

**SYNOPSIS OF THE NOVEMBER 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 said that the meeting was available to the public by webcast. He asked the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee members to introduce themselves and then declared that there was a quorum.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Joel Ettinger said that NYMTC had a successful Transit Oriented Development Conference held at the New York University Rudin Center. He said that two rounds of public involvement related to NYMTC's regional planning was completed; he said that twenty community workshops were held throughout the NYMTC region to gather input for the new 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Ettinger said that a series of community workshops and focus groups were also held throughout the region to inform the federal required development of NYMTC's new Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan. He announced that NYMTC staff, Howard Mann, had received an Excellence in Transportation Award from the New York State Department of Transportation in recognition of the regional freight planning process at NYMTC. He said it was well deserved.

B. PRESENTATION

Status on the 511 System – Todd Westhuis/Mary Harding, New York State Department of Transportation

Mr. Todd Westhuis, Project Director and Ms. Mary Harding, Outreach Coordinator provided the first public presentation of the 511 – A Travel Information Service for New York State. Mr. Westhuis said that vision for the 511 system was to provide customers useful, high quality, comprehensive, readily available and accessible travel information in a timely manner. The goal of the 511 system is to increase travel and transportation satisfaction through increased mobility and reliability, enhanced safety and security, environmental sustainability and economic competitiveness. Mr. Westhuis said that the 511 system integrated all travel modes and was accessible by dialing 511 within New York State or dialing 888-GO511NY outside New York State, or via web access, www.511ny.org. The system currently included all incidents and event data in 29 counties, New York City, Long Island and northern New Jersey. Ms. Harding talked about how input of the system was received through outreach connections with various stakeholders. A live website demonstration of the 511 system was performed. The 511 presentation could be found on the website at: www.NYMTC.org

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents, said there was a disconnect between what was going on in the “real world” with the member's of NYMTC. He said his granddaughter's request for decreasing grass mowing on the parkways had been ignored. He said that Rick Wagner should be fired. Mr. Bodin said mowing behind guardrails, up steep hills and more than 20 feet in the median should be stopped.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept: September 18, 2008 Meeting Synopsis

A motion to accept the September 18, 2008 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. Robert Shinnick representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Linda Bailey, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #262 – REVISING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCESS TO THE REGION'S CORE (ARC) PROJECT IN THE 2005-2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said that the Access to the Region's Core Project-Trans Hudson Passenger was in the Final Environmental Impact Statement phase and New Jersey Transit was planning a major expansion of Trans-Hudson rail capacity. Mr. Bogacz said that the purpose of the resolution was to update the description for the ARC project and amend the Regional Transportation Plan to include the current description of the project.

A motion to adopt Resolution #262, Revising the Description of the Access to the Region's ore (ARC) Project in the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

E. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at the NYMTC Office.

F. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Linda Bailey, New York City Department of Transportation
Lawrence Berger, Nassau County
Patricia Chemka, Westchester County
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County
John Pilner, Putnam County
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Darin Allan, Federal Transit Administration
Jeremy Colangelo-Bryan, New Jersey Transit
Karen Rosenberger, Federal Highway Administration
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Melanie Zeman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents
Ian Francis, NYSDOT
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Mary Harding, NYSDOT
Frank Marsella, PANYNJ
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Kimberly Wagner, Cambridge Systematic
Todd Westhuis, NYSDOT

This November 20, 2008 PFAC Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of PFAC at its December 18, 2008 PFAC Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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