

**Synopsis of the May 19, 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 1:20 p.m. by Mr. Timothy Gilchrist, of the New York State Department of Transportation. Mr. Gilchrist introduced himself as the new Chairperson of the Program, Finance and Administration Committee and asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Chairperson's Report

Mr. Timothy Gilchrist said that there was progress on the conformity waiver activities. He said that the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program were reviewed on April 1, 2005.

3. NYMTC Directors' Report

Mr. Joel Ettinger welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said that the Draft Conformity Determination, the Environmental Justice and the Congestion Management Study Status Report documents would be released in June, 2005.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept: January 20, 2005 Meeting Synopsis

Mr. Gilchrist asked for a motion to accept the January 20, 2005 Meeting Synopsis. A motion was made by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was accepted.

2. Adopt: Resolution #197 – Amendment of the Major Metropolitan Transportation Investments/Major Investment Study List and Update of the 2005/2006 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Gilchrist said that the resolution would revise the list by removing the LaGuardia Subway Access Major Investment Study and adding the Lower Manhattan-Jamaica/JFK Transportation Alternatives Analysis Draft Environmental Impact Statement, adding the Long Island Rail Road Main Line Corridor Improvement Environmental Impact Statement, and adding the Goethals Bridge Environmental Impact Statement on the Major Investment Study list.

Mr. Gilchrist asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #197, Amendment of the Major Metropolitan Transportation/Major Investment Study List and Update of the 2005-2006 Unified Planning Work Program. A motion was made by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Sarah Rios, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The resolution was unanimously approved.

3. Adopt: Resolution #198 - New York Metropolitan Transportation Council Self Certification

Mr. Joel Ettinger provided an overview of NYMTC's Self Certification. See the attachment.

Mr. Gilchrist asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #198, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council Self Certification. A motion was made by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Sarah Rios, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Adopt: Resolution #199, Recognition of Service to Joseph H. Boardman

Mr. Gilchrist informed everyone that Mr. Boardman would no longer be working as Commissioner for the New York State Department of Transportation because had been appointed by President George Bush to serve as the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration in Washington D.C. Mr. Gilchrist described Commissioner Boardman's long service and support of NYMTC, particularly in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. He congratulated Mr. Boardman and said that he would be missed. A plaque would be given to Mr. Boardman as a token of the Council's appreciation for his service and leadership.

Mr. Gilchrist asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #199, Recognition of Service to Joseph H. Boardman. A motion was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Dr. James Yarmus, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and the synopsis was accepted.

D. REGIONAL ISSUES

NYMTC's Draft Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Conformity Determination

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, with the help of slides, talked about NYMTC's Draft Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program and Conformity Determination. See the attached presentation.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning

Mr. Gerry Bogacz noted that proposals for the September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning had been received. He said two subcommittees were in the process of reviewing the proposals and that a selection would be made and announced.

2. PM 2.5 Non-Attainment Area Designation

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said that a multi-state non-attainment area for PM 2.5 had been designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He said that NYMTC staff was coordinating activities across three states.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

Mr. Gilchrist confirmed that the next Program, Finance, and Administration Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2005 and would be held at NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, New York City.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned approximately at 2:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Voting Member/Alternates

Lawrence Berger, Nassau County
Patricia Chemka, Westchester County
Timothy Gilchrist, NYS Department of Transportation
David Harris, NYC Department of Transportation
John Pilner, Putnam County
Sarah Rios, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Jack Schmidt, NYC Department of City Planning
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County
Dr. James Yarmus, Rockland County

Advisory (non-voting) Members

Denny Escarpado, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration
Irwin Kessman, Federal Transit Administration
Michael Moltzen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

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Respectfully submitted,

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