



Joel P. Ettinger
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 10, 2010
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 reported that staff had welcomed and reached out to four new Council members; Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino, Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chief Executive Officer, Jay Walder, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Judith Enck. He announced that the Metropolitan Planning Forum's second annual meeting was held in May. He reported that work had begun on the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan which would cover the period 2010-2035. He said that enhancements and maintenance work on the 28 county New York Best Practices Model was underway and the regional travel survey, which sampled 18,000 households, would begin soon. He said that staff was undertaking a new Regional Emission Analysis to include recently revised emission standards for fine particulate matter and the analysis would be a part of the air quality conformity determination to be adopted in November, 2010. He said that staff was working to complete a number of major studies, including the Hudson River Greenway Link Study, the Freight Villages Study and the Canal Area Transportation Study.

B. PRESENTATION

Michael White, Executive Director, Long Island Regional Planning Council

Michael White, Executive Director of the Long Island Regional Planning Council gave an update on the development of the sustainability strategies for Long Island 2035. He noted that the analysis and findings from the first phase of the plan, called the Regional Visioning Initiative, was financed by NYMTC. He said the overall plan's overarching goal was to achieve regional public consensus for where the next generation of Long Islanders would live and work; the region's transportation system; and the institutional actions required to ensure a prosperous, equitable and environmentally sustainable Long Island. Mr. White talked about Long Island's assets, such as its beaches, parks, open space, institutions, entrepreneurial energy, quality of life and natural resources and he explained the challenges, such as the current property tax burden, the high cost of doing business, lack of viable alternatives to the automobile, global climate change, and inefficient delivery of key public services. He said noted the Plan's goal was to ensure that Long Island was rationally governed, affordable for all, prosperous and protected. He discussed the plan for Long Island 2035, providing the immediate priorities on strengthening Long Island's equity, economy, accessibility, affordability, infrastructure and governance. The presentation can be found on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org and information on the Plan can be found at www.LIRPC.org.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: JUNE 10, 2010 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the June 10, 2010 Meeting Synopsis was made by Ms. Heather Sporn, representing the New York State Department of Transportation, and was seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #299 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PRORAM TO AMEND NYMTC STAFF PLANNING PROJECTS

Mr. Stephen Hausch of NYMTC staff said several projects needed to be amended to adjust funding levels. He said that new funding would not be required.

A motion to adopt Resolution #299, Amendment to the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend NYMTC Staff Planning Projects, was made by Ms. Sarah Rios, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #300 – AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS OF THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution was to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and to include the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Environmental Impact Statement, Downtown Brooklyn corridor into the vision element of the RTP.

A motion to adopt Resolution #300, Amendment to Sections of the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, was made by Mr. Jai Therattil, 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.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #301 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FINANCIAL FORECASTS

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution was to update the Regional Transportation Plan and the financial analysis with updated financial information.

A motion to adopt Resolution #301, Amendment to the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan Financial Forecasts, was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #303 – AFFIRMATION OF DESIGNATED RECIPIENT STATUS

Ms. Heather Sporn said that the purpose of the resolution was to confirm the current Designation of Recipients and to update the Designated Recipient documentation required by the Federal Transit Administration.

A motion to adopt Resolution #303, Affirmation of Designated Recipient Status, was made by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating

Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

E. INFORMATION ITEM

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEES

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, Acting Staff Director of the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee reported that the members have been paying close attention to reviewing the program accounting of past years to estimate potential funding availability once a new federal transportation act is passed, as well as paying attention to the obligations of projects that have been programmed to make sure those projects move forward once they are in the Transportation Improvement Program. He reported that the members were considering the possibility on a new solicitation under the CMAQ program for project proposals but the decision depended on the prospects of a new federal transportation bill.

Ms. Nancy O'Connell, Staff Director of the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee (N/STCC) said that the N/STCC consisted of four voting members, Nassau County, Suffolk County, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the New York State Department of Transportation. She reported that staff was in the process of developing and updating the local Transportation Improvement Program for projects that were encompassed in the Nassau/Suffolk area. She said that staff served on various rating and ranking committees and had recently reviewed the Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom solicitation.

Ms. Jean Gunsch, of the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee reported that staff had been working on the Transportation Improvement Program update and the fiscally constrained federal fiscal year (FFY) 2011 program. She said staff continued to monitor FFY 2010 programs for obligation to make sure that all projects that had obligation dates in FFY 2010 were on schedule. She said staff met with some local sponsors that did not have projects in FFY 2010 to help them with the process and funding requirements. She reported that staff had been reviewing the 5310 grant applications to make sure that they were included in the Coordinated Human Services Plan. She said that staff coordinated activities of the Poughkeepsie Ozone Non Attainment Area (PONA), which included NYMTC, Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) and the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council (PDTC). She reported that a Memorandum of Understanding was developed to outline the coordination between NYMTC, OCTC and the PDTC to ensure that all projects and information that were in the conformity determination were correct.

2. STATUS OF THE JOB ACCESS/REVERSE COMMUTE, NEW FREEDOM AND SECTION 5310 FUNDING PROGRAMS

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff reported that public notification and solicitation for the Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) began in January 2010. She said that eight informational workshops were held to review the parameters of the program and to offer assistance to developing and submitting proposals. She said over 30 one-on-one sessions with potential proposers were done and a second round of solicitations was completed in May. She reported that over \$240 million in project proposals was received and that the selections of proposals would be on-going throughout the summer. She said that grant reviews, the approval process, and the MPO documentation process for the proposals would begin. She said grant approvals by the Federal Transit Administration and funding availability to the project proposers should be met before October 1, 2010. She said that solicitation was done for two years of funding and reported that under the JARC program \$17 million was available and under the New Freedom program, \$9 million was also available during the 2 years.

3. HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Gerry Bogacz of NYMTC staff reported that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) issued an advanced notice for a new grant program called the HUD Sustainable Communities Grant Planning Program, which was part of a three federal agency partnership formed

between HUD, the USEPA and the USDOT called the Sustainable Communities Initiative. He reported that the NYMTC PFAC Development Subcommittee had been tasked to work on the initiative. He noted that member agencies were discussing how to fashion a grant application. The NYMTC Shared Vision and the current Regional Transportation Plan would be the overarching framework for the potential grant application. He said that HUD currently had not issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and the actual complete set of rules of the program were not known, but once the NOFA was issued, the committee would make recommendations to the PFAC member agencies.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

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

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Patricia Chemka, Westchester County Department of Transportation
Sarah Rios, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Lawrence Berger, Nassau County Planning Commission
Parick Gerdin, Rockland County Planning Department
Jai Theratil, New York City Department of Transportation
John Pilner, Putnam County Planning Department
Sandy Hornick, 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

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

NYMTC Staff

Sangeeta Bhowmick	Neil Garry	Andrea Miles-Cole
Gerry Bogacz	Anthony Gawrych	Jaeki Min
Kuo-Ann Chiao	Jean Gunsch	Nancy O'Connell
Lisa Daglian	Stephen Hausch	Munnesh Patel
Robert Donohue	Jan Khan	Shalendra Ramadhin
Joel Ettinger	Mikhail Kotikovsky	Mohammad Rashid
Angelina Foster	John Lopez	Chris Rodrigues-Moore
Emma Gaitan	Ella Matthews	
Maria Garcia	Larry McAuliffe	

OTHER

Michele Bager, NYSDOT
Pam Bufford, LIRR
Lebrun Burnett, CB17
James Cottone, FTA
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G. Del Rio, Jacobs
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This June 10, 2010 Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of PFAC at its August 12, 2010 PFAC Meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Miles-Cole
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