

**South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
July 16, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Chief Elected Officials:	Hon. William Brennan, Wilton; Hon. Gayle Weinstein, Weston; Hon. Jayme Stevenson, Darien; Hon. James Marpe, Westport; Hon. Peter Tesei, Greenwich;
Transit District Officials:	Ms. Kimberlee Morton, Norwalk Transit District; Mr. Mani Poola, Stamford Transit District; Mrs. Jennifer Johnson, Westport Transit District;
Official Voting Members:	Mr. Michael Pollard for Hon. David Martin, Stamford;
WestCOG:	Ms. Sue Prosi, Sr. Transportation Manager; Mr. Rob Sachnin, Sr. Planner; Mr. Michael Towle, Associate Planner;
CTDOT:	Ms. Roxane Fromson, Supervising Transportation Planner;
USDOT:	No one
Other:	No one

Mr. William Brennan called the meeting to order at 8:17a.m. The place of meeting was the WestCOG Stamford Office, 888 Washington Avenue, Stamford, CT 06901.

1. South Western Region MPO Minutes – June 25, 2015*

Mr. Brennan made a motion to approve the June 25, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tesei.

2. Public Involvement

There were no comments from the public.

3. Transportation Improvement Program FFY2015-2018*

Ms. Sue Prosi briefly reviewed the CTDOT requested TIP amendments. Highlights of the MPO discussion are provided.

Mr. Michael Pollard explained that the Stamford Mill River Bridge project was based on grants awarded to the City of Stamford a few years ago. TIP approvals are needed to keep the grants viable. The West Main Street bridge over the popular Mill River Park was formerly a bridge that carried vehicle traffic. The rehabilitated bridge will serve as a pedestrian bridge that provides pedestrian connectivity to downtown Stamford and the transportation center. Ms. Prosi added the FHWA discretionary grants included the High Priority Projects (HPPS) and Transportation Community System Preservation (TCSP).

Ms. Kim Morton described the proposed NTD projects, highlighting the need for all project. She explained the two planning studies include a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) and a Facility

Needs Analysis. The studies aimed to identify long-term efforts to ensure NTD can continue to serve existing and future transit demands. She explained the third project involved immediate short-term State of Good Repair repairs/improvements in order to continue existing operations.

Mrs. Jennifer Johnson inquired about the bridge rehabilitation in Stamford (Project #135-0334), asking for more detail regarding project efforts. Ms. Prosi indicated has been on the CTDOT needs list for quite some time, adding that design work has been slated for FY2015 and 2016, at which point more information regarding project details would be identified. She also added that construction was currently anticipated to begin in 2018.

Additional TIP project details are provided below:

FHWA Amendments (SWRTIP#A2015-005)

Project #412-0143 - Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA):

Funding for these bridge inspections is increased by \$440,000 each year and STP-Anywhere BRX (Bridges) rather than the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP- BRX) funding. The increase in project funding is similar to Project 170-3223, endorsed by the SWRMPO last month, which was also related to MAP-21 changes. This project was recommended by the TTAG for MPO endorsement on May 5, 2015.

Project #412-0143 - Facility Needs Analysis: currently overcapacity, the NTD facility is in need of an analysis to identify opportunities to future expansion and the necessary on-going State of Good Repair. Details of the study include, but are not limited to: review of storage and circulation space for vehicles in fleet and the associated maintenance requirements, introduction of new technologies in the facility, assessment of current building systems and recommended improvements, including preliminary engineering and design schematics, as well as corresponding cost estimates.

Similar to the NTD COA described above there is no local match. The federal share for this analysis is provided via the 5307 program (transferred from remaining STPBS funding) and the state supplying the remaining match. This project was recommended for MPO endorsement by the TTAG on June 30, 2015.

Region	FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
01	STPBS	0412-0143	X6	NORWALK TD	NORWALK	NORWALK TD - STUDY OF FACILITY NEEDS AND FACILITY ANALYSIS - TRANSFER TO FTA	OTH	2015	350	280	70	0	NEW PROJECT
01	5307S	0412-0143	X6	NORWALK TD	NORWALK	NORWALK TD - STUDY OF FACILITY NEEDS AND FACILITY ANALYSIS - TRANSFER FROM FHWA	OTH	2015	350	280	70	0	NEW PROJECT

AQC X6 = exempt

Project #412-0144 – Facility Improvements/Repairs:

State of Good Repair maintenance is immediately required and approved by CTDOT. This does not conflict with or duplicate the Facility Needs Assessment will determine future improvements, costs and the timetable for improvement. Proposed improvements include, but are not limited to: minor interior painting, flooring repairs, facility and maintenance component repairs, roof patching, building security repairs, rock retention (to address outdoor rock slope deterioration), and signage.

It is important to note NTD understands and will only perform work necessary to ensure safe and efficient transit operations, with major long-term solutions pending until the completion of the facility analysis and future programmed funding sources. Federal project financing is provided via the FTA Urbanized Area

Formula Program (FTA 5307), which provides assistance for transit capital and operating expenses for transportation related planning. The remaining project funding will be provided by the state.

