



Draft Executive Summary
2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program
for the Greater Bridgeport & Valley Planning Region:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO) is authorized by federal regulations and designated by the Governor of Connecticut to conduct transportation planning and endorse a transportation improvement program (TIP) for the portion of the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area covered by the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning regions. The Greater Bridgeport and Valley TIP lists all proposed highway and transit improvement projects within the Greater Bridgeport and Valley planning regions programmed to receive federal assistance over the next four federal fiscal years, beginning October 1, 2020 (FFY 2021) and ending September 30, 2024 (FFY 2024). The TIP is incorporated into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and is collectively referred to as the TIP/STIP.

Federal regulations require the TIP/STIP to be “financially constrained.” This means there must be a reasonable expectation of federal financial assistance to implement endorsed projects and that the funding sources must be identified for each project. The MPO endorsed the FFY 2018-2021 TIP on July 17, 2017. The TIP has been subsequently amended over the intervening years to advance priority projects and maintain a financially constrained program.

This TIP is organized by federal agency (Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration), location (municipality, transit district, etc.) and project. The TIP includes:

- MPO organization and TIP requirements;
- Summary of the Transportation Planning Process Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs);
- TIP development and project selection process;
- Air quality assessment, regional air quality emission analysis results of TIP and air quality conformity determination (Ozone and PM2.5);
- Discussion on how the TIP will help achieve transportation performance targets;
- Public involvement activities and public comments;
- Project descriptions, cost estimates and programming schedules;

The TIP is prepared by MetroCOG and NVCOG, in collaboration with CTDOT, GBT and VTD. The MPO selects highway projects for the Greater Bridgeport and Valley attributable portion of the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program (STPBS), as well as local transit projects under the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Section 5307 capital formula grant program. The CTDOT submits a list of proposed projects allocated to the other federal-aid programs. The MPO evaluates the draft STIP and incorporates its program into the MPO TIP.

Projects included in the TIP must address the issues and be consistent with the objectives contained in the GBVMPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan, as well as CTDOT’s capital plan. Project selection is based on thorough evaluation of project purpose and needs. The availability of federal financial assistance, the cost of the proposed improvement, and the ability of the project sponsor to finance and complete its share of the project are also considered in setting regional priorities. A financial plan and activity schedule is established for each federal fiscal year. This financial plan establishes the priorities for each funding category.

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Public Comment Period

August 24 2020 to September 24, 2020

Public Information Meetings (Virtual)

September 17, 2020 at 5 pm (September 21 rain date)
September 24, 2020 at 10 am (GBVMPO meeting)

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