Virtual Public Workshop

A Regional Transportation Plan for NYC, Lower Hudson Valley, and Long Island

Welcome!
The workshop will begin at 3:05 pm
Instructions for Participants
Ground Rules

• Participants will remain muted
• The Poll Everywhere platform will be used to gather participants' input
• The chat window will be available for comments
• The workshop will be recorded
Using the Chat Window

Not all comments will be addressed during the workshop, but they will be recorded.

Type your comments in the chat window.

Click to see chat window.
Workshop Agenda

1. Introduction
   • What is NYMTC?
   • What is the Plan?
   • About the Region

2. Using Poll Everywhere

3. Shared Vision & Goals
   • Overview
   • Poll Questions

4. Freight
   • Overview
   • Poll Questions

5. Pedestrians & Bicyclists
   • Overview
   • Poll Questions

6. Land Use Coordination
   • Poll Question

7. Tell Us About Yourself

8. Next Steps
Introduction
What is NYMTC?

NYMTC is a regional council of governments that is the metropolitan planning organization for New York City, Long Island, and the lower Hudson Valley. Its mission is:

• To serve as a **collaborative forum** to address transportation-related issues from a regional perspective;

• To facilitate informed decision-making within the Council by providing **sound technical analysis**;

• To focus the collective planning activities of all Council members to achieve a **shared regional vision**; and

• To ensure that the region is positioned to **capture the maximum amount of federal funds** available to achieve the goals described in the Regional Transportation Plan.
NYMTC Membership

Advisory

The Next Regional Transportation Plan for NYC, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley
The Regional Transportation Plan is a federally-required planning product that lays out the region’s **long-term transportation needs and desires** over a minimum 20-year time frame.

**Updated every four years**, the Plan is a **blueprint that helps guide federal funding** of investments in the NYMTC planning area based on Council members’ vision for the region and is **developed collaboratively** with members, other agencies, stakeholders and the public.
What is a Regional Transportation Plan?

The Plan covers all modes of surface transportation in NYMTC's planning area, including roadways, bridges, public transportation, non-motorized transportation, goods movement and human services transportation.

The Plan identifies the long-range needs of the transportation systems and defines the projects and strategies proposed for federal funding.

The Plan considers the safety and security, resiliency, environmental impact and finances of the transportation system in NYMTCs planning area.
Public Outreach Program

We have adapted the public outreach program in response to the public health emergency resulting from the coronavirus pandemic

- Online Engagement Platform
- Virtual Public Workshops
- Virtual Focus Groups Drawn from Communities of Concern and users of specialized transportation
- Plan Website
- Social media
- Working with local partner organizations
NYMTC Planning Area
New York City Focus

Population 8.4 million
67% of total region (12.6 million)

4.6 million 3.5 million
Workers Jobs

Average Commute Length 41 minutes

Primary Mode Journey to Work

- 52% Public transportation (excluding taxis)
- 32% Car, truck or van
- 9% Walked
- 4% Worked from home
- 2% Taxi, motorcycle, or other means
- 1% Bicycle

SOURCE: 2017 American Community Survey.
New York City Focus

Average 2019 Person Hours of Excess Delay (4:00 - 7:00 PM)

Worst Congestion Bottlenecks

SOURCE: NPMRDS

Key
- Severe Congestion
- Bottlenecks
## New York City Focus

### 2018 Average Daily Transit Ridership

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New York City Focus

NYMTC Transportation Improvement Program
for New York City (2020-2024)

Federal $7.9 Billion
State/Local $6.7 Billion
Total $14.6 Billion

46% 54%
Using Poll Everywhere
How to Use Poll Everywhere

Throughout the workshop, we will be asking you to respond to questions and prompts. You will see your answers reflected on the screen. To participate:

2. Enter your name and click continue
3. Respond to questions & prompts
Where are you participating from today?
Before the public health emergency, what were the modes you used for the majority of your trips to work or other purposes.

- Bus
- Commuter Train
- Subway
- Ferry
- Drive
- Walk
- Bike or Scooter
- Taxi/Ridesharing/Ride Hailing
Shared Vision & Goals
Proposed Shared Vision for Regional Mobility

The elected and appointed officials who comprise the NYMTC recognize that mobility – the ability of people and goods to move easily and safely to, from and between locations – is crucial to the lives of everyone who resides in, works in, or visits within the NYMTC planning region.

