



Joel P. Ettinger  
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE AUGUST 12, 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 announced that Ira Weiner the Regional Sustainable Communities Coordinator for HUD, would be the guest speaker at the September 16, 2010 PFAC meeting and Fred Abousleman, Executive Director of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) would be the invited guest speaker for the January, 2011 PFAC meeting.

**B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Matt Shokin said non-attainable areas were good for transportation projects.

Murray Bodin of Concerned Grandparents talked about the line crossings on highways and complimented the NYS Department of Transportation in the Poughkeepsie area for the work they had done. Mr. Bodin expressed that HOV lanes should be in the right lanes of highways so it would be easier for busses to enter into.

**C. 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 NYS Department of Transportation, and seconded by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

**2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #302 – ADOPTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY**

Ms. Jean Shanahan, Staff Director of the Mid-Hudson South Staff Transportation Coordination Committee said the purpose of the resolution was to provide an agreement among NYMTC, Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council outlining coordination and cooperation with regard to transportation conformity

A motion to adopt Resolution #302, Adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation Conformity was made by Mr. Marc Albrecht, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Mr. Jai Therattil, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #304 – ADOPTION OF A TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2008-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AS AMENDED**

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff said that the resolution was required by Poughkeepsie-Dutchess Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council to update their Transportation Improvement Program as part of the overall State Transportation Improvement Program.

A motion to adopt Resolution #304, Adoption of a Transportation Conformity Determination for the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, As Amended 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.

**4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #305 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FINANCIAL FORECASTS AND LISTS OF PROJECTS, PROPOSALS AND STUDIES**

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution was to amend the fiscal financial assessment portion of the Regional Transportation Plan (Plan) based on changes made in the Transportation Improvement Program that had affected the financial analysis of the Plan. He said the resolution's purpose was to also adopt the New Stapleton Waterfront Development into the Plan, which would repair, realign and reconstruct various roads in the area.

A motion to adopt Resolution #305, Amendment to the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan Financial Forecasts and Lists of Projects, Proposals and Studies, was made by Ms. Naomi Klein, 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.

**5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #306 – RECOGNITION OF DEDICATED SERVICE BY WESTCHESTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER, LAWRENCE SALLEY**

Mr. Joel Ettinger read the resolution recognizing Commissioner Lawrence Salley's dedicated service to PFAC and the Council.

A motion to adopt Resolution #306, Recognition of Dedicated Service By Westchester County Transportation Commissioner, Lawrence Salley, was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence Berger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**6. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #307 – RECOGNITION OF DEDICATED SERVICE BY LAWRENCE BERGER, NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mr. Joel Ettinger read the resolution recognizing Lawrence Berger's dedicated service to PFAC and the Council.

Mr. Lawrence Berger said that he enjoyed his years participating in PFAC and the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee activities. He said he had a chance to work with amazing professionals among the members and NYMTC central staff. He said he would miss conversations

with Stephen Hausch, David Kletsman, and Joel Ettinger's "really big news" phases as well as the many teleconferences scheduled by Gerry Bogacz. He said it was great working with Robert Shinnick and Nancy O'Connell and thanked them both for their support.

A motion to adopt Resolution #307, Recognition of Dedicated Service By Lawrence Berger, Nassau County Planning Commission, was made by Mr. Jai Therattil, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**D. 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 staff had been doing a lot of work to administer the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and staff was also preparing for the next fiscal year TIP, so that the most updated information would be available.

Ms. Nancy O'Connell, Staff Director of the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee (N/STCC) said that N/STCC staff and NYMTC staff participated in a program Senator Schumer sponsored at Briarcliff College that brought together the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Development agencies to talk to the local municipalities and community organizations about the importance of sustainability. She said the program was well received. She said that nine amendments and three administrative mods were processed in the Transportation Improvement Program that impacted over 100 projects with scope changes, cost changes, scheduling changes and/or new projects. She said that three new projects were added to the Job Access and Reverse Commute, New Freedom Program and said that NYSDOT, Region 10, performed a solicitation for their local Safe Streets Programs where ten applications were received. She said the applications were being reviewed and grants should be awarded soon.

Ms. Jean Shanahan, Staff Director of the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee reported that staff had focused on the Transportation Improvement Program and the development of the federal fiscal year 2011 listings in order to have fiscal constrained portions for the Mid-Hudson South region. She said staff continued to monitor projects that were scheduled to be obligated and staff was reviewing 5310 applications that were submitted. She explained that the Poughkeepsie Non-Attainment Area (PONA) activities were coordinated amongst NYMTC, Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council and Orange County Transportation Council, and that a Memorandum of Understanding was created by the PONA group to ensure that all activities were coordinated with these metropolitan planning organizations.

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

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff reported that 17 projects were completed and selected for the Job Access and Reverse Commute and the New Freedom programs. She said four projects were selected from the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC), three were selected from the Nassau/Suffolk TCC, nine were selected from the New York City TCC and one project selected was NYMTC-wide that would be used to support the administration of the programs across the region. She said the projects totaled a little over \$26 million in federal fiscal year 2008 and 2009 funding that was allocated to the region. She said public review for the projects to be amended to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was completed on July 30, 2010 and said that TIP amendments were progressing and grants were underway.

**3. HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz of NYMTC staff reported that the U.S. Department of Housing and Development

issued a notice of funding availability for the Sustainable Communities Regional Grants Program, which included transportation planning and land-use planning. Funding would be available for up to \$5 million for large Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). He said in order to be eligible for the funding, a consortium had to be formed in the metropolitan region which included MPOs, major cities and non-profit organizations. He said that NYMTC worked closely with three MPOs in Connecticut, with New York City, with four suburban cities in the lower Hudson Valley, and with four suburban cities in southwestern Connecticut. He said the grant application was due on August 23, 2010 and was hopeful to have a grant application to submit on behalf of the consortium. He said the group was looking into a planning area that included New York City, suburban Long Island, and the lower Hudson Valley over into the southwestern Connecticut. He said the work that would be done on the NYMTC part of the region would be consistent with the shared vision of the NYMTC Principals that was expressed in the Regional Transportation Plan.

**E. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING**

The next PFAC meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 1:15 p.m. at the NYMTC Office. Ira Weiner, Regional Sustainable Communities Coordinator for HUD will be the guest speaker.

**F. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members/Alternatives**

Marc Albretch Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Lawrence Berger, Nassau County Planning Commission  
Naomi Klein, Westchester County Department of Transportation  
John Pilner, Putnam County Planning Department  
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning  
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County Planning Department  
Heather Sporn, New York State Department of Transportation  
Jai Therattil, New York City Department of Transportation

**Advisory (Non-Voting) Members**

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

**NYMTC Staff**

Gerry Bogacz	Jan Khan
Kuo-Ann Chiao	David Kletsman
Lisa Daglian	Ella Matthews
Joel Ettinger	Larry McAuliffe
Leslie Fordjour	Andrea Miles-Cole
Angelina Foster	Nancy O'Connell
Emma Gaitan	Munnesh Patel
Maria Garcia	Chris Rodrigues-Moore
Anthony Gawrych	Jean Shanahan
Jean Gunsch	

**OTHER**

Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents  
Matt Shotkin

*This August 12, 2010 Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of PFAC at its September 16, 2010 PFAC Meeting.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Andrea Miles-Cole  
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