



Joel P. Ettinger  
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE MARCH 21, 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 talked about NYMTC's Annual Meeting and noted that the meeting's theme—"Planning for Resiliency" was a timely topic for discussion considering the regions' experiences with Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath. He said the guest speakers FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez and Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig of the Goddard Center for Space Studies were excellent and afterwards, the Principals had a lively roundtable discussion on transportation resiliency and how the planning process should be adapted to encompass it more fully. He announced that the Principals adopted a new \$40 million Unified Planning Work Program and that the draft new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2040 would be released for formal public review in May. He said since PFAC would take action to adopt the Transportation Conformity Determination for the 2010-2035 RTP and the 2011-2035 Transportation Improvement Program to include Select Bus Projects in New York City, it was a good opportunity to learn more about the program from Eric Beaton from the New York City Department of Transportation and Ted Orosz from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, who were both invited to the meeting to do a presentation on the Select Bus Service Program.

**C. PRESENTATION**

**NEW YORK CITY SELECT BUS SERVICE PROJECTS**

**Ted Orosz, Director of Long Range Bus Planning for MTA-New York City Transit**

**Eric Beaton, Director of Transit Development, NYC Department of Transportation**

Mr. Ted Orosz, Director of Long Range Planning for the MTA-New York City Transit noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the NYC Department of Transportation worked cooperatively on the Select Bus Service Projects. He said bus ridership was at a low and the two agencies developed the Select Bus Service Projects in NYC to change the way buses were operated by incorporating high visible stations, dedicated bus lanes, faster off board fare collection system, traffic signal priority and a unique branding for visibility to the bus rapid transit service.

Mr. Eric Beaton, Director of Transit Development for the NYC Department of Transportation provided the results of each SBS Project noting that there was an increase in ridership and reduction in travel time on each project. He talked about the upcoming Nostrand Avenue, Webster Avenue and LaGuardia Airport SBS projects and their respective project goals. He noted that the SBS projects were successful because of multi-agency cooperation and partnership. The presentation can be found on the website at [WWW.NYMTC.ORG](http://WWW.NYMTC.ORG).

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. George Haikalis, Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc., (IRUM) said that he would like feedback

from the Council regarding the light rail loop he talked about at a previous PFAC Meeting. He then talked about the need for a fast one-seat ride between east Midtown Manhattan and JFK Airport and urged NYMTC to arrange an institutional collaboration amongst the members. He said restoration of the 3.5 mile disused segment of the LIRR Rockaway Beach Branch in Central Queens was critical to making the plan work. He also mentioned that a strategy for enhancing regional public transit in the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut metropolitan areas is to recast the region's three commuter rail lines into a single regional rail system with frequent service and integrated fares.

Mr. Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents, said that there was a need to do public transportation differently, noting that there were limited resources—a change was needed to approach and address problems differently.

## **E. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. ACCEPT: FEBRUARY 21, 2013 MEETING SYNOPSIS**

A motion to accept the February 21, 2013 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South 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 #355 – AMENDMENT TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. David Kletsman of NYMTC staff said the purpose of the resolution was so that Rockland County could revise four projects in the SFY 2012 to better address its planning needs and noted that amendment impacted the use of previously programmed funds and did not require new funding to be programmed.

A motion to adopt Resolution #355, Amendment to the State Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program 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.

### **3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #356 – AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE TWO NEW YORK CITY SELECT BUS SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE FISCALLY-CONSTRAINED ELEMENT OF THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff explained that the purpose of the resolution was to include Select Bus Service/Bus Rapid Transit – Utica Avenue Corridor Project and Select Bus Service – Bus Rapid Transit – LaGuardia/East Elmhurst/Jackson Heights/125<sup>th</sup> Street Cross-town Corridor Project into the fiscally-constrained element of the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), as required by federal planning regulations. He noted that the long range financial assessment of the 2010-2035 RTP would be revised to include the projects.

A motion to adopt Resolution #356, Amendment to Include Two New York City Select Bus Service Projects in the Fiscally-Constrained Element of the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan was made by Ms. Karin Sommer, representing the New York City 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.

### **4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #357 – TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2011-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2010-2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff explained that the purpose of the resolution was to bring forth a new Conformity Determination for the addition of the LaGuardia Airport Select Bus Service and the Utica Avenue Select Bus Service. She said that the Conformity Determination showed that NYMTC's compliance with transportation planning and air quality planning goals and emissions budget for the region.

A motion to adopt Resolution #357, Transportation Conformity Determination for the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan was made by Mr. Sandy Hornick, 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.

**F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING**

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. at the NYMTC Office.

**G. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members/Alternatives**

Robert Brickman, Nassau County Department of Public Works & Planning  
Stephanie DeLisle, 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  
Sandy Hornick, New York City Department of City Planning  
Karin Sommer, New York City Department of Transportation  
Heather Sporn, New York State Department of Transportation  
John Pilner, Putnam County Planning Department

**Advisory (Non-Voting) Members**

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

**NYMTC Staff**

Jore Argote	Emma Gaitan	Andrea Miles-Cole
Gerry Bogacz	Anthony Gawrych	Larisa Morozovskaya
Ken Chin	Jerry Jonassen	Darrin Moret
Lisa Daglian	Jan Khan	Olga Olovyannikov
Joel Ettinger	David Kletsman	Munnesh Patel
Angelina Foster	Howard Mann	Chris Rodrigues-Moore

**OTHER**

Eric Beaton, NYCDOT  
Seth Berman, NYCDOT  
Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents  
George Bulow  
Richard Gualtieri, NYSDOT  
George Haikalis, IRUM  
Bob Hoffman, Simco Engineering PC  
Ted Orosz, NYCT  
Jack Schmidt, NYCDOP

***This March 21, 2013 Program, Finance and Administrative Committee (PFAC) meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by all members of PFAC at its April 16, 2013 meeting.***

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Andrea' Miles-Cole  
NYMTC - Secretary II*