Executive Meeting of the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC)

Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday August 20, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.
Perry B. Duryea State Office Building
250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge NY
Cafeteria Classroom

1) Welcome and Roll Call
Mr. Glenn Murrell, Regional Planning and Program Manager for the New York State Department of Transportation, Region 10 and Secretary to the Nassau/Suffolk TCC opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Mr. Murrell welcomed everyone and called the roll, affirming that a quorum was present for the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Darnell Tyson, Acting Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Public Works.

2) Opening Remarks
Mr. Tyson welcomed everyone and noted that he was representing Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, the current Nassau/Suffolk TCC Chair. Mr. Tyson noted that the County Executive was a great proponent of Transportation as it is very important to his community. County Executive Bellone is very interested in the FFYs 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

3) Presentation
Mr. Tyson introduced Mr. Sean Sallie, Deputy Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works. Mr. Sallie gave a presentation on the Nassau Hub Innovation District. The Nassau Hub is a 72-acre site in the middle of Nassau County. It is accessed by the Meadowbrook Parkway, Hempstead Turnpike and other State and County arterials. The site is anchored by the NYCB Live Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum and is surrounded by Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, Museum Row and Mitchel Field County Park as well as hotel and office space. Memorial Sloan Kettering’s Nassau Cancer Treatment Center is located on 5 acres of the site. The remainder of the site is under land lease to Brooklyn Sports and Entertainment (BSE) and RXR. BSE and RXR have partnered to put forth a development plan for the site. In December 2018, the Nassau County Legislature unanimously passed County Executive Curran’s Development Plan Agreement, allowing BSE and RXR to advance their transformational vision for the Nassau Hub. The proposed plan will be comprised of office uses with a focus on life sciences and R&D; innovative residential housing geared to millennials and empty nesters; engaging entertainment and retail complementary to the Coliseum, open green spaces, walkable streets with multimodal connectivity and public amenities.
The development plan will turn the Nassau Hub into a place where people can live, work, play and innovate. The development team must obtain approvals from the Town of Hempstead including Conceptual Master Plan approval and Site Plan Approval for Phase I, by the end of 2020. NYSEDC awarded an $85M grant for parking structures for the site, as surface parking will be utilized by the Coliseum. A Bus Rapid Transit system will link the Hub to the LIRR’s Main Line (at Mineola and/or Westbury) and the Hempstead Transit Center. A robust public outreach is expected for the BRT in the coming months. The Hub development team is aware of emerging technologies to ensure that this site will complement the surrounding area now and in the future.

4) Development of the Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Tyson introduced Ms. Mary Byrne, N/STCC Staff Director, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. Ms. Byrne provided an overview of the development of the FFYs 2020-2024 TIP, which is a multi-year, multimodal and fiscally constrained program of transportation improvement projects drawn from the long-range Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Byrne described the purpose of the MPO, its planning area and the membership of NYMTC. The Planning process was described as well as the role of the TIP in the planning process. Funding assumptions for the proposed FFY 2020-2024 TIP were noted and Federal Funding programs were identified. It was noted that NYMTC’s transportation improvement program funding total is $21.6 Billion dollars and the Long Island portion is $4.250 Billion dollars. The federal portion of the proposed TIP is 53.72%. Ms. Byrne indicated that NYMTC must make the TIP available in an electronically accessible format. A link to a project visualization tool is contained on the NYMTC website as is the full TIP listing. Transportation Performance Management was briefly explained. Finally, the final steps remaining in the adoption of the TIP were noted, specifically the August 27, 2019 Program, Finance and Administration Committee meeting to recommend the draft TIP for Council adoption and the September 5, 2019 Council meeting to adopt the TIP.

5) Highlights of the Nassau/Suffolk Project Listing

Mr. Tyson asked the Nassau/Suffolk TCC members to provide highlights of the projects that were being recommended for inclusion in the proposed FFYs 2020-2024 project listing.

Mr. Bob Brickman, Nassau County Department of Public Works, Planning Division provided Nassau County’s highlights. Mr. Brickman indicated that Nassau’s program includes over $125 Million dollars in total federal funding. The County’s civil program is 40% of the Nassau portion of the TIP and includes road resurfacing, pavement marking and bridge rehabilitation projects. Traffic projects are one third of Nassau’s TIP and include signal expansion connections to, and staff support for, the County’s Traffic Management Center, as well as the ability to provide enhanced real time traffic information. The transit component is approximately one quarter of the Nassau County portion of the TIP and includes regular replacement of the County’s buses as well as advancement of a Bus Rapid Transit System at the Nassau Hub site.

