

**SYNOPSIS OF THE JANUARY 15, 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 Heather Sporn of the New York State Department of Transportation. Ms. Sporn welcomed the guest and said that she was representing the chairperson of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee. The members introduced themselves and it was established that there was a quorum.

2. **NYMTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Joel Ettinger, NYMTC Executive Director, said that the Program, Finance and Administration Committee would take action to recommend to the Council a new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the 2009-2010 program year. He said that the UPWP was a critical component of the planning process and thanked the staff involved in putting it together. Mr. Ettinger announced that a special PFAC meeting was scheduled for March 5, 2009 to take action on a new air quality conformity determination for a series of amendments to the current Transportation Improvement Program. He said that a 30 day public review period and meeting would take place. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC's Annual Meeting would be held on March 19, 2009 at the New York University's Kimmel Center in Manhattan and urged everyone to attend.

**B. PRESENTATION**

**Helena Williams, President, MTA Long Island Rail Road**

Ms. Helena Williams, President of the MTA Long Island Rail Road, (LIRR), with the help of slides, gave a presentation on the history and future of the LIRR. Ms. Williams said that the LIRR was celebrating 175 years of service, beginning April 24, 1834 to present day and said that the LIRR had a continuing history of Transit Oriented Development. She talked about the current operations and record on-time performance of the LIRR and future plans to modernize and expand operations. Ms. Williams talked about the East Side Access Project to Grand Central Terminal and its benefits to the region. She said the East Side Access Project would relieve congestion at Penn Station, would improve conditions at Penn Station for New Jersey Transit and Amtrak, would allow rail travel between Long Island and all Metro-North destinations, and would provide easy access for Long Island/Queens residents to east midtown Manhattan. The presentation can be downloaded from the NYMTC website at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org).

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Murray Bodin of Concerned Grandparents said that organizations should learn to change. He talked about his concerns with the 511 System and that it may be redundant to what is already available on the internet. He said that fuel was wasted by multiple trucks working with pothole crews, and that no idling laws should apply.

Mr. George Haikalis, President, Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, talked about the Access to the Region's Core Project. He said that the federal government should not fund projects that would make it more difficult to travel between states. He said that a new Hudson River Tunnel should be funded only if it connected directly to platforms and tracks at Penn Station and therefore, planning for a Penn Station-Grand Central Terminal connection should resume. Mr. Haikalis said that the Access to the Region's Core project needed to be re-examined and the 1,600 page Major Investment Study report should be released to the public.

Mr. George Haikalis, submitted the prepared remarks of Brian Ketcham, Executive Director of Community Consulting Services, regarding the effects of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's proposed tolling plan. The remarks were included into the minutes. See attached remarks.

**D. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **ACCEPT: DECEMBER 18, 2008 MEETING SYNOPSIS**

A motion to accept the December 18, 2008 Meeting Synopsis 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 meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

**2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #265 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2008-2009 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO AMEND NYMTC PROJECTS**

Mr. Stephen Hausch said that the purpose of the resolution was to adjust projects in the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program that would enable the NYMTC staff to better address their planning needs. He said the amendments impacted the use of reprogrammed funds and did not require new funding.

A motion to adopt Resolution #265, Amendment to the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend NYMTC Projects 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.

**3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #266 – RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2009-2010 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said that every year NYMTC was responsible to adopt a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to bring federal dollars into the region for planning activities. He said as per the operating procedures, the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee must recommend a program to the Council to adopt. He said that 26 million dollars in new funds was included in the draft UPWP and covered the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Unified Planning Work Program, and two required analyses—the air quality conformity determination and the congestion management process.

A motion to adopt Resolution #266, Recommendation to the Council for the Adoption of the 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program was made by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #267 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2008-2009 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO AMEND NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S PROJECTS**

Mr. Stephen Hausch said that the New York City Department of Transportation was carrying out its 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program projects and needed to amend specific projects to better address its planning needs. Mr. Hausch said that reprogrammed funds were used and new funds were not required.

A motion to adopt Resolution #267, Amendment to the 2008-2009 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend New York City Department of Transportation’s Projects was made by Mr. Jai Therattil, 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 SPECIAL PFAC MEETING**

A special PFAC meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the NYMTC Office.

**F. CONFIRMATION OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Annual Council Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the NYMTC Office.

**G. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members/Alternatives**

Lawrence Berger, Nassau County Planning Commission  
Patricia Chemka, Westchester County Department of Transportation  
Lawrence Fleischer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Planning Department  
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning  
Heather Sporn, New York State Department of Transportation  
Jai Therattil, New York City Department of Transportation

**Advisory (Non-Voting) Members**

Robert Griffith, Federal Highway Administration  
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Melanie Zeman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**NYMTC Staff**

Jore Argote	Emma Gaitan	Jaeki Min
Alan Borenstein	Anthony Gawrych	Ali Mohseni
Gerry Bogacz	Jean Gunsch	Munnesh Patel
Kuo-Ann Chiao	Stephen Hausch	Chris Rodrigues-Moore
Michael Chiume	Jan Khan	Tanya Rodriguez
Lisa Daglian	Uchenna Madu	Adam Schildge
Nina Del Senno	Ella Mathews	Jean Shanahan
Robert Donohue	Larry McAuliffe	
Joel Ettinger	Andrea Miles-Cole	

**OTHER**

Jacob Balter, LIRR	John Mattera, NYC Parks
Richard Barbieri, Village of Lynbrook	Frank Marsella, PANYNJ
Fred Bartoli, MSDC	Raymond Moztuano, IAM
Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents	Elisa Picca, LIRR
Joe Calderone, LIRR	Ophelia Ray, NYCDOT
Christina Fickchia, NYC Lower Hudson	Sarah Rios, MTA
Adam Gaus, League of Women Voters	Karen Rosenberger, FHWA
Tatyana Golikova, NYSDOT	Charles Samuel, DASNY
Henry Goessman	Andrew Sandberg, IAM
Leon Goodman, Transportation Consultant	Robin Stout, Moynihan Station
George Haikalis, IRUM	Stephen Thomas, IAM
Phil Healy, Village of Lynbrook	Stuart Werner
Mayor Horn, GPI	Helena Williams, LIRR

*This January 15, 2009 PFAC Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of PFAC at its February 19, 2009 PFAC Meeting.*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Andrea' Miles-Cole*  
*Secretary 2*