



Joel P. Ettinger
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE AUGUST 29, 2013
PROGRAM, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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) on behalf of Ron Epstein, Chair of the PFAC, who was not able to attend the meeting. The committee members introduced themselves and a quorum was declared.

B. NYMTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Joel Ettinger noted that PFAC had begun the adoption process for four key planning products—the draft 2014-2040 Regional Transportation Plan, (Plan 2040), the draft 2013 Congestion Management Process Status report, the draft 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the draft Transportation Conformity Determination for Plan 2040 and for the TIP. He noted that successful adoption and acceptance by the federal oversight agencies maintained the regions eligibility for federal transportation funding and enabled billions of federal dollars to be used in the region for necessary transportation improvements. He said that the adoption of the four products would fulfill NYMTC's obligations under the federal metropolitan transportation planning regulations and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. He thanked NYMTC staff and NYMTC's agencies' staff members who were involved with the development of the products. Detailed information on these products can be found on the NYMTC website at WWW.NYMTC.ORG.

C. PRESENTATION

NYMTC'S NEW PLANNING PRODUCTS: FFYs 2014-2040 Regional Transportation Plan, 2013 Congestion Management Process Status Report, FFYs 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, and Transportation Conformity Determination

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC's Planning Director, thanked his fellow colleagues and the members of New York City Department of City Planning for their help and unique consultant role in putting the Plan 2040 together. He provided an overview of the presentation; described the NYMTC planning process; and explained the federal funding authorization--Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21); and how the planning process worked.

Ms. Sangeeta Bhowmick, NYMTC's Acting Technical Director talked about the technical tools and the analysis that form the foundation of all the major projects. She explained the purpose of NYMTC's travel and demand model—New York Best Practice Model (NYBPM) and she talked about post processors for Air Quality Analysis and for Congestion Management Process.

Mr. Jan Khan, of NYMTC's staff, talked about NYMTC's Regional Transportation Plan (Plan 2040). He noted that it was a federally-required multi-modal product that was required to be renewed every four years. NYMTC's Regional Transportation Plan included the NYMTC members' vision for the planning area and laid out the long-range framework for maintaining and improving the region's transportation system. Plan 2040

identified the transportation improvement concepts, projects and policy recommendations and needs and potential resources that would address the region's long-term growth challenges and needs, which was an initial step to bringing federal transportation dollars into the area.

Ms. Angelina Foster, of NYMTC staff, talked about the 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She explained that TIP was a multi-modal program of projects, drawn from the Regional Transportation Plan that represented various modes as well as different forms of management and operations. She also talked about the Transportation Conformity Determination, which was designed to meet the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and to bring together transportation planning and air quality planning. She explained that the Transportation Conformity Determination was required for all of NYMTC's funding programs and it demonstrated that the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program conform to the mobile source emission milestones set forth in the New York State Implementation Plan for air quality.

Gerry Bogacz summed up the presentation by explaining that preparing for the planning process was a repeated cycle. He talked about the many public information sessions that took place throughout the region and use of internet to extend the reach by using a website called MindMixer. MindMixer collected comments from people who couldn't make the open housed and the workshops.

Details on each of the products can be found on the NYMTC website at WWW.NYMTC.ORG.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents, said that it was time to change to a new way of doing things. He questioned the way business was done within the State and suggested that converting high occupancy vehicle lanes on the Long Island Expressway to the outside so that the lanes would be accessible to the buses. He said New York State needed to recreate itself.

Mr. George Haikalis, President of IRUM, commended Joel Ettinger and Gerry Bogacz on the presentation given on NYMTC's planning products. He then said that he did not think it was appropriate to limit the amount of minutes allowed for public comments. He also said that the demise of a three state metropolitan planning organization (MPO) in the region was replaced by ten MPO's and said it was a violation of federal statues allowed for funding. He urged the federal representatives of the Obama administration to demand that NYMTC complied with federal regulations. He also urged the government to wake up to their responsibilities and deal with the major congestion across the Hudson River.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: JULY 11, 2013 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the July 11, 2013 Meeting Synopsis was made by Ms. Karin Sommer, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Robert Brickman, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #369 – AFFIRMATION OF NYMTC'S METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC's Planning Director, said the purpose of the resolution was to define the urbanized area that NYMTC operated and to reaffirm the planning area boundaries of NYMTC as they were prior to the 2010 census, which fulfilled the federal requirements after the 2010 Census.