Mr. Tyson provided Suffolk County’s highlights. Suffolk County is progressing a BRT to connect Stony Brook University, the Ronkonkoma Hub and the Patchogue LIRR Station. The Nicolls Road Bus-Rapid Transit/ High Occupancy Vehicle Roadway and Signal enhancement project is on schedule and
approximately 30% complete. The program also contains a Bicycle/ Pedestrian Multi- Use- Path project in the corridor. On the transit side, Suffolk County is proposing new bus purchases and bus shelters for the CR 97 Nicolls Road and NY 110 BRT systems. The County is also looking to replace the Automatic Vehicle Locator or AVL system on Suffolk County buses. This GPS like utility will help riders track the arrival time of their bus in real time. The County is also proposing deteriorated bridge replacement projects, Pedestrian Safety Improvement projects and a pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation program to maintain County roads and bridges in a state of good repair.

Mr. Murrell provided The New York State Department of Transportation, Region 10 highlights. He gave an overview of the Region’s assets which include 4,000 miles of pavement to maintain, 1,200 traffic signals, 548 State-owned/State-inspected bridges, 161 Locally-owned/State- inspected bridges, 1,095 Overhead Sign Structures, 80,000 drainage structures, and 530 miles of drainage pipe. Mr. Murrell indicated that because of the large number of assets held by the Region, the Region is progressing a preservation first strategy in their transportation program. Project categories by percentage of program include 33% Pavement projects, 29% Safety projects, 14 % Structures projects, 8% each for Mobility and Other type projects, and lastly 6% Drainage projects. The NYSDOT, Region 10 program includes over $1,000,000,000 in total programming for 158 projects. Mr. Murrell indicated that their program includes over 75 construction projects worth over $690,000,000.

Ms. Judith Walker, Assistant Director of Grants Management, Metropolitan Transportation Authority indicated that the MTA is currently developing their Capital program within the 2020- 2024 TIP. It will be publicly released when available.

6) **Public Participation**  
There were no registered speakers.

7) **Action Items**  
a) **Accept: July 26, 2019 Meeting Synopsis**  
The meeting synopsis from the July 26, 2016 Executive Committee meeting was made available on the NYMTC website as well as at the sign-in table at today’s meeting. The members were also provided a copy of the last meeting synopsis in their meeting packages. A motion to accept the last meeting synopsis was made by Mr. Glenn Murrell, Regional Planning & Program Manager, New York State Department of Transportation, Region 10. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sean Sallie, Deputy Commissioner, Nassau County Department of Public Works. The voting members were in favor. The motion passed.

b) **Adopt: Resolution #NS-2019-1 Recommendation of the Nassau/Suffolk Project Listing for Inclusion in the FFYs 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan**  
Mr. Manish Shah of the NSTCC staff introduced the Resolution. A motion to adopt the Long Island project listing was made by Mr. Darnell Tyson, Acting Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Mr. Glenn Murrell of NYSDOT, Region 10. The voting members were in favor of the Resolution. The motion passed.
Selection of New Nassau/Suffolk TCC Chair

Mr. Tyson stated that as per the Joint TCC Operating Procedures the TCC members have unanimously selected Nassau County Executive Laura Curran as the new Nassau/Suffolk TCC Chair. Mr. Sallie accepted the position of Chairperson for Nassau County Executive Laura Curran. CE Curran is excited to be the next Chair and is dedicated to transportation synergies with land use and economic development; and the efficient use of federal, state and local funds. The County Executive is a huge proponent of the transportation planning process.

New Business

Mr. Tyson asked the members if there was any new Business to discuss, and none was raised.

Adjourn

Mr. Tyson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Glenn Murrell, NYSDOT, Region 10 and seconded by Ms. Judith Walker of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Meeting Attendees:
Andrea Mile-Cole, NYMTC staff
Fidel Garcia, NYMTC staff
Olayinka Alamo, NYMTC staff
Judith Walker, MTA
Sherry Southe, NYMTC, NSTCC staff
Mary Byrne, NYMTC, NSTCC staff
Manish Shah, NYMTC, NSTCC staff
Ethan Magarero, Senator Kevin Thomas’ office
Glenn Murrell, NYSDOT, R-10
David Drits, NYMTC staff
Cheryl Rose, NYSDOT, R-10
Rajan Singh, NYSDOT, R-10
Judy Woodford, NYSDOT, R-10
Fahmida Rahman, NYSDOT, R-10
Lisa Belinsky, Transit Solutions
Imran Ahmed, NYMTC, NSTCC staff
Jennifer Obler, NYSDOT, R-10
Angelina Foster, NYMTC staff
Tatyana Golikova, NYSDOT, R-10
Sean Sallie, Nassau County
Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC staff
Bob Brickman, Nassau County
Bob Danielson, NYSDOT, R-10
Darnell Tyson, Suffolk County