



Executive Meeting of the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019; 10:00 AM

Westchester County Center, Meeting Room E/F
198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY, 10606

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call (10:00 am – 10:10 am) – **Lance MacMillan, MHSTCC Secretary, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)**
- 2) Opening Remarks (10:10 am – 10:20 am) – **Naomi Klein, Director of Planning, Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation**
- 3) Presentation on TCC Activities (10:20 am – 10:50 am)
Electric Vehicles: Under the Hood and in the Marketplace
Seth Leitman, Program Manager for Drive Electric Hudson Valley, a program of Sustainable Hudson Valley
- 4) Development of the Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (10:50 am – 11:05 am) – **Ali Mohseni, Mid-Hudson South TCC Staff Director, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council**
- 5) Highlights of the Mid-Hudson South project listings (11:05 am – 11:20 am) – **Mid-Hudson South TCC members**
- 6) Public Participation (11:20 am – 11:35 am)
- 7) Action Items (11:35 am – 11:50 am)
 - a) **Accept: July 27, 2016 Meeting Synopsis**
 - b) **Adopt: Resolution #MHS-2019-1 – Recommendation of the Mid-Hudson South Project Listing for Inclusion in the FFYs 2020-2024 NYMTC Transportation Improvement Program**
 - c) **Selection of New TCC Chair – MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Executive**
- 8) New Business (11:50 am – 12:00 pm)
- 9) Adjournment (no later than 12:00 pm)



Darrin Moret
Acting Staff Director
Mid Hudson South TCC

Mid-Hudson South TCC
(Unapproved) Executive Committee Meeting Synopsis
Wednesday, July 27, 2016
Westchester County Center, White Plains, New York

MEETING ATTENDEES

Gerry Bogacz, *New York Metropolitan Transportation Council*
 Lisa Daglian, *Louis Berger Group – NYMTC Public Involvement Officer*
 David Drits, *New York Metropolitan Transportation Council*
 Angelina Foster, *New York Metropolitan Transportation Council*
 Sandra Fusco, *Putnam County Department of Planning*
 Patrick Gerdin, *Rockland County Planning Department*
 Jean Gunsch, *Cambridge Systematics, MHS Tech Support*
 Brent Howard, *Assistant Division Director (Operations) New York State Thruway Authority*
 Sandra D. Jobson, *RA, RLA, AICP, Regional Landscape Architecture/Environmental Manager – NYSDOT –Region 8*
 Daniel Johnson, *Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee*
 Toshema Johnson, *New York Metropolitan Transportation Council*
 Naomi Klein, *Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation*
 Craig Lader, *Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation*
 David Lake, *Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee*
 Tom Lauro, *Westchester County Acting Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation*
 Eileen Mildemberger, *Chief Advisor to the County Executive*
 Kathy Monroe, *Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee*
 Darrin Moret, *Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee*
 MaryEllen Odell, *Putnam County Executive*
 Stephen Powers, *Director of Public Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Director, Rockland*
 Kevin Plunkett, *Westchester Deputy County Executive*
 Jose Rivera, *Executive Director – New York Metropolitan Transportation Council*
 Douglas Schuetz, *Rockland County Department of Public Transportation*
 Marleen Stein, *Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Assistant Director*
 Tom Weiner, *New York State Department of Transportation – Region 8 RPPM*
 Todd Westhuis, *New York State Department of Transportation – Region 8 – Regional Director*
 Nancy Zou, *Assistant Division Highway Engineer, New York State Thruway Authority*

PUBLIC ATTENDEES

None

- 1 INTRODUCTIONS: Todd Westhuis, Regional Director for the NYS Department of Transportation, Region 8, and Secretary for the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee (MHSTCC), opened the meeting just after 6:34 p.m. and began with introductions. A quorum of voting members was present.

Mr. Westhuis made a special announcement to introduce NYMTC's newly appointed Executive Director, Mr. Jose Rivera.

- 2 OPENING REMARKS: Mr. Powers, Director of Public Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, and Chair for the MHSTCC spoke on the importance of the work done by NYMTC and the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee to ensure compliance with Federal requirements for our region. He thanked the entire staff for their work in coordinating the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He also spoke on various projects in the lower Mid-Hudson Valley region such as the New NY Bridge Project and the Lower Hudson Transit Link bus system. Mr. Powers stated that everyone was relieved to see the approval of the FAST Act which provides long term funding certainty for transportation. Mr. Powers is looking forward to working with the next MHSTCC Chairperson.
- 3 MOBILITY ADVISORY FORUM HOSTED PRESENTATION: "*Routes 59 and 45 Pedestrian Safety Study:*" Mr. Powers introduced Sandra Jobson RA, RLA, AICP, Regional Landscape Architect/Environmental Manager, NYSDOT Region 8. Mrs. Jobson gave a Power Point Presentation overviewing the Study and presented the draft recommendations for improving pedestrian safety along Routes 59 and 45 in the Village of Spring Valley and Town of Ramapo, Rockland County. A two day assessment was done to the route 45/59 corridors and a lot of great information came out of it. There were also two public workshops done to gather community input. Sandra mentioned that the study was completed in 6 months on a limited budget and could be a model for similar studies with limited scopes. In closing, she noted that many ideas have been identified to modify existing roadway infrastructure and pedestrian/driver awareness and that behavior has been modified through increased education and enforcement.