Therefore, we aspire:
• to ensure that the mobility provided reaches everyone in a sustainable, healthy and equitable manner
• to invest efficiently for these transportation needs
• to respond effectively to the transportation challenges of tomorrow
Vision Goals

The new plan will be organized around five proposed goals:

- Safety & Security
- Reliable & Easy Travel
- Planning for Changing Demand
- Reducing Environmental Impacts
- Resiliency
Safety & Security

Goal: A transportation system that ensures the safety and security of people and goods across all uses and modes.

Objectives:

1. Ensure that *investments in existing physical assets* protect the safety of, among others, passengers and freight systems.
2. Promote *safe streets and intersections*.
3. Keep the transportation system *secure from threats*.
4. Coordinate *safety management, training and education* across jurisdictional borders.
5. Improve the safety and security of *system operations*.
What is the most important transportation safety issue for you?
What is the most important transportation security issue for you?
Reliable & Easy Travel

**Goal:** A transportation system that is maintained, operated, and coordinated to better enable reliable, easy, accessible and seamless travel across the region

**Objectives:**
1. **Rebuild/replace and modernize** the assets that comprise the region’s vast transportation infrastructure.
2. Improve **first- and last-mile access** to transit.
3. Provide **more frequent and reliable** transit service.
4. Improve **accessibility to the transportation system** for users of all abilities.
5. Invest in improving the **integration of the multi-modal transit network**.
6. Improve the **integration of freight modes and facilities**.
7. Invest in collection and sharing of **quality transportation data**.
Thinking beyond the public health emergency and out into the future, tell us what could make you preferred mode of travel easier to use.
Planning for Changing Demand

**Goal:** A transportation system that efficiently serves today’s population and plans for the growing number of residents, workers and increasing amounts of goods.

**Objectives:**

1. Invest in system capacity to satisfy demand and relieve overcrowding, with an emphasis on core markets and activity centers.
2. Expand the reach of the system to underserved communities and emerging markets.
3. Encourage walking and biking, transit-oriented development, complete streets, parking and curb management, and other long-term sustainable land use strategies.
5. Incorporate emerging and innovative transportation services and tools into efficient network design.
Compared to your life before the public health emergency, do you think you will travel more or less over the next 12-18 months?

- Less
- The same amount
- More
- I don't know
What are some of the ways that your travel may be different over the next 12-18 months?
What transportation system improvements do you think will be the most important to your travel?
Thinking beyond the public health emergency, what transportation system improvements do you think will be the most important to your travel?
Reducing Environmental Impact

**Goal:** A transportation system that minimizes its impact of the environment, especially the effects of climate change

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage *alternatives to single-occupant vehicle trips.*
2. Encourage *alternatives to trucking freight.*
3. Modernize fleets to *higher-standard and lower-emissions vehicles.*
4. Efficiently *manage limited roadway capacity* to mitigate congestion and vehicular emissions.
5. Promote *responsible environmental stewardship* in transportation projects.
What is the most important way that transportation's environmental impacts could be minimized in your community?
Resiliency

Goal: A transportation system that is resilient and can mitigate, adapt to, and respond to chronic and acute stresses and disruptions.

Objectives:

1. Protect and fortify major transportation assets.
2. Continue to invest in sea-level rise and climate change risk analyses for transportation assets.
3. Improve regional coordination on emergency and long-term responses to system-wide climate impacts.
4. Enhance the transportation network’s resiliency by increasing travel options and redundancies.
How can the transportation system adapt and respond to changes in travel brought on by the public health emergency?
What is the most important action your community could take to prepare for future extreme weather events?
Recap: Vision Goals

The new plan will be organized around 5 proposed goals:

- Safety & Security
- Reliable & Easy Travel
- Planning for Changing Demand
- Reducing Environmental Impacts
- Resiliency
How satisfied are you with the proposed goals as described?

- Very satisfied - well done! A
- Satisfied B
- Not satisfied - needs work. C

Not satisfied - needs work.  

Very satisfied - well done!

Satisfied
Is there anything missing? What else should be reflected in the proposed goals?
Freight
Freight Snapshot

405 million tons of freight moves into, out of, through and within the NYMTC planning area annually

46% increase in tonnage of freight is expected through 2040

Trucks carry 91% of freight into, out of, through and within the NYMTC planning area
Examples of Projects in the Current Freight Plan

- Modernize Hunts Point Terminal freight rail and traffic circulation
- Howland Hook access improvement project
- Long Island City Rail Terminal/Wheelspur Yard improvements
- New York City Waterways Dredging Program
- NYS Thruway truck climbing lanes, Exit 11 to Exit 13
- West Shore River Line grade crossing improvements
- Clean Freight Corridors Program
- Expand participation in off-peak delivery programs
- Railcar Clearance Improvement Program
How has the number of delivered packages that you receive in a typical week changed since the public health emergency?