A motion to adopt Resolution #369, Affirmation of NYMTC's Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary, was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Ms. Naomi Klein, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #370 – RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE 2014-2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, (PLAN 2040), AND RELATED 2013 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS STATUS REPORT

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff explained that the purpose of the resolution was to seek PFAC's recommendation for the Council's adoption of Plan 2040 and the Congestion Management Process Status Report. He noted that the products met the federal regulations in both CFR 450.322 and CFR 450.320.

A motion to adopt Resolution #370, Recommendation to the Council to Adopt the 2014-2040 Regional Transportation Plan, (Plan 2040), and Related 2013 Congestion Management Process Status Report was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #371 – RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE DRAFT FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2014-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff said that the draft 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) had been derived from NYMTC's Plan 2040. She noted that the TIP had been publically reviewed and all comments received had been addressed. She said the purpose of the resolution was to seek PFAC's endorsement to the Council for their adoption of the TIP.

A motion to adopt Resolution #371, Recommendation to the Council to Adopt the Draft Federal Fiscal Year 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program was made by Mr. Robert Brickman, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Mr. Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #372 – RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE DRAFT FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2014-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE DRAFT FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2014-2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff said that the conformity determination had been coordinated with Orange County Transportation Council as required for both the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Fine Particulate Matter 2.5 Non-Attainment Area. She noted that a public review session for the determination had been done and had met all of the State Implementation Plan budgets. She said the purpose of the resolution was to seek PFAC's recommendation to the Council to adopt the conformity determination for the draft 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2014-2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

A motion to adopt Resolution #372, Recommendation to the Council to Adopt the Transportation Conformity Determination for the Draft Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2040 Regional Transportation Plan was made by Ms. Naomi Klein, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Mr. Garry Lenberger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

6. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #373 – AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND PROJECTS

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff explained that the purpose of the resolution was to amend 75 emergency relief fund projects into the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan with the understanding that if the projects could not be implemented in part or in whole by September 13, 2013, the project may be included in future program years in the program once adopted without further NYMTC action providing that fiscal constraint and air quality conformity could be maintained.

A motion to adopt Resolution #373, Amendments to the Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Mr. Garry Lenberger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting was confirmed to be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the NYMTC Office.

G. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. at the NYMTC Office. (Note: The September 26, 2013 PFAC meeting was rescheduled for October 29, 2013)

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Robert Brickman, Nassau County Department of Public Works & Planning
Luis Calderon, New York State Department of Transportation
Jack Dean, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Planning Department
Naomi Klein, Westchester County Department of Public Works & Transportation
Garry Lenberger, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
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

Karen Rosenberger, Federal Highway Administration
Sandra Dixon, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

NYMTC Staff

Jorge Argote	Emma Gaitan	Larry McAuliffe
Sangeeta Bhowmick	Maria Garcia	Andrea Miles-Cole
Gerry Bogacz	Anthony Gawrych	Kathy Monroe
Ken Chin	Chris Hardej	Larisa Morozovskaya
Lisa Daglian	Jerry Jonassen	Darrin Moret
Joel Ettinger	Jan Khan	Munnesh Patel
Angelina Foster	John Lopez	

OTHER

Sandra Forte, PB
John Mattera, NYCDPR
Cy Opperman, RIOC
Sneha Shukla, NYSDOT

This August 29, 2013 Program, Finance and Administrative Committee (PFAC) meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by all members of PFAC at the October 29, 2013 PFAC Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrea' Miles-Cole
NYMTC - Secretary II*