Questions:

Mr. Plunkett: "*Where did the funding come from to do the study?*"

Mrs. Jobson: "*We used federal safety money that cost about \$300K to \$400K.*"

Mr. Plunkett: *“Are there any plans to do any other intersections?”*

Mrs. Jobson: *“The state just recently released their statewide safety action plan regarding pedestrians. There are some more corridors coming up for study in the Hudson Valley for the future.”*

- 4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no registered speakers.
- 5 **ADOPTION OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER 2, 2014:** Highlights from the last Executive Meeting from October 2, 2014 were distributed as part of the Briefing Document. A motion to accept the Highlights with no changes was made by Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and seconded by Kevin Plunkett, Westchester Deputy County Executive. The motion was approved.

Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett who attended the October 2, 2014 Executive meeting commented that the presentation made by Mr. Brian Conybeare on The New NY Bridge Project was very informative and very helpful in understanding the Design-Build method of project delivery.

- 6 **MOTION TO RECOMMEND RESOLUTION MHS-2016-1:**
Mr. Powers asked Darrin Moret, Acting Director of the MHSTCC to give a brief description of resolution ***MHS-2016-1- Recommendation of Mid-Hudson South Project Listing for Inclusion in the FFYs 2017-2021 NYMTC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).***

Darrin explained the development of the 2017-2021 TIP which would take effect October 1st, 2016. He noted that NYMTC delegated MHSTCC the responsibility for recommending the Project listings for Putnam, Westchester and Rockland Counties for inclusion in the NYMTC TIP, and that the project listings were developed in accordance with federal regulations. He also mentioned that the proposed project listings have gone through a 30 day public review period.

Darrin requested that the MHSTCC recommend the proposed listing for inclusion in NYMTC's Federal Fiscal Year 2017-2021 TIP.

Mr. Powers asked for a motion to adopt the Project Listing for inclusion in the FFY 2017-2021 NYMTC Transportation Improvement Program. Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett moved to accept; Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell seconded the motion. The motion was approved, unanimously.

Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett wanted clarification that the listing includes both highway and transit projects. Darrin Moret, Acting Director of the MHSTCC, confirmed that the listing included both highway and transit projects.

7 MOTION TO RECOMMEND RESOLUTION MHS-2016-2:

Mr. Powers asked Darrin Moret, Acting Director of the MHSTCC to give a brief description of resolution *MHS-2016-2- Recommendation of Change to Functional Classifications of Cherry Street and Huntsville Road, Town of Bedford, Westchester County.*

Darrin explained that NYMTC is the regional council of governments for the Lower Hudson Valley, the five boroughs of NYC and Nassau/Suffolk counties of Long Island. He noted that NYMTC has delegated the responsibility for any changes to the functional classification of roadways in the Lower Hudson Valley to MHSTCC.

Darrin further explained that Functional Classification is a process of grouping streets or highways into classes of systems according to the character of traffic service that they are intended to provide. Functional Classification is used to determine transportation planning, roadway design, and allocation of federal and roadway improvement funds.

It has been requested by the Town of Bedford that Cherry Street be officially reclassified as a Major Collector. NYSDOT has reviewed the request by gathering the pertinent data and maps and supports the request. Additionally, NYSDOT suggests to change the functional classification of Huntville Road so not to violate the FHWA continuity principle.

Mr. Powers asked for a motion to adopt the recommendation for a change to the Functional Classifications of Cherry Street and Huntville Road. Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett moved to accept; Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell seconded the motion. The motion was approved, unanimously.

8 ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON: The MHSTCC Operating Procedures state that the chairperson *“shall be selected from among the Committee’s voting members by a majority vote, and will hold office for one year or until such time as a new Chairperson or Secretary is elected.”* The current chairperson is Rockland County Executive Edwin J. Day. Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino was proposed as the new Chair. The motion was made by Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, and seconded by Todd Westhuis, New York State Department of Transportation. The motion was approved.

Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett accepted the position of Chairperson for Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino. He wished a speedy recovery for

Rockland County Executive Edwin Day who had surgery and could not attend the meeting, and thanked the MHSTCC for all the work they do. Mr. Plunkett introduced Tom Lauro as the new Acting Commissioner for the Department of Public Works and Transportation. He also introduced Eileen Mildenberger, the Chief Advisor to the Westchester County Executive, and Naomi Klein from the Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation who has worked for years with NYMTC on Transportation issues.

Mr. Plunkett emphasized his and Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino's excitement to move forward with future projects.

- 9 **NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Powers asked members if there was any new business to discuss. No new business was raised.
- 10 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Powers asked for a motion to adjourn. Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, motioned and Kevin Plunkett, Deputy Westchester County Executive seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



RESOLUTION #MHS-2019-1

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MID-HUDSON SOUTH PROJECT LISTINGS FOR INCLUSION IN THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

WHEREAS, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is the metropolitan planning organization for New York City, suburban Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, per 23 CFR 450.326, NYMTC, in cooperation with the State and any affected public transportation operator(s), is responsible for developing a TIP for the metropolitan planning area that reflects the investment priorities established in the current regional transportation plan and covers a period of no less than four years; and

WHEREAS, NYMTC is developing the FFYs 2020-2024 TIP to take effect for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, NYMTC has delegated responsibility for recommending transportation improvement project listings for Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties for inclusion in the TIP to the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee; and

WHEREAS, the attached project listings for these three counties have been developed in accordance with federal planning regulations, with the cooperation of state, regional, and local officials as well as regional public transit operators, and with the active participation of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project listings for the three counties have been publicly reviewed through a thirty-day comment period for the proposed FFYs 2020-2024 TIP and related public review meetings held at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee recommends the attached project listings for inclusion in NYMTC's FFYs 2020-2024 TIP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee is hereby authorized to transmit the recommended project listings for approval by the Council.

Resolution introduced and adopted by the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee on the twenty-second day of August two thousand and nineteen.

Lance MacMillan, MHSTCC Secretary