2024-11**

**CNVMPO Resolution 2024-12**

**CNVMPO Resolution 2024-13**

**NVCOG LOTCIP Resolution 2024-17**

**NVCOG LOTCIP Resolution 2024-18**



**RESOLUTION 2024-08**

**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT  
CONNECTICUT PORTION OF THE NY/NJ/LI PM2.5  
ATTAINMENT/MAINTENANCE AREA  
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, April 19, 2024, 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 (1 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 2025-2028 TIP show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM 2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO finds that the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2025-2028 TIP 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 2024.



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**RESOLUTION 2024-09**

**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, April 19, 2024, 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 2024), 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 2025-2028 TIP 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 2024.



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**RESOLUTION 2024-10**

**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, April 19, 2024, 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 2024); 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 FY 2025-2028 TIP 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 2024.



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**RESOLUTION 2024-11**

**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; and,

**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 *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; and,

**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; and,

**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 *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 April 19, 2024.



**CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY  
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**RESOLUTION 2024-12**

**ADOPTION OF THE FFY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM FOR THE CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is authorized by the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to develop and endorse a transportation improvement program for the Central Naugatuck Valley metropolitan planning area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments is the designated host agency for the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO and has, in consultation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, prepared the *FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *FFY 2025-2028 TIP* lists and describes all transportation improvement projects programmed to receive federal transportation funding assistance from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration over the next four federal fiscal years beginning October 1, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *FFY 2025-2028 TIP* establishes project priorities, indicates project schedules, provides project funding estimates, and identifies federal, state, and local funding sources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the financial plan for the *FFY 2025-2028 TIP* is included and demonstrates financial constraint to anticipated federal funding resources expected to be allocated and authorized to the State of Connecticut and the various urban areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *FFY 2025-2028 TIP* was made available for public review and comment, and notification of the proposed TIP was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the NVCOG's Procedures and Guidelines for Public Meetings, posted June 21, 2022, and the Public Outreach Policy, February 2020, including providing a 45-day review and comment period, holding a public information meeting, posting the draft TIP on the NVCOG website, sharing information about the TIP and meetings on social media platforms, making the projects included within the TIP available via the NVCOG's EcoInteractive Public website, and considering public comments in reviewing the draft TIP; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed *FFY 2025-2028 TIP* has been presented to the CNVMPO at the rescheduled March 17, 2024, meeting, and reviewed and discussed at the regularly scheduled April 19, 2024 CNVMPO meeting; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed program of projects included in the *FFY 2025-2028 TIP* were assessed for their impact on air quality and the State's ability to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollutants and the regional emissions assessments demonstrate that the proposed projects will not have an adverse impact on air quality nor prevent the State from attaining the air quality standards, as required;



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**RESOLUTION 2024-13**

**AMENDMENT  
FFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is authorized by the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* 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 April 19, 2024.

I do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on April 19, 2024, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

  
Edmond V. Mone, Secretary

April 19, 2024  
Date



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**NVCOG RESOLUTION 2024-17**

**LOTICIP**

**ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE  
CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD PHASE 3, SHELTON**

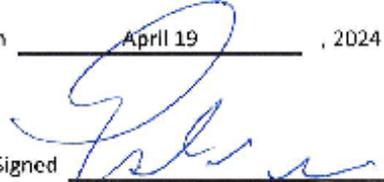
I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on April 19, 2024, in Waterbury, Connecticut, at which a quorum was present.

**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 \$7.3 million in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to construct the Constitution Boulevard Phase 3 project as described and modified in Memorandum 20240419-CONSTITUTION.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on April 19, 2024

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed   
Edmond V. Mone, Secretary



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**NVCOG RESOLUTION 2024-18**

**LOTICIP**

**ALLOCATE NVCOG ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDS FOR THE  
DIVISION STREET AND SEYMOUR AVENUE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, DERBY**

I certify that the following is a true copy of the vote of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at its meeting on April 19, 2024, 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 \$3.2 million in Program funds attributable to the Naugatuck Valley planning region to construct the Division Street and Seymour Avenue Safety Improvements project as described and modified in Memorandum 20240419-DIVISION STREET AND SEYMOUR AVENUE.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut, on April 19, 2024

Agency: Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Signed

Edmond V. Mone, Secretary