I receive more delivered packages now

I receive the same number of delivered packages

I receive fewer delivered packages
What item(s) do you most frequently obtain through home delivery services?
Are local truck deliveries a problem (idling, blocking streets, causing traffic issues, etc.) for you or your community?

- Very Significant Problem
- Somewhat Significant Problem
- Not a Significant Problem
Pedestrians & Bicyclists
New York City Pedestrian and Bicyclist Snapshot

Objectives from the Current Plan
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Enhance the pedestrian and bicycle network
- Support the creation of sustainable communities
- Support economic development
- Contribute to the improvement of public health

Constrained Pedestrian and Shared Use Projects in Current Plan
- Curb Ramps, Crosswalks, and Sidewalks in all five boroughs
- Brooklyn Queens Greenway along Van Wyck Expressway
- Sutphin Blvd Pedestrian Improvements
- Jamaica Bay Greenway Improvements
- Manhattan Waterfront Greenway (30th to 37th Street)
- East River Waterfront Esplanade via South Street
- Baruch Plaza at 25th Street
- 125th Street Plaza
- New Crosswalks at West 13th Street to connect Hudson River Park with West Village
- 151 Street Pedestrian Bridge
- Osborn Street Plaza
- Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway
- Putnam Triangle Reconstruction
- Kosciuszko Bridge Shared Use Path
- Putnam Greenway
- Bronx River Greenway
- Morrison Avenue Pedestrian Plaza
- South Bronx Greenway
What would best improve your ability to walk safely in your community?
Bicyclist Snapshot

Constrained Pedestrian Bicycle Projects

• Bike Route 9 (Rockland)
• Maybrook Bikeway (Putnam)
• Mahopac Falls Bikeway (Putnam)
• Bicycle Network Development in All Five Boroughs (NYC)
What would best improve your ability to use a bicycle safely in your community?
What are the top three gaps or missing links in the bicycle network in your area?
Are there any pedestrian or bicycle safety policies / programs that you would like to see implemented in your area?
Land Use Coordination
Coordinated Development Emphasis Areas (CDEAs) are locations in the NYMTC planning area where land development and transportation investment planning should be coordinated to achieve environmental sustainability, local economic revitalization, and improved quality of life.
What developments are happening in your community that may have transportation impacts?
Please tell us about yourself
Please indicate your home ZIP code
Please indicate your gender

Female
Male
Non-binary
Prefer not to answer
Please indicate your age

- 20 and below
- 21-35
- 36-50
- 51-65
- 66 and above
Please indicate your household income

$0 - $25k
$26 - $50k
$51 - $100k
$100k - $200k
More than $200k
Please indicate your race/ethnicity

Asian/Pacific Islander
Black/African American
Hispanic/Latin
Multiracial
Native American
White/Non-Hispanic
Prefer not to answer
Next Steps
How will public input impact the Plan?

Input reviewed and organized for presentation to NYMTC’s members

All input will be considered in the Plan development process
Plan 2050 Activities Underway

Strategic framework
- Shared vision
- Proposed goals
- Proposed objectives
- Medium-term tactics/strategies

Data collection
- Federally-supported system inventory
- Projects, programs and studies from current Plan
- Costs & resources
- System Performance

Travel forecasts
- Socio-economic & demographic
- Current congestion
- Commodity flows
- Model base year
- Preliminary congestion forecasts
- Impacts of transformative change

Public outreach
- Virtual Workshops
- Focus groups
- On-line platform
- Topical workshops and events

Draft Plan

The Next Regional Transportation Plan for NYC, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley
Plan 2050 Development Timeline

- **Strategic Framework & Long-Term Needs**
- **Public Outreach Program** (through September 2020)
- **Projects, Programs & Studies** (through December 2020)
- **Long-Term Fiscal Analysis & Travel Forecasts** (through April 2021)
- **Draft Plan & Public Comment Period** (May-July 2021)
- **Final Plan – Adoption by the Council & Federal Review**

SEPTEMBER 2021

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Moving Forward
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Online Engagement Platform

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