

**Synopsis of the November 16, 2006 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 1:19p.m. by Mr. Robert Zerrillo, Director of the Office of Policy and Performance within the New York State Department of Transportation. Mr. Zerrillo introduced himself as the Chairperson of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee. Mr. Zerrillo asked the members to introduce themselves.

Mr. Robert Zerrillo said \$34 million in federal Transportation Enhancement Program funds was awarded to 31 projects in the NYMTC region. He thanked Nancy O'Connell and Leslie Fordjour of the NYMTC staff for all their work towards this effort and said that additional information about the program could be found on handouts at the sign in table as well as on NYMTC's website at www.nymtc.org. Mr. Zerrillo said that the 2007 calendar for PFAC meetings and the annual Council meeting were also on the sign in table. He said that Mr. Gary Toth of the New Jersey Department of Transportation would be PFAC's guest speaker at its January 18, 2007 meeting, and Mr. Toth would talk about Context Sensitive Solutions, Smart Growth and Sustainable Community efforts in New Jersey. Mr. Zerrillo encouraged all to attend.

2. **NYMTC Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Joel Ettinger announced that Kuo-Ann Chiao, NYMTC's Technical Group Director, received an award for outstanding professional achievement from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization. He congratulated Mr. Chiao and his staff and said that it was well deserved. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC had submitted their comments to the federal government on the proposed rules for both metropolitan planning and coordinated public transit human services planning rules.

Mr. Richard Backlund was introduced to talk about the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) new guidance on the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program. He talked about some of the focus areas of the guidance and said that more information could be found on the FHWA website at www.fhwa.dot.gov.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Christine Berthet, co-founder of Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Pedestrian Safety Coalition (CHEKPEDS) expressed their gratitude to the New York City Department of Transportation and NYMTC for sponsoring a study of Lincoln Tunnel entrances and the effect on pedestrian safety on 9th Avenue, but was concerned that the budget \$250,000 for the study would not be enough because 9th Avenue presented added complexities. See attachment.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept: September 21, 2006 Meeting Synopsis

Mr. Robert Zerrillo asked for a motion to accept the September 21, 2006 Meeting Synopsis. A motion was made by Dr. James Yarmus, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. Adopt: Resolution #221 – Adoption of an Interim Coordinated Human Services – Public Transit Plan

Ms. Nancy O’Connell introduced the resolution and said with the enactment of SAFETEA-LU, the requirement for an Area-wide Access to Jobs Plan was broadened to require an area-wide Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan that focused on the coordination of transportation services provided through three FTA federal reimbursement grant programs: JARC Program, Section 5310 Program and New Freedom.

Mr. Robert Zerrillo asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #221, Adoption of an Interim Coordinated Human Services – Public Transit Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Lawrence Salley, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

3. Adopt: Resolution #222 – Adoption of Revised Procedures for the Congestion Management Process

Ms. Angelina Foster said that with the enactment of SAFETEA-LU, the requirement for congestion management process had been increased to include performance measures, monitoring and evaluation. The Congestion Management Process measures present and future roadway congestion conditions to identify and evaluate strategies for regional congestion problems.

Mr. Robert Zerrillo asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #222, Adoption of Revised Procedures for the Congestion Management Process. A motion was made by Dr. James Yarmus, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordination Committee, and seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Adopt: Resolution #223 – Amendment of Suffolk County’s and Nassau County’s Projects in the 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said that the purpose of the resolution was to adjust the current Unified Planning Work Program for Suffolk County to add a prior year back into the UPWP and for Nassau County to enhance the project scopes into their projects. There were no new funds being used for any of the projects.

Mr. Robert Zerrillo asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #223, Amendment of Suffolk County's and Nassau County's Projects in the 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program. A motion was made by Mr. Lawrence Fleischer, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Ms. Gwen Perlman, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Follow-Up to Transit Options for Older Adults Conference

Mr. Joel Ettinger talked about the success of NYMTC's Good to Go – Transit Options for Older Adults Conference held on September 26, 2006. The conference was co-sponsored by NYMTC, the NYU Rudin Center, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and AARP. Mr. Ettinger said that the conference discussed the transit needs for older adults at the regional level and he proposed to have other conferences at the county or borough level to focus on older adults issues. PFAC representatives showed an interest to having those conference. Mr. Ettinger said that he would move forward with this effort.

