



Joel P. Ettinger
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE JANUARY 24, 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.

Ms. Sporn noted that it was the first PFAC Meeting since the devastations of Hurricane Sandy and the third time in twenty years that NYMTC staff had to relocate to temporary quarters; and said it was good to see that NYMTC staff was back in their offices. She extended thanks on behalf of the members to NYMTC staff for taking a challenging situation in stride with professionalism and hard work and she thanked the NYSDOT's Region 11 staff for once again accommodating the NYMTC staff with their temporary relocation to Long Island City.

B. NYMTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Joel Ettinger also thanked the NYMTC staff and the staff of NYSDOT Region 11 for all that was done to get through the disruption. He noted that in the six week of being relocated, with the help of the members and the support from NYSDOT, the NYMTC staff was able to carry on in the face of the disruption. He said that because of the devastations of Hurricane Sandy, the schedule for producing key products in 2013 had to be adjusted. He noted that the federal agencies and colleagues within the state offered a great deal of flexibility that helped. He noted that the new Transportation Improvement Program and long range plan would be adopted in August rather than in June as originally planned. Mr. Ettinger then talked about the upcoming February 26th Annual Meeting and theme—"Planning for Resiliency: Adapting the Transportation System to Emerging Vulnerabilities", noting how all of NYMTC's members were greatly impacted by the storm and the situation had brought this topic into sharp relief. He announced that the keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting would be Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies at Columbia University and it would be held at the US Custom House in lower Manhattan.

C. PRESENTATION

**Sustainable Community and Economic Development Across New York State
Peter Fleischer, Executive Director, Empire State Future**

Mr. Peter Fleischer, Executive Director of Empire State Future gave a presentation on Sustainable Community and Economic Development. He talked about Empire Statue Future and its function; smart growth and the issues Empire State Future will continue to work on in 2013, such as Equitable Transit-Oriented Development, which is the most efficient way to use economic development funds to do transit oriented development and be supportive of public transit. The presentation can be found at www.NYMTC.org.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. George Haikalis, President of the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility talked about how creating a three mile light rail loop linking the South Street Seaport, the World Trade Center and South Ferry, together with a grid of pedestrian streets would provide a economic stimulus for the Financial District and

the loop would enhance the walking environment, while stimulating shopping and restaurant activity. He said it is critical to invest in new infrastructure that would make the Financial District more competitive with other parts of the region and that the light rail loop/pedestrian grid, would be an affordable investment costing about \$660 million. He thanked Jack Schmidt and Sandy Hornick from the New York City Department of City Planning, for being helpful and the cooperation the agency provided to not-for-profits organizations.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: APRIL 19, 2012 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the April 19, 2012 Meeting Synopsis was made by Ms. Naomi Klein, 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 meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #350 – AMENDMENTS TO THE 2012-2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM TO REVISE NYMTC STAFF, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, ROCKLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND SUFFOLK COUNTY PROJECTS

Mr. Stephen Hausch, of NYMTC staff, said that the purpose of the resolution was to reduce previously programmed funding of Unified Planning Work Program projects in the 2012-2013 program year due to reduction of federal funds. He noted that the amendments impacted the use of previously programmed funds and do not require new funding.

A motion to adopt Resolution #350, Amendments to the 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program to Revise NYMTC Staff, Nassau County, New York City Department of City Planning, Rockland County, New York City Department of Transportation and Suffolk County Projects was made by Mr. Robert Brickman, representing the Nassau/Suffolk 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.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #351 – ADOPTION OF REVISED 2040 POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

Ms. Larisa of NYMTC staff explained that the purpose of the resolution was to update the 2010 county-level employment for New Jersey counties in the 2010-2040 total employment tables of the 2040 Population and Employment Forecasts.

A motion to adopt Resolution #351, Adoption of Revised 2040 Population and Employment Forecasts was made by Mr. Jack Dean representing the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and seconded by Ms. Naomi Klein, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #352 – AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution was to amend the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Plan). He noted that the Plan included a financial assessment in which part of that financial assessment was the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He said that adjustments had been made in the TIP so amendments to the financial assessment in the Plan had to be made.

A motion to adopt Resolution #352, Amendments to the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City 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 PFAC MEETING

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. at the NYMTC offices.

G. CONFIRMATION OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Council Meeting was confirmed to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the US Custom House located at One Bowling Green in lower Manhattan.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Robert Brickman, Nassau County Department of Public Works & Planning
Jack Dean, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning
Naomi Klein, Westchester County Department of Public Works & Transportation
Garry Lenberger, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Karin Sommer, New York City Department of Transportation
Thomas B. Vanderbeek, Rockland County Planning Department
Heather Sporn, New York State Department of Transportation

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Karen Rosenberger, Federal Highway Administration
Leah Flax, Federal Transit Administration
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Melanie Zeman, US Environmental Protection Agency

NYMTC Staff

Jorge Argote	Anthony Gawrych	Ali Mohseni
Sangeeta Bhowmick	Stephen Hausch	Kathy Monroe
Gerry Bogacz	Jerry Jonassen	Darrin Moret
David Burgy	Jan Khan	Larisa Morozovskaya
Ken Chin	Mikhail Kotikovskiy	Chris Rodrigues-Moore
Lisa Daglian	John Lopez	Munnesh Patel
Joel Ettinger	Larry McAuliffe	
Emma Gaitan	Andrea Miles-Cole	

OTHER

Luis Calderon, NYSDOT
Peter Fleischer, Empire State Future
Tanya Golikova, NYSDOT
George Haikalis, IRUM
John Mattera, NYCDPR
Mary Miltimore, Howard/Stein-Hudson
Olga Olonyannikov, NYCDPC
Patricia Perone, NYC Parks

This January 24, 2013 Program, Finance and Administrative Committee (PFAC) meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by all members of PFAC at its February 24, 2013 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Andrea Miles-Cole
NYMTC - Secretary 99***