

**Synopsis of the October 20, 2005 Meeting of the  
Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) of the  
New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC)**

**A. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m. by Mr. Timothy Gilchrist, Chairperson of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee and representative for the New York State Department of Transportation. Mr. Gilchrist introduced himself and then asked all members to introduce themselves.
2. **NYMTC Directors' Report**

Mr. Joel Ettinger said that he was delighted to see the number of interest groups in attendance and encouraged them to attend future meetings and to invite others to attend. Mr. Ettinger announced that NYMTC had successfully complied with all of the requirements of the federal legislation that provided the New York region with a waiver of certain of the Clean Air Acts because of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC's next air quality challenge was with the new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's requirements for the emissions of particulate matter. He said that the Unified Planning Work Program was currently underway and said that more than \$20 million in federal planning funds would be available by April 1, 2006. He then talked about NYMTC's pilot sustainable development studies. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC hosted a meeting with the New York State's Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC will be providing assistance to affected MPOs that were hit hard by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and reported that Mr. Kuo-Ann Chiao, NYMTC's Technical Director, had been designated as the point person for establishing communications, providing inquires, and technical assistance with impacted MPOs in the Gulf Coast.

**B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. George Haikalis, President of the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc. (IRUM), said that he had concerns about the transportation bond proposal. One concern was the long list of highway projects and the shorter list of transit projects. He wanted to know if the Legislature and Governor would be able to redirect funds to other projects if a project needed to be dropped from the list. Mr. Haikalis questioned borrowing money to pay for highways and suggested to raise gas tax and "pay-as-you-go", to avoid interest cost. He suggested to use a less costly alternative on the Long Island Railroad East Side Access project and said that the suggestions could be found on the IRUM's website at [www.irum.org](http://www.irum.org). He said the Second Avenue Subway cost-per-mile was too costly and had concerns that it would not be extended to the Bronx. He said that the JFK/LIRR link to lower Manhattan had no plan in process and said that most of the passengers wanted to go to midtown. Mr. Haikalis said that it was hard for transit advocates to support the bond issue.

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Accept: September 8, 2005 Meeting Synopsis**

Mr. Gilchrist asked for a motion to accept the September 8, 2005 Meeting Synopsis. A motion was made by Ms. Sarah Rios, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The meeting synopsis was accepted.

**2. Adopt: Resolution #208 – Recognition of Service of Elizabeth Bartlett, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

Mr. Joel Ettinger read Resolution #208, Recognition of Service of Elizabeth Bartlett.

Mr. Gilchrist asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #208, Recognition of Service of Elizabeth Bartlett. A motion was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Salley, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**D. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Can Transportation Planners Help Create Workforce Housing? – Alfred DelliBovi, President, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York**

With the help of slides, Mr. Alfred DelliBovi provided an overview of the linkages between transportation and affordable housing. He talked about the nation's challenges with affordable housing and said that statistics showed that in finding affordable housing, people with lower income were inclined to move a great distance from their jobs, which resulted in increased travel costs. Mr. DelliBovi said that affordable workforce housing was part of a different policy dialogue and indicated that transportation planners could help to identify possible sites for affordable housing developments. He said that those involved in the development of housing and transportation planners need to work on the same equation and assist one another by bringing assets together in a strategic way. Mr. DelliBovi suggested that transportation assets, facilities and land may also be considered in this joint venture. The presentation provided at the meeting is available on NYMTC's website at [www.nymtc.org/files.cfm?thecategory=Presentations](http://www.nymtc.org/files.cfm?thecategory=Presentations)

**2. Transportation Bond Act – Timothy Gilchrist, NYS Department of Transportation**

Mr. Timothy Gilchrist explained that the Rebuild and Renew New York Transportation Bond Act of 2005 was part of a five year, \$35.9 billion transportation capital program that Governor Pataki and the State Legislature leaders agreed to on July 13, 2005. The \$2.9 billion Bond Act portion of that funding would be evenly distributed between the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and would support highways, roads and bridge construction, transit systems, freight and passenger rail network, airports, canals and port facility investments. To obtain information on specified projects being funded through the Bond Act, visit the NYSDOT's website at [www.dot.state.ny.us](http://www.dot.state.ny.us) and the MTA's website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

**E. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING**

Mr. Gilchrist confirmed that the next Program, Finance and Administration Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2005 and would be held at NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> floor, New York City.

**F. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Member/Alternates**

Lawrence Berger, Nassau County  
Timothy Gilchrist, NYS Department of Transportation  
Phyllis Graybow, Rockland County  
Gwen Perlman, NYC Department of Transportation  
John Pilner, Putnam County  
Sarah Rios, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Lawrence Salley, Westchester County  
Jack Schmidt, NYC Department of City Planning  
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County

**Advisory (non-voting) Members**

Elizabeth Bartlett, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Brian Fineman, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc.  
Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration  
Irwin Kessman, Federal Transit Administration  
Matt Laurita, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

**NYMTC Council Staff**

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Joel Ettinger	Jan Khan	

**OTHERS**

Richard Backlund, FHWA  
Elizabeth Bartlett, NYSDEC  
Kathleen Brady  
Patricia Chemka, Westchester County  
Al DelliBovi, FHLB  
Lucinda Eagle, FTA  
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George Haikalis, IRUM  
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Carol Rosenfeld, Environmental Defense  
Nick Veraart, Louis Berger Group, Inc.

This meeting synopsis was accepted unanimously at the December 15, 2005 Program, Finance, and Administration Committee Meeting by all members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PFAC Members Support Liaison