2. Feasibility of Freight Villages in the NYMTC Region

Mr. Howard Mann said that the purpose of the study would be to determine the feasibility of developing freight villages in the NYMTC region. The study would explore freight transportation, economic development, land use, and community outreach with the goal to improve the reliability and movement of freight.

3. Freight Brochure

Mr. Howard Mann said that the NYMTC staff was working on a draft of the freight brochure that would provide general background information on freight and to educate the public and decision makers on the basic facts on the movement of freight.

4. Multi-State Truck Stop Study

Mr. Howard Mann said that the Multi-State Truck Stop study would assess the adequacy of truck stops in the multi-state region in conjunction with North Jersey Transportation Authority. The study will look into the capacity and utilization of rest stops. The study will deal with the issues of the size of existing truck stops and general location of new stops, if necessary, with the consideration of the trucker's safety.

5. 2006 Planning Prospectus and 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Gerry Bogacz stated that the 2006 Planning Prospectus started in the spring with a series of Listening Sessions around the NYMTC region. Taking the public input received from the Listening Sessions, a draft program of the 2007-2008 was formed. The draft UPWP would be prepared by December 1, 2006 and should be available to the public in January, 2007. Mr. Bogacz explained that the draft document would move forward for Council action at its Annual Council Meeting on March 15, 2007.

6. September 11th Memorial Program: Transportation-Land Use Coordination Study

Ms. Allison de Cerreno, Co-Director of the NYU Wagner Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management provided a presentation on strengthening inter-jurisdictional coordination on transportation and related land use in the NYMTC region. Ms. de Cerreno said that the goal and objectives would be to characterize needs for coordination, identify obstacles to coordination and describe potential practices. She said the study would address transportation activities and issues that may relate to land use such as parking, pedestrian and bicycle facility planning and construction, highway and street design and construction, designation of truck routes, zoning decisions and site plan reviews. Ms. de Cerreno said that a questionnaire was sent to get a sense of what was going on and in-depth interviews were conducted around the region.

7. Local Update of Census Address for 2010 Census

Mr. Joe Salvo of the New York City Department of City Planning talked about the 2010 Census. He talked about the importance of participating in the preparatory efforts leading to the 2010 Census and in particular, making sure the Census Bureau had correct address lists.

E. PRESENTATION

“The Connecticut Perspective” – Dr. Floyd Lapp, Executive Director of the South Western Regional Planning Agency

Dr. Floyd Lapp, Executive Director of the South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA), provided his thinking on the Connecticut’s perspectives on regional planning. Dr. Lapp spoke of the tradition of regional planning in Connecticut, which has long-established regional planning areas. He pointed out that the connection between Connecticut and the rest of the metropolitan region have been somewhat tenuous. Dr. Lapp offered some historic and institutional reasons for this and also pointed out the very real linkages between Connecticut and the rest of the region. He focused on the relevance of the Cross-Harbor freight rail tunnel to Connecticut, as well as the Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 corridor planning currently underway, and expressed concern about the state of progress for each of these concepts. Dr. Lapp noted Connecticut's participation in the Corridors of the Future program for multi-state coordination in the I-95 corridor. Dr. Lapp described his current efforts with SWRPA, noting his desire to pursue value pricing strategies in the I-95 corridor, bus rapid transit on U.S. 1, and Smart Growth strategies in southwestern Connecticut, similar to New Jersey Transit's transit villages program.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

Mr. Robert Zerrillo confirmed that the next meeting of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 1:15 p.m., and will be held at the NYMTC office located at 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, New York City.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned approximately at 3:20 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Voting Member/Alternates

Mr. Lawrence Berger, Nassau County
Mr. Lawrence Fleischer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Ms. Gwen Perlman, NYC Department of Transportation
Mr. John Pilner, Putman County
Mr. Lawrence Salley, Westchester County
Mr. Jack Schmidt, NYC Department of City Planning
Mr. Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County
Dr. James Yarmus, Rockland County
Mr. Robert Zerrillo, NYS Department of Transportation

Advisory (non-voting) Members

Mr. Richard Backlund, Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Irwin Kessman, Federal Transit Administration
Mr. Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

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This synopsis was unanimously accepted by the Program,
Finance and Administration Committee at its January 18, 2007 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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