



Joel P. Ettinger
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 9, 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 Ms. Heather Sporn of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Ms. Sporn chaired the meeting on behalf of Robert Zerrillo, PFAC Chair. 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 said that the meeting would focus on a unique and ambitious program and that NYMTC staff members played a key role in the development of the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the federal sustainable communities regional grant program under the HUD, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency partnership. He said the consortium, which was drawn from a planning area that includes New York City, Long Island, the lower Hudson Valley, and the Connecticut coastal corridor, was successful in obtaining a \$3.5 million HUD grant to pursue a bi-state sustainable communities planning program. He said that a panel was present at the meeting to talk about their involvement in the program and the program's potential results. He said later in the meeting, PFAC would be asked to act to authorize NYMTC Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Agreement that would formally establish the consortium to begin the planning program. Mr. Ettinger also reported that progress on the development of the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was made. He reported that the three NYMTC Transportation Coordinating Committees each held their Executive Committee meeting to formally recommend projects listing for inclusion in the new TIP and reported that the public comment period began on the draft TIP and accompanying conformity determination and would run through July 8th. He said public reviews will be held on June 15th at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and would be available via live webcast and on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org. Mr. Ettinger said that a list of the most recent TIP action were available at the sign in table.

B. PANEL RESENTATION

"New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities"

Lee Ellman, City of Yonkers; Chris Jones, Regional Plan Association; Floyd Lapp, South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization; Michael White, Long Island Regional Planning Council

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC's Planning Director provided an overview of the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Grant Program and then introduced the panel participants.

Dr. Floyd Lapp, the Executive Director of the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWRMPO), served as the New York City Planning Transportation Director and was employed with the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission. Dr. Lapp has more than 49 years of planning and development experience within the tri-state area. He also taught transportation courses at a variety of colleges and universities and is affiliated with Columbia University as an adjunct professor.

Chris Jones directs economic, housing, transportation and urban development research for the Regional Plan Association (RPA) and led several multi-disciplinary initiatives to improve economic, social and environmental conditions with the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region. Mr. Jones authored several reports and articles on regional development and urban policy and prior to joining RPA, he was the Special Assistant to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Development in New York City.

Lee Ellman, Planning Director of the Yonkers Planning Bureau, manages application review while also staying ahead of issues and doing long range local planning. Mr. Ellman and his staff have an understanding of the city's size and impact on its county and the region.

Michael E. White, Executive Director of the Long Island Regional Planning Council (LIRPC), is currently undertaking a significant sustainability planning effort for Nassau and Suffolk counties known as Long Island 2035. Mr. White serves on a host of committees including being a Commissioner on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Sustainability and the MTA, on the Suffolk County Wastewater Treatment Task Force and its Carbon Cap Commission, a member of the Long Island Center for Healthcare Policy Studies, Long Island Carbon Footprint Steering Committee and Long Island Index Advisory Committee.

The panel discussed how the Consortium was formed to address sustainability planning on a bi-state scale and its relation to the six livability principles defined by the federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities. (1) Provide more transportation choices; (2) Promote equitable, affordable housing; (3) Enhance economic competitiveness; (4) Support existing communities; (5) Coordinate policies and leverage investment; (6) Value communities and neighborhoods. Also discussed were the types of outcomes each panelist anticipated from the Sustainable Communities Initiative and the prospects for continuing collaborating in the future.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program awarded \$3.5 million HUD Sustainable Communities Initiative Grant to a Consortium that includes the cities of New York, New Haven, Bridgeport, Norwalk, Stamford, Yonkers, White Plains, New Rochelle, and Mount Vernon; Nassau and Suffolk counties; NYMTC, SWRMPO, Greater Bridgeport Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, South Central Regional Council of Governments, LIRPC and RPA. One of the focus of the Consortium would be to leverage the most extensive and robust transit system in the nation by developing livable communities with mixed-income housing and employment at key nodes in the MTA Metro-North Railroad and MTA Long Island Rail Road network.

The webcast of the panel discussion can be found on the NYMTC website at WWW.NYMTC.ORG

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

George Haikalis, President of the Institute of Rational Urban Mobility, Inc. (IRUM) submitted the *attached statement* regarding NYMTC partnering with other metropolitan planning organizations that shared responsibility for planning for the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region's transportation system and he encourage that the region's three commuter rail lines and Amtrak form a coherent regional rail system.

Jim Newell, Vice President of Operations of US Rail of New York (USRNY), submitted the *attached statement* requesting rail clearances on the Brookhaven Rail Terminal line, which would allow higher capacity and more efficient rail equipment to access the east of Hudson rail freight market and a broader array of commodities would be able to use the rail freight.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: April 21, 2011 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the April 21, 2011 Meeting Synopsis 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 meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #324 – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO FORM THE NEW YORK-CONNECTICUT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC Planning Director, said the purpose of the resolution was to endorse NYMTC's participation as a member of the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium to receive and execute United States Department of Housing and Development funding for the Sustainable Communities Regional planning Grant Program and to authorize NYMTC's Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Agreement creating the Consortium.

A motion to adopt Resolution #324, Memorandum of Agreement to Form the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium was made by Ms. Rona Moyer, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Karin Sommer, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #325 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO AMEND NYMTC STAFF AND SUFFOLK COUNTY PROJECTS

Mr. Stephen Hausch of NYMTC staff said the purpose of the resolution was to reprogram funds in the Transportation Information Gateway towards the September 11th Memorial Program Academic Element and to reprogram funds in the Sagtikos Congestion Mitigation and Planning Coordination Study to the Suffolk County Comprehensive Plan 2035. There were no new funds requested.

A motion to adopt Resolution #325, Amendments to the 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program to Amend NYMTC Staff and Suffolk County Project was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Gary Lenberger, representing Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

4 ADOPT: RESOLUTION #326 – AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff said that the resolution represented amendments that were needed to be made to the financial analysis of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He said the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was an integral part of the RTP so when changes occur in the TIP, changes need to also be made in the financial analysis of the RTP.

A motion to adopt Resolution #326, Amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Gary Lenberger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The resolution unanimously passed.

E. INFORMATION ITEM

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

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff reported that the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program was out for public review effective June 8, 2011 through July 8, 2011. She said that public review meetings were scheduled to be held on June 15th at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and would be available via live webcast. She said comments will be accepted on the TIP document and Conformity Determination, and the documents could be found on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org. She said the documents would then be acted on at the July 28, 2011 PFAC meeting for their recommendation to the Council to act at its meeting on August 4, 2011. Both meetings will be held at the NYMTC office.

2. FEASIBILITY OF FREIGHT VILLAGES STUDY

Mr. Howard Mann, of NYMTC staff reported that the Feasibility of Freight Villages Study project had been completed. The study was an outgrowth from a study from the NYMTC Regional Freight Plan that was completed in 2004. It included a comprehensive examination of the potential for freight villages to increase the efficiencies of freight logistics and transportation in the region. He noted that the six sites analyzed that had potential for a freight village were Sunset Park, Brooklyn; GATX, Staten Island; Enterprise Park, Town of Riverhead, Long Island; AVR site, Town of Brookhaven, Long Island; LITRIM/Pilgrim site, Long Island; and Industrial Park, City of Mount Vernon, Westchester. The freight villages would provide an opportunity to boost economic development and improve the quality of life of those who live near these facilities. The full study 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, July 28, 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
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Planning Department
Naomi Klein, Westchester County Department of Public Works & Transportation
Gary Lenberger, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Rona Moyer, Nassau County Planning Commission
John Pilner, Putnam County Planning Department
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning
Karin Sommer, New York City Department of Transportation
Heather Sporn, New York State Department of Transportation

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Nancy Danzig, Federal Transit Administration
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Anthony Durante, Arup	Ted Mills, US Rail of NY
Tom Egan, NYA	Jim Newell, USRNY
Lee Ellman, City of Yonkers	Robert Paley, MTA
Oliver Ernhofner, URS	Tony Penachio, GEE
Peter Feroe, MTA Bus	Jeffrey Raven, Raven Architecture
Mark Gander, AECOM	Karen Rosenberger, FHWA
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Tatyana Golikova, NYSDOT	Jorge Santos, RPA
George Haikalis, IRUM	Judd Schechtman, Rutgers University
Barry Heril, NYU	Benjamin Schneider, City Council Aide
Walter Houston, LDCWB	Mane Victor, USEPA
Ernie Hutton	Melon Wedich, Starr Whitehouse
Chris Jones, RPA	Michael White, LIRPC
Andrew Kaufman, Brookhaven Rail Terminal	Stephen Whitehouse, Starr Whitehouse
Sabina Pendse, USEPA	David Woods, Green Woods Associates

This June 9, 2011 Meeting Synopsis passed unanimously by the voting members of the Program Finance, and Administration Committee at its July 28, 2011 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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