

GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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MEMO

TO: Stakeholders in the Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO
Transportation Planning Process

FROM: Mark C. Nielsen, Executive Director, GBRPA
Rick Dunne, Executive Director, VCOG

DATE: March 12, 2010

RE: Greater Bridgeport and Valley MPO Certification Review Meeting

The Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency and the Valley Council of Governments conduct the federally-designated, transportation planning process for the ten-town area under the jurisdiction of the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO). This process includes the development of long range transportation plans for the respective regions, preparation of a short term (four years) transportation improvement program (TIP) and the conduct of various transportation-related corridor, congestion management, and special studies, as described in the Unified Planning Work Programs for the GBRPA and VCOG.

Federal metropolitan planning guidelines require that the GBVMPO's transportation planning process be reviewed every four years and certified that it is being conducted substantially in conformity with these guidelines. The US Department of Transportation has scheduled a Certification Review meeting on the GBVMPO planning program for:

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Conference Room C (First Floor)
Bridgeport City Hall Annex
999 Broad Street
Bridgeport, Connecticut

You are welcome and encouraged to attend the on-site review meeting, participate in the discussions and offer your comments and suggestions on the GBVMPO's transportation planning process.

Responsible Metropolitan Transportation Planning Agencies

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Since the last certification review (June, 2005), you may have had the opportunity to participate directly or indirectly in the GBVMPO's transportation planning activities. As such, your experiences are of interest to the federal certification review team. All aspects of the GBVMPO's transportation planning process will be discussed at the certification meeting and you will be afforded an opportunity to meet and talk to representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration about your experiences and concerns.

Written comments are also encouraged and may be sent to either FHWA or FTA at the addresses below. Please indicate the general nature of your involvement in the GBRPA, VCOG or GBVMPO:

FHWA: Ms. Amy Jackson-Grove, Division Administrator
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FTA: Mr. Richard H. Doyle, Regional Administrator
55 Broadway, Suite 920
Cambridge, MA 02142

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The agenda for the certification review meeting is attached for your information. Please note that a session on public involvement activities has been included in the agenda for 9:45 am to 10:30 am. During this session the public will have an opportunity to comment on the process. However, please feel free to attend any or all sessions.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact either Mark Nielsen, Executive Director of the GBRPA at (203) 366-5405 or Richard Dunne, Executive Director of the VCOG at (203) 735-8688.