



Joel P. Ettinger  
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE APRIL 21, 2011  
PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's (NYMTC) Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting was called to order by Mr. Uchenna Madu of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). He said that he was chairing the meeting on behalf of Robert Zerrillo for the NYSDOT. The committee members introduced themselves and a quorum was declared.

**2. NYMTC Executive Director's Report (including Activities of the Transportation Coordinating Committees)**

Mr. Joel Ettinger announced that the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Planning Program was launched at a press event where Regional Administrator, Adolfo Carrión, of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, presented a symbolic check for \$3.5 million to the NY-CT consortium consisting of nine cities, four metropolitan planning organizations, the Regional Plan Association, and the Long Island triumvirate of Nassau and Suffolk counties and the Long Island Regional Planning Council. He said that the planning program focused on both regional sustainability planning and on developing livable communities and growth centers around the region's transit network. He said about \$1.7 million of the HUD grant would be passed through to the NYC Department of City Planning, and Nassau and Suffolk counties to undertake components of the planning process. Mr. Ettinger announced that NYMTC participated in a federally-sponsored peer review session on April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> to kick-off a major upgrade of the New York Best Practice Model under the federal Travel Model Improvement Program, where the panel was invited to review the model and provide recommendations for the future direction of the upgrade. He also announced that NYMTC concluded a public comment period for the review of draft project listings proposed by each of NYMTC's three Transportation Coordinating Committees (TCCs) for inclusion in the new 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He said that the comment period included public meetings held in the NYMTC central office, in White Plains in the Hudson Valley, and Hauppauge on Long Island, and that the comment period set the stage for meetings of the Executive Committees of each of the TCCs to take action to recommend the draft project listings to the NYMTC Council for inclusion in the new TIP. He said a subsequent public comment period will commence between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, for the draft TIP and Transportation Conformity Determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. He said the draft project listings were available through the NYMTC website at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org) and were represented on Google Earth maps.

**B. PRESENTATION**

**Jeff Zupan/Richard Barone, Regional Plan Association  
"Upgrading to World Class: The Future of the New York Region's Airports"**

Mr. Jeff Zupan and Mr. Richard Barone, both representing the Regional Plan Association, gave a presentation based on their comprehensive report on the New York region airports. The report found that LaGuardia Airport (LGA), Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), and John F. Kennedy Airport (JFK) were in the worst shape in the nation from the point of view of congestion and delays and projected growth could make capacity needs and delays worst. The objective to either upgrade to world class with the global competitiveness, maintain leadership in international and domestic tourism growth

by increasing more aircrafts to serve projected passengers and reduce average delays, or stay at worst class. The presentation can be found on the NYMTC website at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org) and the complete comprehensive report can be found on the RPA's website at [www.RPA.org](http://www.RPA.org).

### **C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Orin Getz expressed his concerns about the lack of rail tunnels for passenger trains under the Hudson River and said that it should be a higher priority on NYMTC's list. He said that Amtrak was underfunded, had inadequate equipment, and did not have effective operations in Penn Station. He talked about the movement of goods in the region and the lack of goods traveling by freight train and said that Rockland County received the majority the movement of goods by truck flowing through the county via the Tappan Zee Bridge. He said he would like to see a comprehensive plan on how to move goods through the region by rail produced and lead by NYMTC. He then said that plans for having bike trails through county parks was not a good idea because bike trails were not allowed in the county parks in Rockland County.

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC's Planning Director, asked Mr. Getz to review the rail elements of NYMTC's Regional Freight Plan and welcomed Mr. Getz comments about the plan.

George Haikalis, President of Institute of Rational Urban Mobility, Inc. (IRUM) submitted the attached statements suggesting restoring the Long Island Railroad Rockaway cut-off in central Queens to provide a one-seat ride from JFK Airport and the Aqueduct Racetrack/Casino to midtown Manhattan.

### **D. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. ACCEPT: February 17, 2011 MEETING SYNOPSIS**

A motion to accept the February 17, 2011 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. Samuel Hornick representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Naomi Klein, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

#### **2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #321 – AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff said the purpose of the resolution was to adjust the financial analysis in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) because of adjustments that were made in the Transportation Improvement Program. He said the resolution also included the maps of the pedestrian and bicycle projects listed in Appendix 4 of the RTP.

A motion to adopt Resolution #321, Amendments to the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan was made by Mr. Robert Shinnick, representing the Nassau/Suffolk South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

#### **3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #322 – AMENDMENTS TO THE 2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO REVISE NYMTC STAFF AND NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

Mr. Stephen Hausch of NYMTC staff said the purpose of the resolution was to add additional funds that were identified in legislation to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Link Project and to reprogram funds for the Model Development and Enhancement Project, the Clinton-Hells Kitchen Neighborhood Transportation Study, and the Transportation Improvement Program Maintenance Project. There were no new funds requested.

A motion to adopt Resolution #322, Amendments to the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program to Revise NYMTC Staff and New York City Department of Transportation Projects was made by Mr. Robert

Brickman, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Marc Albrecht, representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The resolution unanimously passed.

**4 ADOPT: RESOLUTION #323 – AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE 2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM DOCUMENT**

Mr. Stephen Hausch of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution was to update five sections of the Unified Planning Work Program document to provide additional descriptive information.

A motion to adopt Resolution #323, Amendments to Various Sections of the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program Document was made by Ms. Naomi Klein, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Karin Sommer, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

**E. INFORMATION ITEM**

**1. DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2011-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, said that NYMTC staff was developing a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2011-2015. He said that three Executive Committee meetings would be held at the Transportation Coordinating Committee level where projects listings would be recommended for consideration into the full TIP. He said once the document was assembled, a comment period would begin on the full document from June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 along with the draft conformity determination that had to accompany the new TIP. Mr. Bogacz said that there would be a PFAC action in July, 2011 to recommend the draft TIP to the Council for adoption at a special Council meeting on August 4, 2011. He thanked his staff, the agency members and the staff of the TCC's for their coordinating efforts.

**2. PROJECT SOLICITATION FOR THE JOB ACCESS/REVERSE COMMUTE, NEW FREEDOM AND SECTION 5310 PROGRAMS**

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff reported that the Section 5310 program launched its solicitation statewide as of March, 2011, and several workshops were held. She said that the May 4, 2011 application deadline must be coordinated with the regional NYMTC coordinated human service public transportation plan. Ms. Foster said that launch for the Job Access/Reverse Commute, New Freedom programs would begin soon and expect the outreach and the application process to begin in the summer of 2011. She said the evaluation and rating of applications would follow in the fall, and selection notification for the programs would be made early in 2012.

**3. RECAP OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Ms. Angelina Foster announced that a recap of all the NYMTC Transportation Improvement Program actions that occurred through the Transportation Coordinating Committees since the beginning of the year would be summarized and distributed at each PFAC meeting.

**F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING**

The next PFAC meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, June 9,, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. at the NYMTC Office.

**G. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members/Alternatives**

Marc Albrecht, Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
Robert Brickman, Nassau County Planning Commission  
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Planning Department  
Samuel Hornick, New York City Department of City Planning  
Naomi Klein, Westchester County Department of Public Works & Transportation  
Uchenna Madu, New York State Department of Transportation  
John Pilner, Putnam County Planning Department  
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk County Department of Public Works  
Karin Sommer, New York City Department of Transportation

**Advisory (Non-Voting) Members**

Darin Allan, Federal Transit Administration  
Jeremy Colangelo, NJ Transit  
Alicia Nolan, Federal Highway Administration  
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Melanie Zeman, US Environmental Protection Agency  
Ted Ritter, North Jersey Transportation Planning Agency

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Bob Huffman, United Cerebral Palsy	Jeff Zupan, RPA
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*This April 21, 2011 Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of PFAC at its June 9, 2011 PFAC Meeting.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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Secretary 2- NYMTC*

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