

**SYNOPSIS OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2007 MEETING OF THE
PROGRAM, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS AND REPORTS

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joel Ettinger, Executive Director of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. He announced that the meeting was available to the public by webcast and telephone. He announced that some of the PFAC voting members were joining the meeting by telephone. It was established that there was a quorum.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ettinger said the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee would act on two action items that would bring NYMTC into compliance with new regulations under SAFETEA-LU and would keep NYMTC's mobile source regional emissions analysis consistent with the parameters of partner metropolitan planning organizations who share parts of non-attainment areas for various pollutants. He said both actions demonstrated NYMTC's ongoing work to ensure that all regulatory requirements were met and that the NYMTC region remained eligible for much needed federal funding for transportation improvements. He said that he appreciated the active working relationship of NYMTC's federal partners, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration and thanked the NYMTC staff and the staff of NYMTC's member agencies in meeting all the complex regulatory requirements the region faced.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. George Haikalis said that the Northeast Megaregion Conference was excellent. He said that there was a serious need to reestablish a tri-state regional alliance to deal with congestion, greenhouse gases emissions, and economic viability of the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut metropolitan areas. He talked about his opposition to building a deep cavern railway terminal station in mid-town Manhattan and suggested to place a direct tract connection between Penn Station and the Grand Central Terminal. Mr. Haikalis said the NY-NJ-CT governors should call for an expansion of the New York City Traffic Mitigation Commission (NYCTMC) to become the legitimate metropolitan planning organization required for the region to qualify for federal funds because the NYCTMC had the advantage of including leadership of the city and state legislatures.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept: November 15, 2007 Meeting Synopsis

A motion to accept the November 15, 2007 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. Lawrence Salley, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #245 – ADOPTION OF THE REVISED INTEGRATED FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Gerry Bogacz introduced the resolution to adopt the revised Integrated Financial Assessment for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of the assessment was to illustrate all of the costs for both the RTP and the TIP in year of expenditure dollars as required by new planning regulations under SAFETEA-LU. He noted that a similar resolution was adopted on October 29, 2007, but it did not represent the costs in year of expenditure dollars as required.

A motion to adopt Resolution #245, Adoption of the Revised Integrated Financial Assessment for the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program 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 unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #246 – ADOPTION OF A TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2005-2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE 2008-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Gerry Bogacz introduced the resolution, noting that NYMTC shared a part of non-attainment areas for various pollutants with its sister metropolitan planning organizations, the Orange County Transportation Council and the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council, who were both adopting new long range plans that would take the horizon year of the coordinated mobile source regional emissions analyses to 2035. He said that NYMTC was not due to adopt a new long range plan until 2009, but there had to be consistency between the regional emissions analyses. He said this new conformity determination extended the regional emissions analysis to the year 2035.

A motion to adopt Resolution #246, Adoption of a Transportation Conformity Determination for the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program was made by Mr. Lawrence Fleischer, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Ms. Linda Bailey, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

D. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at the NYMTC Office located at 199 Water Street, 2nd floor, in New York City.

The NYMTC Annual Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at New York University.

E. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Linda Bailey, NYC Department of Transportation
Lawrence Berger, Nassau County
Lawrence Fleischer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County
Samuel Hornick, NYC Department of City Planning
Robert Shinnick Suffolk County
John Pilner Putnam County
Lawrence Salley, Westchester County
Robert Zerrillo, NYS Department of Transportation

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Nancy Danzig, Federal Transit Administration
Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration
Frank Marsella, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Melanie Zeman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

NYMTC Staff

Gerry Bogacz	Angelina Foster	Andrea Miles-Cole
Alan Borenstein	Emma Gaitan	Munnesh Patel
Kuo-Ann Chiao	Anthony Gawrych	Chris Rodrigues-Moore
Robert Donahue	Jan Khan	Abdus Salam
David Drits	Uchenna Madu	
Joel Ettinger	Larry McAuliffe	

OTHERS

Michelle Bager, NYSDOT
Peter Cohen, Amtrak
George Haikalis, IRUM
Joseph Jarrin, NYCDOT
Peter King, NYSDOT
John Mattera, NYC Parks
Denise Ramirez, Nassau County Planning Commission
Sarah Rios, MTA
Jack Schmidt, NYCDCP
Pamela Tamaddon, Prospect Avenue Traffic
Jai Theratti, NYCDOT
Lowell Wolf, Nassau County Planning Commission

This December 4, 2007 Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by all Program, Finance, and Administration Committee members at its January 17, 2008 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea' Miles-Cole