

**Synopsis of the August 24, 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 1:15 p.m. by Ms. Heather Sporn, Deputy Director Downstate Transportation Strategy within the New York State Department of Transportation. Ms. Sporn introduced herself and said that she was the assigned Chairperson for the meeting of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee. Ms. Sporn asked the members and guest to introduce themselves.
  
2. **NYMTC Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Joel Ettinger announced that NYMTC had received the 2006 Transportation Planning Excellence Award given by the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration, co-sponsored by the American Planning Association. The award recognized outstanding initiatives across the country to develop, plan and implement innovative transportation planning practices, and was awarded to projects, processes or groups that made an outstanding contribution to the field of transportation planning. Mr. Ettinger thanked Kuo-Ann Chiao and the Technical Group staff for all their efforts on making the Best Practices Model (BPM) the nation's first activity based model to be used in air quality conformity analysis and major investment studies. He said that the BPM had been recognized nationally.

Mr. Robert Griffith said that a lot of effort had been done to complete the PM2.5 process and announced that the Federal Highway Administration had nominated Ms. Melanie Zeman of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Mr. Gerry Bogacz of NYMTC for the Secretary of Transportation's Team Award. He said that they both did a tremendous amount of work and effort towards the process and the nomination was well deserved.

Mr. Joel Ettinger congratulated them both. Mr. Ettinger then announced that NYMTC would co-sponsor with the New York University Rudin Center and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority the "Good to Go Conference", which would be held on September 26, 2006 at New York University. The conference would focus on the transit options for older adults. He said that he would see to it that the brochures would be mailed out all NYMTC members.

Mr. Joel Ettinger noted that Mr. Kenneth Orski of Innovation Briefs would be the PFAC guest speaker on September 21, 2006. He recommended that Gary Toth of the New Jersey Department of Transportation be the PFAC guest speaker on January 18, 2007. Mr. Toth would discuss New Jersey's Department of Transportation's efforts in developing context sensitive transportation projects which were integrated with land use plans. The members concurred that Mr. Toth would be the guest speaker for January. Mr. Ettinger asked for suggestions for possible guest speakers for the PFAC meeting on November 16, 2006.

**B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no speakers.

## **C. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Accept: June 15, 2006 Meeting Synopsis**

Ms. Heather Sporn asked for a motion to accept the June 15, 2006 Meeting Synopsis. A motion was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Fleischer, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

### **2. Adopt: Resolution #216 – A New Multi-State Transportation Conformity Determination to Fulfill Requirements for Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said the resolution purpose would be to adopt a new multi-state transportation conformity determination to fulfill requirements for fine particulate matter under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Ms. Heather Sporn asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #216, A New Multi-State Transportation Conformity Determination to Fulfill Requirements for Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. A motion was made by Mr. Lawrence Fleischer, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

### **3. Adopt: Resolution #217 – Recommendation of Prioritized Listing of Proposed Projects for Transportation Enhancement Program Funding**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said the purpose of the resolution would be to adopt the prioritized listing of projects in the NYMTC region proposed for funding consideration through the 2006 Transportation Enhancement Program. He said the Transportation Enhancement Program was a federal reimbursement program under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), administered by the New York State Department of Transportation for transportation projects of cultural, aesthetic, historic, and environmental significance. He said that the list had to be submitted for review by the Governors Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee for final selection of projects statewide by August 31, 2006.

Mr. Lawrence Fleischer said that although he understood that there may have not been enough time to provide in depth discussion on the selection process, he urged the NYMTC staff to review the methodology of the selection process. Mr. Joel Ettinger agreed and said that the methodology of the selection process would be reviewed to see where improvement could be made.

Ms. Heather Sporn asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #217, Recommendation of Prioritized Listing of Proposed Projects for Transportation Enhancement Program Funding. A motion was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordination Committee, and seconded by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

## **D. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING**

Ms. Heather Sporn confirmed that the next meeting of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 1:15 p.m., and will be held at the NYMTC office located at 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> floor, New York City.

**H. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned approximately at 1:45 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Member/Alternates**

Mr. Lawrence Berger, Nassau County  
Mr. Lawrence Fleischer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Ms. Patricia Chemka, Westchester County  
Ms. Gwen Perlman, NYC Department of Transportation  
Mr. Jack Schmidt, NYC Department of City Planning  
Mr. Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County  
Ms. Heather Sporn, NYS Department of Transportation  
Dr. James Yarmus, Rockland County

**Advisory (non-voting) Members**

Mr. Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration  
Mr. Michael Sheehan, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Mr. Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Ms. Melanie Zeman, US Environmental Protection Agency

**NYMTC Council Staff**

Juliette Bergman	Leslie Fordjour	Andrea Miles-Cole
Sangeeta Bhowmick	Emma Gaitan	Ali Mohseni
Gerry Bogacz	Maria Garcia	Karen Rosenberger
Alan Borenstein	Anthony Gawrych	Jean Shanahan
Kuo-Ann Chiao	Barbara Lynch	Judith Wilson
Joel Ettinger	Uchenna Madu	

**OTHERS**

Richard Backlund, FHWA  
Michele Bager, NYSDOT  
Joseph Barr, NYCDOT  
Pam Burford, LIRR  
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County  
Peter King, NYSDOT  
Julia Seltzer, MTA  
Nancy Struve, Historic Hudson Valley  
Nancy Wright, NYCDOT

**The August 24, 2006 meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by PFAC members on September 21, 2006.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea' Miles-Cole*