

**SYNOPSIS OF THE APRIL 16, 2009 MEETING OF THE
PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS AND REPORTS

1. The meeting was called to order by Peter King of the New York State Department of Transportation representing the chairperson of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee. The members introduced themselves and a quorum was established. Mr. King noted that NYMTC and its member agencies continued to work to ensure that the funding flowing into the region for transportation improvements under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was fully utilized for needed transit and highway projects throughout the region.

2. NYMTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Joel Ettinger, NYMTC Executive Director, said that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was very important to both the region and its transportation system and that the region had been well served by the efforts of NYMTC's members and staff to fulfill the Federal planning requirements so candidate projects could be programmed for funding through the Recovery Act. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC held its Annual Meeting on March 19, 2009, and that the Principals of NYMTC's member agencies released their complete shared vision for the region's future, including the announcement of strategic transportation investments to accompany the desired growth areas proposed at the 2008 Annual Meeting. He said the NYMTC Annual Report, which describes the shared vision, and a video presentation based on the shared vision was available at the sign in table and on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org. He reported that NYMTC staff was continuing to work with the member agencies on a draft of its next Regional Transportation Plan, covering the period 2010-2035. He said the draft, which would include the NYMTC Principals' shared vision, would be released for public review by the end of May, 2009.

B. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Joseph Marie, Connecticut Department of Transportation

Commissioner Joseph Marie of the Connecticut Department of Transportation described how the Connecticut Department of Transportation is facilitating regional connections and greater regional thinking. Commissioner Marie indicated Connecticut would receive \$450 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, of which \$300 million would be used for bridges and roads and \$150 million would be used on the transit side. He said there was a need to make greater investment in public transportation not only on the state level but at a regional level. He said that quality services needed to be offered for commuters to get out of their cars and into public transportation. He said that Connecticut would be investing funds in new rail equipment and rail yards, and in upgrading stations on the New Haven Line. He indicated that discussions were underway with Amtrak on service between Springfield, Massachusetts and New Haven, Connecticut. He pointed out that both New York and Connecticut had jurisdiction over segments of I-95 and it was therefore important for both states to work together on transportation issues in that corridor. He said that Connecticut Department of Transportation would be working with all regional partners and metropolitan planning organizations and reaching out to New York and New Jersey to improve connectivity.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. George Haikalis, President of the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc., submitted the attached remarks that advocated for the governors of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to develop better regional transit options.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: MARCH 5, 2009 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the March 5, 2009 Meeting Synopsis was made by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #273 – TO AMEND THE MAJOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT/MAJOR INVESTMENT STUDY LIST AND TO UPDATE THE 2009/2010 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC's Planning Director, introduced the resolution to designate the West-of-Hudson Transit Access Study as a Major Metropolitan Transportation Investment/Major Investment Study under NYMTC's operating procedures. The section of the 2009/2010 Unified Planning Work Program that contained information and activities related to the Major Metropolitan Transportation Investments/Major Investment Studies list was also to be updated in this resolution.

A motion to adopt Resolution #273, To Amend the Major Metropolitan Transportation Investment/Major Investment Study List and to Update the 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program, was made by Mr. Samuel Hornick, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #274 – RECOMMENDATION OF MARINE CORRIDORS FOR DESIGNATION UNDER AMERICA'S MARINE HIGHWAYS PROGRAM

Mr. Howard Mann of NYMTC staff, introduced the resolution to recommend a list of marine corridors in and around NYMTC region to the Maritime Administration for designation under the Marine Highway Program.

Mr. Lou Venech of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PA) said that PA was appreciative that NYMTC and North Jersey Transportation Planning Agency were actively involved and that the agencies looked at the program with an eye towards regional coordination.

A motion to adopt Resolution #274, Recommendation of Marine Corridors for Designation Under America's Marine Highways Program was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Jai Therattil, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #275 – RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO ALAN BORENSTEIN NYMTC'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Mr. Joel Ettinger announced that Alan Borenstein, NYMTC's Deputy Director, would be retiring at the end of April, 2009 and read a resolution that gave recognition to Mr. Borenstein's contribution to NYMTC.

A motion to adopt Resolution #275, Recognition of Service to Alan Borenstein NYMTC's Deputy Director was made by Mr. Samuel Hornick, 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.

E. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

The next PFAC meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the NYMTC Office.

F. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Lawrence Berger, Nassau County Planning Commission
Patricia Chemka, Westchester County Department of Transportation
Samuel Hornick, New York City Department of City Planning
Peter G. King, New York State Department of Transportation
John Pilner, Putnam County Planning Department
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County Planning Department
Jai Therattil, New York City Department of Transportation
Neil Trenk, Rockland County Planning Department

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Karen Rosenberger, Federal Highway Administration
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Melanie Zeman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Mary Ameen, North Jersey Transportation Planning Agency

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OTHER

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Rodney Carreno, Skanska	Frank Marsella, PANYNJ
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This April 16, 2009 PFAC Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by all voting Program, Finance, and Administration Committee members at its May 21, 2009 PFAC meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea' Miles-Cole
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