

**SYNOPSIS OF THE MARCH 20, 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 Mr. Joel Ettinger, Executive Director of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. He announced that the meeting was available to the public by webcast. He 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 this special Program, Finance, and Administration Committee meeting was called to take action on two important issues— to amend the Regional Transportation Plan for exempt projects relating to New York City's Urban Partnership Agreement, and to amend NYMTC's Public Participation Procedures. Mr. Ettinger talked about the success and great press coverage NYMTC's Annual Meeting had received. He then showed video footage of Bobby Cuza of NY1 News had provided on the Council Meeting. He said that NYMTC's Annual Report was available at the sign in table and could also be downloaded from the website www.nymtc.org. Mr. Ettinger said that he was delighted to have Ms. Mary K. Murphy as the guest speaker. He announced that PFAC's guest speaker for April 17th would be Elliot (Lee) Sander of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Ms. Janette Sadik-Khan of the New York City Department of Transportation would be the guest speaker for the June 19th PFAC meeting.

B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. George Haikalis, President of the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc., (IRUM) said that having North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority new Executive Director, Ms. Mary K. Murphy participate in dialogue about transportation planning issues that confronted the Tri-State Region was a welcome step in that direction. Mr. Haikalis then addressed his opposition of the deep cavern railway terminal stations in midtown Manhattan and requesting revisiting the locally preferred alternatives for the new Hudson River tunnel. See remarks attached.

Joseph Clift, Regional Rail Working Group, requested that NYMTC and NJTPA to take a new vote on the selection of the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Access to the Region's Core Project because of changes made within the project. See remarks attached.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept: January 17, 2008 Meeting Synopsis

A motion to accept the January 17, 2008 Meeting Synopsis was made by Ms. Naomi Klein, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Jai Therattil, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #250 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2005-2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO REVISE THE BOROUGH PROJECTS/PROPOSALS/STUDIES LISTS AND MAPS FOR NEW YORK CITY

Mr. Jan Khan said that the purpose of the resolution was to amend the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by including 11 projects into the vision element of the RTP. Mr. Khan said that the projects

amended into the vision element would undergo an amendment process into the fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program and would then be included in the fiscally constrained RTP.

A motion to adopt Resolution #250, Amendment to the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan to Amend the Projects/Proposals/Studies Lists and Maps was made by Ms. Sarah Rios, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Mr. Jai Therattil, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #251 – REVISION TO NYMTC’S PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

Mr. Howard Mann said that the resolution’s purpose was to make minor changes into the existing NYMTC’s Public Participation Procedures to accommodate modifications to the operating procedures for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments and administrative changes. He said the changes would have NYMTC Public Participation Procedures consistent with the procedures of the Transportation Coordinating Committees’ with regard to TIP amendments.

A motion to adopt Resolution #251, Revision to NYMTC’s Public Participation Procedures was made by Ms. Sarah Rios, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

D. PRESENTATION

Ms. Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)

With the help of slides, Ms. Mary K. Murphy, newly appointed Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, (NJTPA), provided an overview of NJTPA and talked about the agency’s role as a metropolitan planning organization. She then presented NJTPA’s Access & Mobility 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and highlighted some of the guiding principles and challenges. She talked about the progress that could be made through regional cooperation. Ms. Murphy said that the new elements of the plan consisted of broadening the regional visioning process, somewhat mimicking NYMTC’s vision process that included convening an expert panel symposium to help bring the national and major global issues to the table. She said scenario results would help identify their needs and said that a goal of the enhanced outreach and the collaborative input gathering was to be able to obtain a set of preferred scenarios. Ms. Murphy talked about key smart growth, NJTPA’s costly bridge and aging infrastructure issues and their desire to expand transit. She said that the Access to the Region’s Core (ARC) was NJTPA’s number one long range priority and was their most important transit investment. Ms. Murphy talked about other transit capacity that needed to be expanded that would feed into the ARC project and other projects. She stressed the importance of bus expansion, truck studies, and freight distribution throughout Northern New Jersey. Ms. Murphy said when making infrastructure investments, the affects of global warming should be considered. She thanked PFAC for the invitation and said she looked forward to working together, and looked forward to doing what was necessary for the region. The full presentation is available on the www.nymtc.org website.

E. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at the NYMTC Office located at 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, in New York City.

F. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Jai Therratti, New York City Department of Transportation
Lawrence Berger, Nassau County
Sarah Rios, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County
Kevin Olinger, New York City Department of City Planning
Naomi Klein, Westchester County

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Nancy Danzig, Federal Transit Administration
Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration
Mary K. Murphy/Mary Ameen, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Melanie Zeman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Joseph M. Clift, Regional Rail Working Group
Paul Eng-Wong, Eng-Wong, Taub & Associates
George Haikalis, IRUM
Scott Giering, Howard/Stern Judson
Dan Goldman
Tatayna Golikova, NYSDOT
Leon Goodman, ITE Metro Section of NY & NJ
James Greller, Hudson County Improvement
Peter King, NYSDOT
Larry Malsam, NYSDOT
Frank Marsella, PANYNJ
John Mattea, NYC Parks
Frank Mongioi, ICF International
Mark Powell, Floating on Air
David Stein, NationsPort
Brian ten Siethoff, Cambridge Systematics
Carlos O. Vallejo

The March 20, 2008 PFAC meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by all members at its April 17, 2008 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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