

**PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 MEETING SYNOPSIS**

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

**Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joel Ettinger, Executive Director of NYMTC, who chaired the meeting of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC). The members introduced themselves and a quorum was declared.

Mr. Ettinger said that the PFAC members would take action on several items dealing with NYMTC's on-going planning process. He said the actions included the recommendation of the new 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan for the Council's adoption at their September 24, 2009 meeting. He announced that United States Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood was invited to be the keynote speaker at the Council meeting and encourage all to attend. He welcomed Paul Beyer of the New York State Department of State as the guest speaker for the PFAC meeting and indicated that Mr. Beyer would talk about smart growth and energy/climate change issues from a statewide perspective.

**NYMTC Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Ettinger reported that NYMTC's staff and its members had been preparing the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, a new transportation conformity determination, and a cooperative planning agreement to help conform to new Federal planning regulations. He thanked Jan Khan, Angelina Foster, Jean Shanahan and Sangeeta Bhowmick, of NYMTC staff for their efforts to guide this work in conjunction with the Federal oversight agencies. He also reported that the staff and the members had been working to develop applications for discretionary funding through the TIGER Program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as well as provide programmatic review and assurances for all other applicants from the NYMTC planning area.

**B. PRESENTATION**

**Paul Beyer, Director of Smart Growth, NYS Department of State**

Mr. Paul Beyer, Director of Smart Growth of the New York State Department of State, presented a statewide perspective on smart growth. He began by describing the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet, which consists of representatives from state agencies whose responsibilities and jurisdictions impacted land use planning or decision-making. He defined smart growth as a sensible, planned growth that integrated economic development and community quality of life and encouraged growth in developed areas with existing infrastructure to sustain it. He talked about the ten principles of smart growth that were prominent in statewide policy—compact, mixed-use community design; re-use and re-development of existing buildings; regional planning; “green” buildings and infrastructure; mobility choices; well planned parks and well maintained public spaces; targeted investments in affordable housing; age-integrated communities; and collaborative, “bottom-up” stakeholder-driven planning; smart growth help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reverse global warming. He applauded NYMTC for making critical connections between land-use planning and transportation planning in several of its specialized studies and its new 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Murray Bodin talked about Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) meetings that he attended and his disappointment with the unwillingness of MTA Bridges and Tunnels to review road markings. He also expressed his disappointment with the New York State Department of Transportation regarding several road marking issues. He said that high speed rail should not be part of the Tappan Zee Bridge project.

**D. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. ACCEPT: JUNE 18, 2009 MEETING SYNOPSIS**

A motion to accept the June 18, 2009 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

**2. ACCEPT: JULY 2, 2009 MEETING SYNOPSIS**

A motion to accept the July 2, 2009 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. Samuel Hornick, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

**3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #283 – ADOPTION OF THE GOETHALS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT INTO THE 2005-2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Lou Venech of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ) introduced the resolution and indicated that the Port Authority had requested the United States Coast Guard to initiate the process for a Goethals Bridge Replacement Project Environmental Impact Statement. He said that a draft environmental impact statement was released and included a replacement bridge structure to provide three lanes and an outer shoulder lane in each direction, a sidewalk/bikeway, eastbound/westbound decks to accommodate future transit services, bus high occupancy vehicle priority treatments and safety and security improvements. He asked that, through this resolution, the preferred alternative for the Goethals Bridge Project be defined in the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan.

A motion to adopt Resolution #283, Adoption of the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project into the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan, was made by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Fleischer, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The resolution unanimously passed.

**4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #284 – RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE 2010-2035 DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCT**

Mr. Jan Khan, of the NYMTC staff, introduced the resolution and said that the current 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was adopted in August, 2005 and that federal regulation required the metropolitan planning organization to update the RTP every four years. He said the new 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan which had been drafted encompassed the NYMTC Principals' Shared Vision for Shared Future. He asked that PFAC recommend the draft 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan to the Council for their action.

Mr. Gerry Bogacz provided a brief overview of the Regional Transportation Plan. He noted that the Shared Vision included five regional goals, four foundation investments that were underway, ten desired growth areas throughout the region, 28 strategic regional investments beyond the foundation projects, and ten strategic policy guidelines. The full RTP presentation could be found on the NYMTC website at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org).

A motion to adopt Resolution #284, Recommendation to the Council to Adopt the 2010-2035 Draft Regional Transportation plan and Associated Project, was made by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Chemka, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #285 – ADOPTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2008-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Ms. Angelina Foster, of the NYMTC staff, introduced the resolution and said that the resolution was to approve a new Transportation Conformity Determination for several amendments of the 2008-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and for the new 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She indicated that the regional motor vehicle emissions analysis contained in the Conformity Determination was coordinated with all relevant local, state and federal agencies and was combined with analysis of the Orange County Transportation Council and the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council for relevant pollutants. She said that the analysis showed that the programs within the TIP as amended and the new RTP conformed with mobile source air quality budgets for all required pollutants as defined in the New York State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

A motion to adopt Resolution #285, Adoption of the Transportation Conformity Determination for the Amendment of the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan 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.

**6. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #286 – RECOMMENDATION FOR A JOINT COOPERATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENT TO FULFILL FEDERAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz said that the resolution recommended a Joint Cooperative Planning Agreement to the Council for action at their upcoming meeting. He said the Agreement would fulfill specific Federal planning requirement, under SAFETEA-LU, the current legislation authorizing Federal transportation funding, that required metropolitan planning organizations, states and public transit operators in a planning area cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process and that these responsibilities be identified in a written agreement amongst the parties. He said that the Agreement would also include the Town of Huntington and the City of Long Beach which were designated recipients of federal transit funding but were not members of NYMTC.

A motion to adopt Resolution #286, Recommendation for a Joint Cooperative Planning Agreement to Fulfill Federal Planning Requirements was made by Mr. Samuel Hornick, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**7. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #287 – ADOPTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REVISION OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Ms. Jean Shanahan of the NYMTC staff introduced the resolution. She reported that a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is adopted every two years and is amended as needed as programmed projects are modified. She said that the resolution would adopt revised procedures for TIP amendments and modifications.. She said the procedures were revised to reflect new federal regulations.

A motion to adopt Resolution #287, Adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program Revision Operating Procedures was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM  
September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz reported on the status of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning, which was established by NYMTC as a living memorial to the three NYMTC staff members who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Additional students have been selected to receive stipends under the program for internships with NYMTC, the member agencies or research projects supporting NYMTC's planning process.

**F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council was confirmed to be held on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at New York University.

**G. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING**

The next PFAC meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at the NYMTC Office.

**H. 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  
Samuel Hornick, New York City Department of City Planning  
John Pilner, Putnam County Planning Department  
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County Planning Department  
Jai Therattil, New York City Department of Transportation  
Robert Zerrillo, New York State Department of Transportation

**Advisory (Non-Voting) Members**

Darin Allan, Federal Transit Administration  
Karen Rosenberger, Federal Highway Administration  
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

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*This September 17, 2009 PFAC Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of PFAC at its November 19, 2009 PFAC Meeting.*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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