



Joel P. Ettinger
Executive Director

**JANUARY 21, 2010 MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE
PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS AND REPORTS

Welcome and Introductions

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's (NYMTC) Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting was called to order and chaired by Ms. Heather Sporn of the New York State Department of Transportation. The committee members introduced themselves and a quorum was declared.

NYMTC Executive Director's Report

Mr. Joel Ettinger, Executive Director of NYMTC, said that a public meeting on the Federal Certification Review of NYMTC will be held on January 27, 2010 at the NYC Department of City Planning, Spector Hall, in lower Manhattan. He said it was the public's opportunity to talk directly to the Federal agencies and provide thoughts on the transportation planning process in the New York area. He said that NYMTC staff and member agencies would be present and he encouraged all to attend. Mr. Ettinger reported that NYMTC would co-sponsor a regional conference on Bus Rapid Transit with the New York University Rudin Center on February 24, 2010. The conference will take place at the Kimmel Center at NYU. He said that NYMTC would hold its Annual Meeting at the Kimmel Center at NYU on March 18, 2010 and that Adolfo Carrion, Director of the White House Office of Urban Policy, had agreed to be the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting and that the theme of the Annual Meeting would be *Transportation and a Livable Region*. Mr. Ettinger said that there would be a short PFAC meeting on February 18, 2010 to recommend the draft 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program for adoption by the full Council at the Annual Meeting. He announced that Howard Permut, President of the MTA Metro-North Railroad would be the guest speaker at the April 15, 2010 PFAC meeting. Mr. Ettinger said that NYMTC staff was closely monitoring the development of new national economic recovery legislation and discussing a variety of preparatory steps to be ready to take advantage of new funding should legislation be passed.

B. PRESENTATION

**Therese McMillan, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
"Transit Update from Washington, D.C."**

Ms. Therese McMillan, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), gave a presentation that focused on a number of current Federal initiatives involving livability/sustainability, streamlining the New Starts process, transit safety and state-of-good-repair. Ms. McMillan said that livability is a core objective in many of the FTA's programs. She talked about their newly announced Urban Circulator and the Bus Livability funding programs that support communities expand business opportunities and improve the quality of life. She said that the streamlines New Starts and Small Starts programs were funding new transit investments across the country. She said that transit safety was a nationwide concern in which the Obama Administration introduced legislation to address the concern providing more flexibility to federal agencies. She explained how state-of-good-repair for transit, highways and airports was a priority goal for the USDOT. The presentation can be downloaded from www.NYMTC.org.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Murray Bodin said that the 2009 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices states that there were certain mandates in it that required agencies to revise the way markings were put on the roads and that repaved roads should be marked correctly.

Matt Shotkin requested that commuters refrain from pressing the emergency stop button on the escalators at the 59th Street, Lexington Station because it's harder for physically challenged commuters to get to their destination.

George Haikalis requested PFAC to reconsider its position of endorsing deep cavern stations for the Access to the Region's Core and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Long Island Rail Road East Side Access projects. He said it would be costly and the carbon footprints would be enormous and he raised evacuation safety issues.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the November 19, 2009 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 #291 – AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution was to update the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan's long-range financial assessment to include the Calverton Enterprise Park Rail Spur project, in the Town of Riverhead in Suffolk County, in the fiscally-constrained element of the Plan.

A motion to adopt Resolution #291, Amendments to the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, was made by Mr. Patrick Gerdin, 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.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #292 – ADOPTION OF THE 2009 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS STATUS REPORT

Mr. Larry McAuliffe of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution was to adopt a new status report that defined the areas of congestion throughout the region in conjunction with the development and adoption of the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan. He said that the 2009 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Status Report was produced as part of the NYMTC's CMP to provide description of roadway traffic congestion at various levels in the NYMTC's planning area. He said the full report and public comments could be found on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org.

A motion to adopt Resolution #292, Adoption of the 2009 Congestion Management Process Status Report, was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, 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.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Project Solicitation for Job Access-Reverse Commute, new Freedom and Section 5310 Programs

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff said that NYMTC was currently soliciting proposals for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and the New Freedom Federal funding programs. Ms. Foster said that the New York State Department of Transportation was soliciting proposals for the Federal Section 5310 Program. She said that the JARC, New Freedom and 5310 programs all worked in a coordinated fashion to address the transportation needs of the disabled, the elderly and low income individuals. She said proposals

were due to NYMTC by March 12, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. She said that instructions for the program, the proposal format process and the program overview guide was available on the NYMTC website and that workshops were held in New York City, on Long Island and in the lower Hudson Valley. She said during the month of February, conference calls and/or meetings would be arranged upon request with potential project proposers to discuss the details of the development of applications. Information on these programs can be found on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

The next PFAC meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 1:15 p.m. at the NYMTC Office.

G. CONFIRMATION OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The NYMTC annual meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at New York University.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Patricia Chemka, Westchester County Department of Transportation
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Planning Department
John Pilner, Putnam County Planning Department
Ophelia Ray-Fenner, New York City Department of Transportation
Sarah Rios, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County Planning Department
Heather Sporn, New York State Department of Transportation

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Mary Ameen, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Federal Transit Administration
Alicia Nolan, 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	Nikhil Puri, AECOM
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Jack Dean, MTA	Julia Seltzer, MTA
Oliver Ernhofer, URS Corp	Matt Shotkin, PCAC
John Fleming, NDCR	

This January 21, 2010 PFAC Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of PFAC at its February 18, 2010 PFAC Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea' Miles-Cole
NYMTC Secretary*

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