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SUMMARY MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO
10:00 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2026

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COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING
The meeting was called to order at approximately 10 a.m. by Chair Pete Hess. All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and the roll was called.

CNVMPO CEOs (v=virtual): N. Warren "Pete" Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck; Gerard Smith, First Selectman, Beacon Falls; Raymond Butkus, First Selectman, Bethlehem; Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Mayor, Bristol; Jennifer Mahr, First Selectwoman, Middlebury; David Sekorski, Mayor, Plymouth; Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect; Paul Pernerewski, Mayor, Waterbury; Mark Raimo, Town Manager, Watertown (v); Paul Zulpa, First Selectman, Woodbury.

GBVMPO CEOs (v=virtual): Frank Tyszka, Mayor, Ansonia (v); Joe DiMartino, Mayor, Derby (v); Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman, Seymour (v); Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton (v).

GUESTS: Matthew Abbott (CT DOT) (v); Jennifer Brady (FHWA) (v); Lou Mangini (DeLauro) (v); Katie Hedberg (CT DOT) (v); Felix Gottdeiner, Land Use Administrator, Bethehem.

NVCOG Staff: Executive Director Rick Dunne, Drew Baklik, Trish Bauer, Desira Blanchard, Patricia Bruder, Aaron Budris, Demetre Coles, Heidy Coronel, Richard Crowther, Rich Donovan, Thomas Dougherty, Kevin Ellis, Lana Harrison, Shahadat Hossein, Anthony Lagana, Tim Nolan, Tayo Olaleye, Christine O'Neill, Inez Ortiz, Kate Pipa, Emely Ricci, Ricardo Rodriguez, Joanna Rogalski, Nicole Sullivan, Michael Szpryngel, Daniel Thomas, Faith Thurmond.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Bob Chatfield MOVED to approve the minutes of the CNVMPO meeting of 04-17-2026; SECONDED by Gerry Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

2025-2028 TIP Amendments – Projects 0170-FAREBX, 0400-2026EQ
CT DOT is upgrading fare boxes on all CT Transit buses statewide to accept tap payments. The second project is reallocating old money into Admin Capital for the CT Transit system, statewide.

Bob Chatfield MOVED to ADOPT CNVMPO Resolution 2026-09 – TIP Amendments for Projects #0170-FARE-BX and 0400-2026EQ; SECONDED by Jennifer Mahr. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on the proposed 2027-2030 CNVMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and March 2026 Air Quality Conformity Determination

The attachment may be viewed at: https://nvcogct.gov/project/2027-2030-tip-stip/

Pete Hess opened public comment on the draft 2027-2030 CVMPO TIP and March 2026 Air Quality Conformity Determination.

There being no persons wishing to comment, he declared the public comment period closed.

Adoption of the 2027-2030 CNVMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Anthony Lagana explained that following a public meeting on April 30, 2026, and a determination of air quality conformance, NVCOG staff recommends the board adopt the Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2030 TIP. He outlined several clarifying updates that were made to the draft document.

Bob Chatfield MOVED to ADOPT the proposed CNVMPO Resolution 2026-10, adopting the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program; SECONDED by Jennifer Mahr. Motion carried unanimously.

Urban Transportation Planning Certification

Rich Donovan explained that Section 450.336 of the Metropolitan Planning Rules (23 CFR Part 450) requires that at least every four years, the Metropolitan Planning Organization certifies that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with applicable federal laws and regulations.

Paul Zulpa MOVED to ADOPT CNVMPO Resolution 2026-11, certifying that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements listed therein; SECONDED by Paul Pernerewski. Motion carried unanimously.

March 2026 Air Quality Conformity Determination

Rich Donovan explained, any time we do a new TIP, those projects are modeled to determine their air quality impact. We are well under our allowable emissions as modeled by CT DOT in March 2026.

Bob Chatfield MOVED to ADOPT CNVMPO Resolutions 2026-12, 2026-13 and 2026-14, certifying that the Air Quality Conformity Determination demonstrates acceptable impacts to the various Non-Attainment and Attainment/Management areas throughout the CNVMPO region; SECONDED by David Sekorski. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At approximately 10:20 a.m., Paul Pernerewski MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Paul Zulpa. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Bruder
Executive Administrative Clerk

Attachments:
CNVMPO Resolution 2026-09
CNVMPO Resolution 2026-10
CNVMPO Resolution 2026-11
CNVMPO Resolution 2026-12
CNVMPO Resolution 2026-13
CNVMPO Resolution 2026-14

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CNVMPO RESOLUTION 2026-09

AMENDMENT
FFY 2025-2028 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 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region (TIP)*** at its April 19, 2024, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the ***State FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)***; and

WHEREAS, the projects within the TIP are being changed by the project sponsors in the way demonstrated on the attached sheets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects have been reviewed for compliance with air quality conformity, and either are exempted under federal legislation or have been found in compliance; 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, the proposed changes were posted for public review and comment to the EcoInteractive Portal for the CNVMPO prior to consideration, 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 amendments of projects 0170-FAREBX, 0400-2026EQ as demonstrated in the attached sheets of the FFY 2025-2028 TIP.

This resolution shall become effective as of May 15, 2026.

I do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on May 15, 2026, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Robert Chatfield, Secretary

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RESOLUTION 2026-10

ADOPTION OF THE FFY 2027-2030 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 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization***; and,

WHEREAS, the ***FFY 2027-2030 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, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the ***FFY 2027-2030 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 2027-2030 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 2027-2030 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 Engagement Plan, posted May 15, 2025, 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 2027-2030 TIP*** has been presented to the CNVMPO at the regularly scheduled April 17, 2026, meeting, and reviewed and discussed at the regularly scheduled May 15, 2026, CNVMPO meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed program of projects included in the ***FFY 2027-2030 TIP*** were assessed for their impact on air quality and the State's ability to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Ozone and $PM_{2.5}$ pollutants and the regional emissions assessments demonstrate that the proposed projects will not have an adverse impact on air quality nor prevent the State from attaining the air quality standards, as required;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Central Naugatuck Valley MPO endorses the ***FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization*** presented and discussed here today. The endorsement of the FFY 2027-2030 TIP covers a four-year period from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2030.

This resolution shall become effective as of May 15, 2026.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the CNVMPO at a public meeting held on May 15, 2026, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

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RESOLUTION 2026-11

URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CERTIFICATION
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO

WHEREAS, the CNVMPO has been designated by the Governor of the State Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for The Central Naugatuck Valley Region; and,

WHEREAS, the CNVMPO conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation by preparing a Unified Planning Work Program, preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), preparing and updating the endorsed 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CNVMPO hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

(1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;

(2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;

(3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;

(4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;

(5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;

(6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;

(7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;

(8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and

(10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

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I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the CNVMPO at a public meeting held on May 15, 2026, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

Robert Chatfield, Secretary

May 16, 2026
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RESOLUTION 2026-12

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, May 15, 2026, 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 2027-2030 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 that 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 2027-2030 TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department if 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 March 2026

This resolution shall become effective as of May 15, 2026.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on May 15, 2026, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

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RESOLUTION 2026-13

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, May 15, 2026, 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 March 2026); 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 2027-2030 TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department if 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 March 2026.

This resolution shall become effective as of May 15, 2026

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on May 15, 2026, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

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RESOLUTION 2026-14

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, May 15, 2026, 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 March 2026); 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 2027-2030 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 March 2026.

This resolution shall become effective as of May 15, 2026.

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