

**Synopsis of the June 21, 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

The meeting was called to order by Robert Zerrillo, Chairperson of PFAC and it was determined that there was a quorum. Mr. Zerrillo talked about the Council's annual meeting and highlights of the meeting.

NYMTC Executive Director's Report

Mr. Joel Ettinger said the NYMTC freight conference, partnered with New York University Rudin Center, was a successful event. He announced that the Sustainable East End Development Study (SEEDS) received a 2007 Smart Growth Award from Vision Long Island. Mr. Ettinger commended NYMTC's Planning Director, Gerry Bogacz on his efforts. Mr. Ettinger then announced the five students selected for the 2007/2008 September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning: Nancy Mahadao, of Rutgers University, Mathew Roe of Columbia University, Brian Ross of New York University, Gitakrishnan Ramdadurai of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Timon Stasko of Cornell University. He thanked Todd Goldman of UTRC and the September 11th Memorial Committee for their part.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Brian Ketcham, Executive Director of Community Consulting Services, Inc., submitted the attached remarks regarding congestion pricing.

Mr. Leon Goodman, Institute of Transportation Engineers, submitted the attached remarks regarding congestion pricing.

Mr. George Haikailis, President of the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc., (IRUM), echoed the remarks made about congestion pricing. Mr. Haikailis said that the ten Metropolitan Planning Organization's that replaced the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission 25 years ago had yet to form an alliance to deal with the growing problems of congestion, greenhouse gasses, emissions, and the long-term economic viability. He said that Mayor Bloomberg's PlanNYC was an outstanding plan and could serve as a model for a regional plan that could provide the vision needed to effectively put into place the capital investment and operating strategies needed to sustain the region for the next 25 years. Mr. Haikailis then talked about commuter rail and urged NYMTC to take the lead in servicing a regional rail system. He requested NYMTC's assistance in providing data to IRUM to help analyze the concept.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept: April 19, 2007 Meeting Synopsis

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 to accept the April 19, 2007 Meeting Synopsis and it was unanimously accepted.

2. Adopt: Resolution #234 – Adoption of a Public Involvement Plan for the New York Metropolitan Area

Mr. Larry McAuliffe said that the NYMTC staff had prepared a public involvement plan. He said there was a 30 day public comment period and two public sessions were held. He said the plan, a summary of comments and responses were available at the sign in table and the draft plan could be found on the NYMTC website at

A motion to adopt Resolution #234, Adoption of a Public Involvement Plan for the New York Metropolitan Area was made by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk 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 #235 – Adoption of Technical Memorandum No. 6 as Part of the Addendum to the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan to Address SAFETEA-LU Compliance

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said that the resolution requested adoption of the program into the current Transportation Improvement Program fiscally-constrained 2005/2030 Regional Transportation Plan. He said that the project was critical for rail freight in the region and adoption would demonstrate long term fiscal commitment to the project and would make it possible for the Federal Highway Administration to issue a decision on the Environmental Impact Statement and thus move the project forward.

A motion to adopt Resolution #235, Adoption of Technical Memorandum No. 6 as Part of the Addendum to the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan to Address SAFETEA-LU Compliance was made by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Adopt: Resolution #236 – Adoption of the Long Island Truck Rail Intermodal (LITRIM) Project into the Fiscally-Constrained Portion of the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan

Ms. Angelina Foster said that New York and New Jersey had reached a mutually acceptable bi-state agreement for the sub-allocation of federal fiscal year 2006, Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Apportionment, including Section 5340, which was apportioned as part of Section 5307.

A motion to adopt Resolution #236, Adoption of the Long Island Truck Rail Intermodal Project into the Fiscally-Constrained Portion of the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan was made by Mr. Joseph Barr, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

5. Adopt: Resolution #237 – Amendment to the 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Alan Borenstein said that NYMTC's Central Staff, New York City Department of City Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York State Department of Transportation's Region 8, and Westchester County Department of Transportation were carrying out their 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program projects and needed to amend their programs to add projects to their programs and to reprogram existing funds between projects.

A motion to adopt Resolution #237, Amendment to the 2007-2007 Unified Planning Work Program was made by Ms. Sarah Rios, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**D. PRESENTATION
Growth and the Mobility Imperative – Alan Pisarski**

Mr. Alan Pisarski, with the help of slides, gave a presentation on Growth and the Mobility Imperative. Mr. Pisarski said that his goal for transportation was to reduce the effects of distance as an inhibiting force in our society's ability to realize its economic and social aspirations. Mr. Pisarski said that replacing the baby-

boomers, expanding metro areas, and an affluent time-focused society were three trends that would define the future. He said that people with the economic means to act on their social and economic interests getting in the way of other people with the means to act on theirs was his definition of congestion. He said that the future would focus on the big metros. Mr. Pisarski said that the key competitive factors for the future were metro mobility on an increasing scale, competition for skilled workers, furthering domestic and international competitiveness and competition through amenities. The complete presentation is available on the NYMTC website at: www.NYMTC.org or www.trb.org/ciaiii.

E. UPDATE ON THE TRANS-HUDSON EXPRESS TUNNEL

Mr. Lou Venech of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) said that the PANYNJ had been a planning partner in the Access to the Region's Core Project and was a cooperating sponsor of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. He said that their Board of Commissioners committed PANYNJ to be a partner in funding and executing the project. He introduced Tom Schulze to give an update on the project.

Mr. Tom Schulze of New Jersey Transit gave an update on the Trans-Hudson Express Tunnel also known as the Access to the Region's Core. Mr. Schulze explained the purpose of the project and said that after several public hearings and informational sessions, there were some refinements made to the project that would reduce impacts to properties, reduce operational risks and reduce construction impacts. He said that the next steps would be to prepare a supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and to hold public hearing by the Fall, 2007, prepare the Final Environmental Impact Statement for submission to Federal Transit Administration for approval by early 2008, which would clear the way for federal funding and the start of construction in 2009. Additional information about this project can be found at www.accesstotheregionscore.com website.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

Mr. Zerrillo confirmed that the next meeting of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee will be scheduled to be held in September at 1:15 p.m., and would be held at the NYMTC office located at 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, New York City. He said a date would be selected soon.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE

Voting Member/Alternates

Mr. Joseph Barr, NYC Department of Transportation
Mr. Lawrence Berger, Nassau County
Ms. Patricia Chemka, Westchester County
Mr. Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County
Mr. Samuel Hornick, NYC Department of City Planning
Mr. John Pilner, Putman County
Mr. Sarah Rios, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Mr. Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County
Mr. Robert Zerrillo, NYS Department of Transportation

Advisory (non-voting) Members

Ms. Mary Ameen, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Ms. Nancy Danzig, 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, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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The June 21, 2007 PFAC Synopsis was adopted by the members of PFAC at its September 20, 2007 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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