NYMTC RELEASES DRAFT SFY 2018-2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) announces a 30-day public comment period for the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) proposed for the State Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2018. The UPWP defines planning activities in NYMTC’s planning area and identifies federal planning funds to conduct these activities. For more information, please see page 2.

MAP FORUM HOSTS FIRST MULTI-STATE FREIGHT WORKING GROUP MEETING

On November 1, the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum, a consortium of metropolitan planning organizations in the New York – New Jersey – Connecticut – Pennsylvania region, held the first meeting of its newly formed Multi-State Freight Working Group at the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC). For more information, please see page 3.
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NEW YORK – New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) Executive Director José M. Rivera announced the release of NYMTC’s draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the State Fiscal Year 2018-2019, a guiding document that helps NYMTC and its members to determine how federal funding will be spent for planning activities.

The draft UPWP, which is proposed for April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, identifies the planning priorities and activities to be carried out throughout the program year. Each year, the UPWP helps to outline recommendations and priorities for NYMTC’s 10-county planning area and enables federal funding assistance for planning activities undertaken by NYMTC’s staff and its members.

NYMTC’s current Regional Transportation Plan, Plan 2045, serves as the foundation for the annually-developed work program. It defines planning goals, priorities and opportunities for the region’s transportation system.

“The UPWP is essential to NYMTC’s ability to fulfill its members shared goals and vision to preserve and enhance our region transportation system,” said NYMTC Executive Director Rivera. “Not only is it important today, the UPWP helps to ensure proper regional planning for tomorrow.”

The comment period, which begins Nov. 20 and concludes Dec. 19, will offer an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft UPWP. Also, NYMTC will host two online public webinars on Dec. 14 to present the draft UPWP and gather public comment.

For more information, please click here or visit the below links to offer your input, review the draft UPWP and webinar details.

Materials for Public Review:
- Public Notice
- Draft Executive Summary
- Draft SFY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program
- Interactive Map Hyperlink

Webinar Information:
- December 14 at 12:30 PM-1:30 PM:
  www.bit.ly/UPWPDec141230
  Meeting Number: 312 649 908; Password: gX6ikJQd
- December 14 at 6:30 PM-7:30 PM:
  bit.ly/UPWPDec14630
  Meeting Number: 318 566 377; Password: mgrQ6rX

NYMTC Advisory Members:
- Richard Cotton, Executive Director of Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
- Steven H. Santoro, Executive Director of New Jersey Transit
- Mary K. Murphy, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Executive Director
- Basil Seggos, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner
- Stephen Goodman, Regional Administrator of Federal Transit Administration - Region 2
- Peter Osborn, Division Administrator of Federal Highway Administration - NYS Division
- Pete Lopez, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator
NEW YORK – The Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum held the first meeting of its newly formed Multi-State Freight Working Group on Wednesday November 1, 2017 at the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC).

“Freight movement is integral to the economic development of the northeast region,” said NYMTC Executive Director José M. Rivera. “The movement of goods in-and-out of our region, especially in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, is reliant on a safe and efficient transportation system. As we continue to plan for tomorrow, NYMTC is happy to host the MAP Forum’s first Multi-State Working Group meeting, and continue this productive discussion on the future of freight in our region.”

The meeting, which was held at NYMTC’s office in downtown Manhattan, featured a presentation by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on its just initiated Port Master Plan development initiative. Additionally, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) discussed how New Jersey is a major distribution state for the region.

- Anne Strauss-Wieder, Director of Freight Planning at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, offered a presentation on New Jersey: The Distribution State in the Leading U.S. Distribution Region
- Gerry Bogacz, Director of Planning at the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, provided a presentation on the Multi-State Freight Working Group: Charge to the Group
- Steve Brown, Manager of Regional Transportation at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, provided a presentation on the Master Plan for the Port of New and New Jersey: A Road Map for the Next 30 Years.

Click here to view the meeting: NYMTC's YouTube page | Additional photos are available on NYMTC’s Flickr Page

LANGUAGE ACCESS NOW AVAILABLE AT NYMTC

NYMTC's Language Access Program is now available to provide a more inclusive planning process and further enhance NYMTC's public involvement efforts to increase access to information. The 2010 Census identifies a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population of roughly 2.2 million people in the NYMTC planning area, with just over 70% of the total LEP population speaks one of three languages – Spanish, Chinese and Russian. These three languages are considered as primary LEP languages in NYMTC’s planning area. For more information on the program and how to access services, go to https://www.nymtc.org/Get-Involved/Language-Access-Program. Spanish: Para ver los documentos traducidos, vaya a https://www.nymtc.org Chinese-Simplified: 查看已翻译文件访问 https://www.nymtc.org Chinese-Traditional: 查看已翻譯文件訪問 https://www.nymtc.org Russian: Переведенные документы можно получить по адресу https://www.nymtc.org

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NYMTC’s Committee Adopts Regional Transportation Planning Resolutions

NEW YORK - During its November 16 meeting, members of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council’s (NYMTC) Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) acted on resolutions related to the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) regional transportation planning products.

In its last meeting of the year, PFAC members adopted the following resolutions, which included:

- Various Amendments to the Vision and Constrained Elements of the Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2018-2045 Regional Transportation Plan (Plan 2045); and
- Technical Corrections to the Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2018-2045 Regional Transportation Plan (Plan 2045) and the 2017 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Status Report; and
- Amendments to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Additionally, NYMTC Executive Director José M. Rivera highlighted key achievements for the MPO, as it has a new federally adopted Regional Transportation Plan in 2017. NYMTC has also continued to worked together with its members to maintain and administer the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Federal Fiscal Years 2017-2021. The current TIP, which defines federal funding for specific transportation projects and actions over a five-year period, has recorded over 100 TIP actions since it was first adopted in September 2016, NYMTC Executive Director Rivera said.

“I would like to acknowledge the members of the Program, Finance and Administration Committee for their guidance and leadership. I am also appreciative of the hard work and commitment of NYMTC staff, including our Transportation Coordinating Committees in New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley,” said NYMTC Executive Director Rivera. “Your resiliency in helping to maintain and administer our Transportation Improvement Program for our region has been extraordinary.”

NYMTC’s current staff includes a central staff located in lower Manhattan, and staff in the three satellite offices which serve its three geographically-based Transportation Coordinating Committees (TCC). To respond to local needs, the New York City TCC, the Mid-Hudson South TCC and the Nassau/Suffolk TCC recommend transportation priorities and provide additional opportunities for interested stakeholders to become involved in the planning process.

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UPCOMING NYMTC MEETINGS - 2018

- January 18, 2018 – Program, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting at 12:15 pm
- February 27, 2018 – Annual Council Meeting at 11:15 am (Location may vary)
- April 12, 2018 – Program, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting at 12:15 pm
- June 28, 2018 – Program, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting at 12:15 pm

Where: New York Metropolitan Transportation Council - 25 Beaver Street, Suite 201, New York, NY 10004

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is a regional council of governments that is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 5 boroughs of New York City, plus Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties.