

**Synopsis of the April 20, 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 1:20 p.m. by Joel Ettinger, Executive Director of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. Mr. Ettinger introduced himself and then announced that the Chairperson of the Program, Finance and Administration Committee, (PFAC) Mr. Timothy Gilchrist, was on vacation. Mr. Ettinger asked the PFAC members and the audience to introduce themselves.

2. NYMTC Executive Director's Report

Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC successfully completed its first multi-state conformity determination for Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM 2.5). He talked about project solicitations for the Transportation Enhancement Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and the Surface Transportation Program. He said that eleven vacancies were filled in the NYMTC Central Staff and Transportation Coordinating Committee offices. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC's work in the area of sustainable development was recently recognized by the New York University Rudin Center. He said the success of the Best Practices Model continued to be recognized and said that NYMTC was invited to present the model at the Transportation Research Meeting in Washington, D.C. and was also invited again to participate at the 2006 Innovative Travel Model Conference in Austin, Texas.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joseph Giannetto, representing both the Metropolitan Taxi Cab Board of Trade and Easter Seals, wanted to express his interest to participate in the planning process to receive federal funding through SAFETEA-LU and the New Freedom Initiative. Working with the Taxi and Limousine Commission, they would like to secure funding to purchase and test wheelchair accessible taxis and limousines in New York City.

Alice LaBrie inquired about the role the Taxi and Limousine Commission played in an official city evacuation.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept: February 16, 2005 Meeting Synopsis

Mr. Ettinger asked for a motion to accept the February 16, 2006 Meeting Synopsis. A motion was made by Ms. Gwen Perlman, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Larry Fleischer, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The meeting synopsis was accepted.

2. Adopt: Resolution #213 – Amendment to the 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend New York City Department of City Planning’s Projects

Mr. Gerry Bogacz introduced the resolution and said that resolution amended the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) specifically for projects sponsored by the New York City Department of City Planning. He said that two projects were to be removed from the UPWP and two new projects would be added to the UPWP. He said that the current 2006-2007 funds would be reprogrammed and no new funds would be added.

Mr. Ettinger asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #213, Amendment to the 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend New York City Department of City Planning’s Projects. A motion was made by Mr. Larry Fleischer, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

D. PRESENTATION

Transportation Planning and “For Hire” Services – Andrew Salkin, First Deputy Commissioner, NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission

With the help of slides, Mr. Andrew Salkin explained the role of the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). He said that the TLC was a regulator that provided a service to the public and its rules were authorized by the TLC Board of Commissioners. Mr. Salkin talked about the medallion taxi services and the various types of services it provided, such as yellow taxi services, community car services, black car services, limousines chartered services, para-transit and commuter vans services. He said that there were 60,000 TLC licensed vehicles and 100,000 TLC licensed drivers and said that the TLC provided a service to over 1.2 million passengers daily. Mr. Salkin talked about the new improvements that would be made within TLC such as customer service improvement for taxis, obtaining hybrid vehicles and other types of clean vehicles that had emissions-based standards and fuel efficiency-based standards. He then talked about the cab of the future, Taxi 07. Mr. Salkin said that Taxi 07 was a project that the TLC, in partnership with Design Trust for Public Space, celebrated the taxi’s 2007 centennial. Details of the Taxi 07 project could be found on the website, “Designing the Taxi” at www.designtrust.org. Mr. Salkin addressed the question raised by a registered speaker regarding emergency evacuation. Mr. Salkin replied that the Office of Emergency Management coordinated all evacuation emergencies planning for New York City and said that the TLC worked closely with them on evacuation plans which included different scenarios depending on the type of evacuation.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

Upcoming Project Solicitations

a. Transportation Enhancements Program

Ms. Nancy O’Connell provided a brief description of the Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP). She said the TEP was created by the Intermodal Surface, Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and continued in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) that provided federal funding to encourage the construction of transportation projects designed to improve communities. Ms. O’Connell referred to a handout and said that TEP project proposals were being solicited and that a series of workshops, which would begin on May 4, 2006 throughout the NYMTC region, which would provide guidance to agencies

interested in applying. She said detailed information and applications for the program could be found on NYMTC's website at www.nymtc.org. Applications should be submitted by June 30, 2006.

b. Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality and Surface Transportation Programs

On the behalf the three NYMTC Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) Staff Directors, Mr. Kevin Wolford said that an announcement of the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality and Surface Transportation Programs would be sent out to the public by the end of May, 2006. He said that there would be a seven week submission period from June 1st to July 21st and that all three of the TCC Directors would be accepting CMAQ applications. Mr. Wolford said that the candidate project must demonstrate an air quality benefit and said that CMAQ Traq software would be available for calculations. He said that those interested in the Surface Transportation Program should contact one of the TCC Staff Directors in the NYMTC region. He said that selection criteria was based on planning principles in SAFETEA-LU and grounded in the Regional Long Range Plan. He said workshops to assist interested candidates would be held in each of the TCC regions in June, 2006.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

Mr. Ettinger confirmed that the next meeting of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 1:15 p.m., and will be held at the NYMTC office located at 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, New York City.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned approximately at 2:40 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, Putnam County
Mr. Lawrence Salley, Westchester County
Mr. Jack Schmidt, NYC Department of City Planning
Mr. Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County
Dr. James Yarmus, Rockland County

Advisory (non-voting) Members

Mr. Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration
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The meeting synopsis was accepted unanimously by the PFAC members at its June 15, 2006 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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