

**SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 19, 2008 MEETING OF THE  
PROGRAM, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS AND REPORTS**

1. The meeting was called to order by Heather Sporn of the New York State Department of Transportation. Ms. Sporn said that she was representing the chairperson of the Program, Finance, and Administration. She announced that the meeting was available to the public by webcast. Ms. Sporn asked the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee members to introduce themselves. It was established that there was a quorum.

**2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Joel Ettinger said that the Transportation Financing Conference held at the NYU Rudin Center was a success. Mr. Ettinger reported that development of the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program both need to be completed by October 1, 2009. He said that draft air quality conformity determination amendments would be available for public review in July and meetings would also begin in July. Mr. Ettinger said that public solicitation for project proposals for the Transportation Enhancement Program, the Job Access for Reverse Commute and the New Freedom Program were underway. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC, partnering with the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC), were moving into the fourth year of the September 11 Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning and would report on the selected candidates. He said that NYMTC and the Metro Mobility Network were recognizing employers throughout the region who actively promoted alternative transportation to their employees through the Regional Commuter Choice Award ceremonies, being held during the last week in June.

**B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Murry Bodin, Concerned Grandparents, said that he addressed the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC) many times about cutting the grass alongside the parkways. He suggested stop mowing behind guiderails and more than 20 feet in the median. He was disappointed that no one had followed-up to his suggestion or his granddaughter's suggestion of not cutting the grass on the parkways and asked that the current chairperson of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee be fired. He also added that he would continue to request the dismissal of anyone who would replace the chairperson if his suggestions were not addressed.

Mr. George Haikalis, President of the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc., (IRUM) talked about the rise in vehicular congestion, oil prices and climate change from greenhouse gas emissions and questioned why the leadership in the three statehouses that oversee the transit agencies that serve the NYMTC region did not direct agencies to collaborate on rail plans that would make it easier to travel by public transit throughout the region. Mr. Haikalis said that four trains should not be required to travel from White Plains to Newark Liberty Airport. He called the deep cavern stations fatally flawed and said that they divide the region, not unite the region. He said that a vision for a three-state regional rail system was needed which included direct track connection between Moynihan/Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal. Mr. Haikalis said that NYMTC should revisit the process that lead to the selection of the locally preferred alternative deep cavern, instead of the connection for the Access to the Region's Core Hudson River tunnel. He also requested that full documentation of the Summary Report of the Access to the Region's Core Major Investment Study be made available to the public.

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Accept: April 17, 2008 Meeting Synopsis**

A motion to accept the April 17, 2008 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

**2. Accept: May 15, 2008 Meeting Synopsis**

A motion to accept the May 15, 2008 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. Lawrence Berger representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-

Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

**3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #257 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2008-2009 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO AMEND NYMTC CENTRAL STAFF PROJECTS**

Mr. Stephen Hausch said the purpose of the resolution was to make adjustments to three projects, the Regional Pedestrian Safety Study, Phase 2, in which funds would be reprogrammed; the Regional Transportation Plan Update and the Regional Travel Surveys Project Development, in which no new funding would be required.

A motion to adopt Resolution #257, Amendment to the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend NYMTC Central Staff Projects was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #258 – ADOPTION OF OPERATING PROCEDURES GOVERNING MAJOR PROJECT ANALYSIS AND FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said that the purpose of the resolution was to institutionalize new requirements for major project analysis and for financial planning under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Mr. Bogacz said that the new procedures would establish the collaborative framework through NYMTC and its members' and would continue to fulfill the planning requirements for major project analysis and financial planning.

A motion to adopt Resolution #258, Adoption of Operating Procedures Governing Major Project Analysis and Financial Planning was made by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**D. PRESENTATION**

**Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation**

Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, with the help of slides, gave a presentation on the New York City Department of Transportation's new strategic plan called "Sustainable Streets, 2008 and Beyond". She explained that the plan provided a transportation agenda and policies that were worthy of a twenty-first century world class city. She said the key goals of the plan were to cut city traffic fatalities by 50% from 2007 levels; implement bus rapid transit lines and measures to improve bus speeds city-wide; double bicycle commuting by 2015; initiate city-wide parking policies to manage curb space to reduce cruising and congestion; adopt complete-street design templates for reconstruction projects; launch a Main Street Initiative to develop people-friendly boulevards in key corridors across the city; deliver better street surfaces through better management of street cuts and sub-surface infrastructure work; maximize energy efficiency throughout NYCDOT street lighting and office operations; and retain and attract the best transportation engineers, planners and managers. She said that NYCDOT would modernize and improve the way it shared information and develop projects with communities. She talked about the changes that were made in the agency, including updating the agency's website and she said that she was making changes to make the NYCDOT a forward looking agency. Details of the presentation can be viewed on the NYMTC Webcast link and the presentation can be downloaded from website at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org).

**E. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING**

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at the NYMTC Office.

**F. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Voting Members/Alternatives**

Janette Sadik-Khan/Linda Bailey, New York City Department of Transportation  
Lawrence Berger, Nassau County  
Patricia Chemka, Westchester County  
Samuel Hornick, New York City Department of City Planning  
John Pilner, Putnam County  
Sarah Rios/Marc Albrecht, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County  
Heather Sporn, New York State Department of Transportation

### **Advisory (Non-Voting) Members**

Mary Ameen, North Jersey Transportation Planning Agency  
Nancy Danzig, Federal Transit Administration  
Louis Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Melanie Zeman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### **NYMTC Staff**

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Jonathan Rodriguez-Perez  
Abdus Salam  
Adam Schlidge  
Jean Shanahan  
Scott Solomon  
Kevin Wolford

### **OTHERS**

Paul Balmacund, URS  
Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents  
Louis Calcagno, NYCDOT  
Stephanie Camay, Louis Berger Group  
Christina Davis, NYC Parks  
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Steven Foust, AICP  
Reno Giordano, Parsons Brinkerhoff  
Tatanya Golikova, NYSDOT  
George Haikalis, IRUM  
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Douglas Lucious, Louis Berger Group  
Frank Marsella, PANYNJ  
John Matteo, NYC Parks  
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Christopher Titze, Cambridge Systematics  
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*This June 19, 2008 PFAC Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of PFAC at its August 21, 2008 PFAC Meeting.*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Andrea' Miles-Cole  
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