

GREATER BRIDGEPORT AND VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LEGAL NOTICE

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed the draft Transportation Improvement Program for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning regions. The TIP lists all proposed highway and transit improvement projects programmed to receive federal financial assistance from the US Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration – over the next five years, beginning October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014. The MPO's TIP conforms to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) being developed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

A thirty (30) day review and comment period has been established, beginning on September 28, 2009 and ending on October 27, 2009. The public is welcomed and encouraged to review and comment on the MPO's draft TIP, as well as the draft STIP. Copies of the TIP and STIP are available for review at the offices of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency, Bridgeport Transportation Center, Suite 1, Third Floor, 525 Water Street, Bridgeport, CT and Valley Council of Governments, Derby Rail Station, Main Street, Derby, CT, as well as at the offices of the mayors or first selectmen of member municipalities. The draft TIP can also be viewed on-line at gbrpa.org and valleycog.org.

Capital projects sponsored by the Greater Bridgeport Transit and the Valley Transit District are included in the draft TIP. The TIP development process will be used to satisfy federal requirements for public notice, review and comment for routine and traditional local bus capital projects funded by the FTA under the Section 5307 capital grant program.

Transportation improvement projects being funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are also included in the draft STIP/TIP. Critical projects in the TIP:

- Bridgeport Traffic Signal Modernization projects
- Demolition of the Congress Street Bridgeport, Bridgeport
- Expansion of the East Bridgeport Rail Yard
- Replacement of the I-95, Moses Wheeler Bridge
- Widening of Route 34, Derby
- Strategic Road Rehabilitation Projects
- Intersection Improvements in Fairfield

- New parking garage at Stratford Railroad Station
- Housatonic Railroad Trail Project, Trumbull-Bridgeport
- Ansonia, Derby and Shelton riverwalk projects
- New Haven rail line track improvements and catenary replacement
- Various bus capital projects, bus replacements, operating subsidies and facility improvements, GBT and VTD

NOTICE is also given that the GBRPA and VCOG will hold public information meetings concerning the draft STIP/TIP and related air quality assessment on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the VCOG, Derby Rail Station, Main Street, Derby and on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the GBRPA located on the third floor of the Bridgeport rail station, Suite 1, at 525 Water Street, Bridgeport. Agency and ConnDOT staff will be available at 4:30 PM to informally discuss any aspects relating to the draft TIP/STIP and any other transportation issues and concerns.

The public is encouraged to attend one of these meetings to learn more about transportation improvements programmed over the next five years and to express their support or concerns regarding actions contained in the draft TIP/STIP. Comments may be made orally at the information meetings or in writing. Written comments must be clearly legible, submitted on 8½" by 11" paper and include the person's name and address. Any person wishing to comment on the draft TIP/STIP may submit their comments in writing to Mark Nielsen, Executive Director, GBRPA or Richard Dunne, Executive Director, VCOG. Written comments must be received at the offices of the GBRPA or VCOG before 4:30 PM on October 26, 2009. The MPO will consider endorsement of the draft TIP and adoption of the Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Statements at its special meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2007, at 12:30 PM in the conference room of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, 900 Bridgeport Avenue, Second Floor of the Wachovia Bank, Shelton, CT. The public is invited to this MPO meeting and will be afforded an opportunity to comment on the draft TIP and air quality conformity determinations before they are considered by the MPO.

For more information, please call the GBRPA at (203) 366-5405 or the VCOG at (203) 735-8688.