

**Draft Synopsis of the April 19, 2007 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 1:23 p.m., by Ms. Heather Sporn, Deputy Director of the Downstate Transportation Strategy within the New York State Department of Transportation. Ms. Sporn introduced herself and informed the audience that she was filling in for Mr. Robert Zerrillo and would be chairing the meeting of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee. Ms. Sporn then asked the members to introduce themselves.

Ms. Heather Sporn announced that Mr. Timothy Gilchrist, former Council Secretary and PFAC Chair had been appointed by Governor Eliot Spitzer as Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Infrastructure and announced that Mr. Stanley Gee was appointed Executive Deputy Director to the New York State Department of Transportation. She wished them well on their new appointments

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

Mr. Joel Ettinger talked about NYMTC's Annual Meeting. He said that the theme for the year would be Challenges of Growth. He said that NYMTC's Annual Report was available at the sign-in table and he thanked John Lopez and Karen Rosenberger of the NYMTC staff for their work on producing the report. Mr. Ettinger announced that on June 6, 2007, NYMTC would co-sponsor with the New York University's Rudin Center's Symposium called "Delivering the Goods—The Freight Needs of a Growing Population". Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC would be adopting a new Transportation Improvement Program by the end of the current fiscal year. He said that staff was working on an update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which would be completed by October 1, 2009. He said that an Addendum to the 2005-2030 RTP would be acted on by PFAC later in the agenda to ensure that NYMTC was in compliance with the new regulations under SAFETEA-LU. Mr. Ettinger said that he represented NYMTC at a ground breaking ceremony of the Second Avenue Subway and was pleased to see that the project was moving forward. Mr. Ettinger explained that the PFAC agenda had been changed from the original notice that was sent to the public. The action to adopt a proposed approach to the NYMTC designated recipient arrangement for the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Grant Program was removed because it needed additional discussion and would be re-presented once ready. He said that PFAC would only be acting on five Technical Memorandums for the Addendum to the 2005-2030 RTP. The sixth Technical Memorandum which contained a financial analysis would be presented at a later date. Mr. Ettinger announced that the next guest speaker for the June 21, 2007 PFAC meeting would be Mr. Alan Pisarski, author of the report "Commuting in America", and a frequent contributor to the publications of the Transportation Research Board.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Maureen Morgan, board member of the Federated Conservationist of Westchester County and columnist for the Westchester Business Journal, talked about the status of the Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor Study. See the attached submitted remarks.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Accept: January 18, 2007 Meeting Synopsis**

Ms. Heather Sporn asked for a motion to accept the January 18, 2007 Meeting Synopsis. A motion was made by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and

seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. Adopt: Resolution #230 – Amendment to the 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend NYMTC Central Staff's Projects

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said that the amendment adjusted funding for the Canal Area Transportation Study, Track 2, NYMTC's community workshops and the Principal's Shared Goals Initiative Projects in the Unified Planning Work Program. He said that the total program funding was unchanged

Ms. Heather Sporn asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #230, Amendment to the 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend NYMTC's Central Staff's Projects. A motion was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Samuel Hornick, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

3. Adopt: Resolution #231 – Adoption of the Addendum to the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan to Address SAFETEA-LU Compliance

Mr. Jan Khan explained that there were minor editorial changes made to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Addendum as noted. Copies were available at the sign in table. Mr. Khan said that the RTP was adopted by the Council on August 4, 2005 and the SAFETEA-LU was signed into law by President George W. Bush on August 10, 2005, which contained expanded planning requirements that Metropolitan Planning Organizations had to comply with by July 1, 2007. He said the NYMTC members in consultation with the federal agencies agreed that producing an Addendum would bring the current RTP into compliance with the new SAFETEA-LU requirements.

Ms. Heather Sporn asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #231, Adoption of the Addendum to the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan to Address SAFETEA-LU Compliance. A motion was made by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**D. PRESENTATION
Update on the Canal Area Transportation Study – Gerry Bogacz**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz provided an update of the Canal Area Transportation Study. See the attached presentation. The presentation is also available on the NYMTC website at www.nymtc.org

E. 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, June 21, 2007 at 1:15 p.m., and would be held at the NYMTC office located at 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, New York City.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 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
Ms. Patricia Chemka, Westchester County
Mr. Samuel Hornick, NYC Department of City Planning
Mr. Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County
Dr. James Yarmus, Rockland County
Ms. Heather Sporn, NYS Department of Transportation

Advisory (non-voting) Members

Ms. Mary Ameen, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Mr. Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Ms. Melanie Zeman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

NYMTC Council Staff

Jorge Argote	Emma Gaitan	Andrea Miles-Cole
Juliette Bergman	Maria Garcia	Ali Mohseni
Sangeeta Bhowmich	Anthony Gawrych	Nancy O'Connell
Gerry Bogacz	Stephen Hausch	Karen Rosenberger
Kuo-Ann Chiao	Jan Khan	Jean Shanahan
Robert Donohue	Uchenna Madu	Carol Wilkinson
Joel Ettinger	Larry McAuliffe	Kevin Wolford

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Maureen Morgan, FCWC
Joe Setteducato, Parsons Brinkerhoff
Jack Schmidt, NYCDCP
Brian ten Siethoff, Cambridge Systematics

The April 19, 2007 PFAC meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting PFAC members at its' June 21, 2007 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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