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01	5307C	0412-0144	X6	NORWALK TD	NORWAL	NORWALK TD - FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS/REPAIRS (SGR) FY 15	CON	2015	150	120	30	0	NEW PHASE

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Project #: 0135-0307, 0310, 0334, 0335 – Stamford Bridge Replacements

A series of bridge replacements are proposed within the City of Stamford, including information from CTDOT, where provided:

Project #135-0307: involves the movement of funding from the bridge program to the Surface Transportation Program (STPA-BRX) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 15. No changes in scope or design are currently proposed.

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01	STPA-BRX	0135-0307	X6	US 1	STAMFORD	REPLACE BRIDGE 00315 O/ NOROTON RIVER	FD	2015	441	353	88	0	MOVE FUNDING FROM BRIDGE TO FFY '15 STPA-BRX
01	STPA-BRX	0135-0307	X6	US 1	STAMFORD	REPLACE BRIDGE 00315 O/ NOROTON RIVER	ROW	2015	285	228	57	0	MOVE FUNDING FROM BRIDGE TO FFY '15 STPA-BRX
01	STPA-BRX	0135-0307	X6	US 1	STAMFORD	REPLACE BRIDGE 00315 O/ NOROTON RIVER	CON	2016	7,400	5,920	1,480	0	MOVE FUNDING FROM BRIDGE TO FFY '15 STPA-BRX

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Project #135-0335: proposes the replacement of Bridge #02212 along West Main Street over the Mill River. The new bridge will carry pedestrian traffic, enhancing the connectivity to downtown Stamford and to the transportation center. The existing bridge was closed due to poor structural condition. The funding is from FHWA discretionary funding programs: High Priority Project (HPPS) and Transportation Community System Preservation (TCSP).

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01	HPPS	0135-0310	X6	WEST MAIN STREET	STAMFORD	REPLACE BRIDGE 02212 O/ MILL RIVER	CON	2017	-1,370	-1,096	0	-274	DELETE PROJECT
01	TCSP	0135-0335	X6	WEST MAIN STREET	STAMFORD	REPLACE BRIDGE 02212 O/ MILL RIVER	PD	2015	863	690	0	173	NEW PROJECT
01	TCSP	0135-0335	X6	WEST MAIN STREET	STAMFORD	REPLACE BRIDGE 02212 O/ MILL RIVER	FD	2016	142	114	0	28	NEW PROJECT
01	HPPS	0135-0335	X6	WEST MAIN STREET	STAMFORD	REPLACE BRIDGE 02212 O/ MILL RIVER	CON	FYI	4,148	1,350	0	2,798	NEW PROJECT

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Project #135-0334: is a new project to rehabilitate Bridge #00032, which carries I-95 and its ramps over the Metro-North Railroad in the vicinity of I-95. The inspection ratings of the bridge deck and substructure have necessitated the need for this new project, which requires no local match. Federal funding is provided via the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), with the state share funded through the Interstate Bond program.

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01	NHPP-BRX	0135-0334	X6	I-95	STAMFORD	REHAB BR 00032 OVER METRO NORTH RR	PD	2015	1,200	1,080	120	0	NEW PROJECT
01	NHPP-BRX	0135-0334	X6	I-95	STAMFORD	REHAB BR 00032 OVER METRO NORTH RR	FD	2016	2,000	1,800	200	0	NEW PROJECT
01	NHPP-BRX	0135-0334	X6	I-95	STAMFORD	REHAB BR 00032 OVER METRO NORTH RR	CON	2018	32,000	28,800	3,200	0	NEW PROJECT

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Project #0170-3362 – Sign Support Replacements

Overhead sign support replacements are proposed statewide at various locations, which will be determined based on a priority list prepared and submitted to CTDOT Bridge Safety. The replacements are proposed as a result of deterioration and/or the exceedance of their useful life. Federal funding for this project is provided as part of the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), accounting for 80% of the cost. The remaining 20% will be provided by the State of Connecticut.

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70	NHPP	0170-3362	X6	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENTS	PD	2016	190	152	38	0	NEW PROJECT
70	NHPP	0170-3362	X6	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENTS	FD	2016	10	8	2	0	NEW PROJECT
70	NHPP	0170-3362	X6	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENTS	CON	2017	4,000	3,200	800	0	NEW PROJECT

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The motion to approve **Resolution #2015-014 FFY2015-2018 TIP Endorsement – July 2015** was made by Ms. Stevenson and seconded by Ms. Weinstein. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Information Items

a. Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Brennan reviewed the upcoming meetings which were included on the agenda.

b. TTAG Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2015

All items related to the TTAG minutes were covered during the discussion of item 3, 3. Transportation Improvement Program FFY2015-2018*.

c. Other

No other items were discussed.

5. Adjournment

The MPO meeting was adjourned at 8:27am. The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Brennan.