

**Synopsis of the September 18, 2008 Meeting of the  
Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) of the  
New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC)**

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robert Zerrillo, Director of the Office of Policy Planning & Performance for the New York State Department of Transportation and Chair of the NYMTC Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC). Mr. Zerrillo said that the meeting was being webcast. He asked the PFAC members to introduce themselves and he determined that there was a quorum.

Mr. Zerrillo pointed out that NYMTC staff was working to update the Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program and the Unified Planning Work Program. He added that staff was also in the process of developing new forecast of traffic congestion, a new regional emissions analysis for air quality conformity and a new environmental justice assessment for the planning process.

**1. NYMTC Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Joel Ettinger announced that NYMTC was losing three key employees to retirement—Juliette Bergman, Robert Donohue and Mary Hrabowska, and he wished them all well. He announced that a Metropolitan Planning Workshop would be held on September 25, 2008 to discuss NYMTC draft Technology Scan and said that flyers were available at the sign-in table. He said that NYMTC would hold community workshops in late September and early October for the new Regional Transportation Plan in the five boroughs of New York City and each of NYMTC's suburban counties. Mr. Ettinger talked about the NYMTC fall conference which would focus on transit-oriented development and said that NYMTC was partnering with New York University's Rudin Center and the conference would be held on November 14, 2008. Flyers were available at the sign-in table.

**B. PRESENTATION**

**Chris O. Ward, Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey**

Executive Director Chris Ward of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey talked about his formulation of the "urban machine" and – in that context - discussed the Port Authority's plans to support job growth, regional competitiveness and sustainable development in the regional area over the next 30 years. Mr. Ward talked about the Port Authority's ten-year capital program to renew its key transportation facilities and to expand transit and freight-handling capacity to meet the needs of the future. The full presentation and webcast is available on the NYMTC website at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org)

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. George Haikalis, President of the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc., talked about regional cooperation among New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. See the attached remarks.

Martin Treat, Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association, would like the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to review and consider all or part of the NYMTC study, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Hell's

Kitchen Study. Mr. Treat said that 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue should not have the burden of all seven of the exits cues of the Lincoln Tunnel and feels the exits could be spread around more.

#### **D. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **1. Accept: August 21, 2008 Meeting Synopsis**

A motion to accept the August 21, 2008 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 meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

##### **2. Adopt: Resolution #260 – Amendment to the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend Nassau County, New York City Department of City Planning and NYMTC Staff Projects**

Mr. Stephen Hausch introduced the resolution and said that it would adjust projects in the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program that would enable Nassau County, New York City Department of City Planning and NYMTC staff to better address their planning needs and did not require new funding.

A motion to adopt Resolution #260, Amendment to the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend Nassau County, New York City Department of City Planning and NYMTC Staff Projects 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 was unanimously approved.

##### **3. Adopt: Resolution #261 – Recommendation of Project Proposals for Funding Through the Transportation Enhancement Program**

Ms. Nancy O'Connell explained that the purpose of the resolution was to adopt the prioritized listing of projects in the NYMTC Region proposed for funding consideration through the 2008 Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP). Ms. O'Connell said that the TEP is a federal reimbursement program under SAFETEA-LU administered by the New York State Department of Transportation for transportation projects of cultural, aesthetic, historic, and environmental significance. She said that the list would be submitted to the Governors Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee for final selection of projects statewide.

A motion to adopt Resolution #261, Recommendation of Project Proposals for Funding Through the Transportation Enhancement Program was made by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordination Committee, and seconded by Ms. Linda Bailey, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution was unanimously approved.

#### **E. REGIONAL UPDATES**

##### **Year 3 Academic Projects from the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning**

Mr. Alan Borenstein said that five students, Nancy Mahadeo, Gitakrishnan Ramadurai, Matthew Roe, Brian Ross, and Timon Stasko, would be completing the third year of the academic initiative of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning. He said the

student's research was presented at a NYMTC "Brown Bag Presentation". The presentations could be found on the NYMTC website at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org).

**F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING**

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the NYMTC Office.

**G. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

### **Voting Member/Alternates**

Ms. Linda Bailey, 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, Putnam County  
Ms. Sarah Rios, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Mr. Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County  
Mr. Robert Zerrillo, PFAC Chair, NYS Department of Transportation

### **Advisory (non-voting) Members**

Ms. Nancy Danzig, Federal Transit Administration  
Ms. Karen Rosenberger, Federal Highway Administration  
Michael Sheehan, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
Mr. Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Ms. Melanie Zeman, US Environmental Protection Agency

### **NYMTC Council Staff**

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Alan Borenstein	Brian Kennedy	Tania Rodriguez
Kuo-Ann Chiao	John Lopez	Jean Shanahan
Lisa Daglian	Nancy O'Connell	Scott Solomon
Nina DelSenno	Uchenna Madu	Kevin Wolfrod
Joel Ettinger	Ella Mathews	Xia Zin
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### **OTHERS**

Darrin Allan FTA	Paul Gessner, USDOT
Fred Bartoli, MSDC	Robert Gottheim, Congress Nadler's Office
Dan Benjoya, MBPO	J. Greller, Hudson Corp. Develop.
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Jonathan Bier	George Haikalis, IRUM
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Noah Budnick, Transportation Alternatives	Patreek Joyce, NYCDOT
Matthew Carmody, Eng-Wong, Taub& Assoc.	E. J. Kelly, Maritime Associates
Jean Coady, PANYNJ	Patrick Killancrey, MTA
Peter Cohen, Amtrak	Peter King, NYSDOT
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Rob Del Bagno, NY Transit Museum	Leonard Liberto, State Comptroller
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Edgar Frend, Sierra Club	John Matteo, NYC Parks

Robert McKeon, USDOT  
Al Meyer, Sam Schwartz Engineering  
Adeline Michaels, Concerned Citizens of  
Bensonhurst Peter Moore, Kupper Association  
Ann Morris, Baruch College  
Julia Morrow, AI Engineers Inc.  
John Murray, CUNY  
Joe Murpoch, HDR  
Joshua Nelson, NYCDOT  
China Obichere, NYC Council  
James O'Shea  
Vassilis Papayannoulis, Cambridge Systematics  
Mehul J. Patel, ESDC  
Mark Petrone, Deputy Comptroller  
Glenn Phillips, NYC  
Rob Phillips, Sam Schwartz Engineering  
Walter Pitts, City Council  
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Louis Rondinelio, TranSystems  
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Jack Schmidt, NYCDOT  
Daniel Schneider, Local 15 ABCD  
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Rhonda Smith, NYCDOT  
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Heather Sporn, NYSDOT  
David Stein, Nation's Port  
Kin Takedo, Kawasaki Rail Car, Inc.  
Jai Theraetil, NYCDOT

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Tommy To  
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Katie Watson, Chrysalis  
Martin Treat, ChekPeds, CB4  
Carlos Vallejo  
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Josh Wojehowski, City Council  
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Lin Zeng, NYIRN  
G. Justin Zizes, Jr.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea' Miles-Cole*  
NYMTC Secretary