



Joel P. Ettinger
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 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. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Joel Ettinger, NYMTC's Executive Director, noted that the report on the amendments and administrative modifications of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was available at the sign-in table and on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org. He said that under NYMTC's Memorandum of Understanding, non-regional TIP modifications were completed by NYMTC's 3 Transportation Coordination Committees and procedural steps have been taken so that the region could continue to make expeditious use of the emergency relief funding made available to Congress as a result of the impacts of Hurricane Sandy. He noted that the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for State Fiscal Year 2014 would be available for public review on November 18, 2013. He said a personal farewell to his secretary, Emma Gaitan, who was retiring from state service. He praised her for all she had done for him.

C. PRESENTATION

The Gateway Project

Drew Galloway, Chief, Northeast Corridor Infrastructure Planning and Performance, Amtrak

Mr. Drew Galloway, Northeast Corridor Infrastructure Planning and Performance Chief, gave a presentation titled, The Gateway Program: Expanding Capacity on the Northeast Corridor. Mr. Galloway explained the purpose of the Gateway Program, noting that the Northeast Corridor (NEC) was near or at capacity at many locations and improvement would provide for future expansions of services throughout the northeast region. He said that the program would increase track, tunnel, bridge and station capacity. He said that the program was determined to assure that new and restored investment was hardened and more storm resistant and capable of managing storm affects like Hurricane Sandy. The presentation can be found on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. George Haikalis, President Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc., said that the Hudson River rail tunnels should connect with existing platforms and tracks in Penn Station and then linked to existing platforms and tracks in the lower level of Grand Central, which would produce a world-class railway system for the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut metropolitan area. He said that the Access to the Region's Core's (ARC) design plan, "Alternative G – Grand Central Terminal" should be used because trains would be routed through the station instead of expanding the station. He then urged Amtrak to press the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Port Authority of NY&NJ and New Jersey Transit to release the 1600 page ARC document to the public to determine if the information within the document would benefit The Gateway Project's progress. He said that agencies should cooperate and Governor Cuomo should press the MTA to release the study on a one-seat ride from Manhattan to John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport and resume planning. He urged the Council to press for a one-seat ride from Manhattan to JFK.

Orin Getz of Rockland County thanked Drew Galloway on the Gateway Project presentation. He said that the project should be a part of a strategic plan, working with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and NYMTC to come up with a comprehensive transportation plan and it should also be in NYMTC's Plan 2040. He said that he would like to see Secaucus become one of Amtrak's stops and become a vital link in the transportation system, where people

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from Rockland County would have access to Amtrak. He talked about the Tappan Zee Bridge and how it would receive a \$1.6 billion TIFIA loan but how to fund the rest of the project was unknown. He questioned why the Tappan Zee Bridge project could not receive federal funding and requested to see the financial plan. He said it was vital for transportation planners to address this issue.

Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents, complimented on the work Joseph Boardman was doing. He then talked about the need for change explaining how fire engines should be safer colors such as white, lime green or yellow and that the rail road crossing signals should capture people's attention with the color blue instead of red. He also noted that train horns should be at the stations because too many people ignore them, since some horns ring at the same time in some areas. He said traditions are nice, but not safe. Agencies had to catch up with the newest technology.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: October 29, 2013 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the October, 2013 Meeting Synopsis 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 meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #375 – RESCIND THE OPERATING PROCEDURES GOVERNING MAJOR INVESTMENT STUDIES

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC's Planning Director, introduced the resolution. He said the purpose of the resolution was to rescind operating procedures governing Major Investment Studies (MIS) because the operating procedures were developed under federal transportation legislation, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and federal requirement for MIS was eliminated under Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

A motion to adopt Resolution #375, Rescind the Operating Procedures Governing Major Investment Studies, was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #376 – REORGANIZE THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) WORKING GROUP TO FORM A NEW GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

Mr. Larry McAuliffe of NYMTC staff introduced the resolution. Mr. McAuliffe said the purpose of the resolution was to reorganize the Transportation Enhancement Program Working Group into a new advisory group called the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Working Group, which would be charged with developing and recommending project solicitations undertaken for TAP funding using the Rater's Guide and Score Sheet provided by the NYS Department of Transportation for use statewide in the rating and ranking of TAP projects.

A motion to adopt Resolution #376, Reorganize the Transportation Enhancement Program Working Group to Form a New group Responsible for the Transportation Alternatives Program was made by Ms. Karin Sommer, 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.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #377 – AFFIRM THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT FOR THE ENHANCED SECTION 5310 PROGRAM

Ms. Angelina Foster of NYMTC staff introduced the resolution. Ms. Foster said the purpose of the resolution was to affirm the NYS Department of Transportation as the designated recipient to receive and administer enhanced Section 5310 funding for its urbanized area.

A motion to adopt Resolution #377, Affirm the Designated Recipient for the Enhanced Section 5310 Program, 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

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was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #378 – AMEND THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Mikhail Kotikovskiy of NYMTC staff introduced the resolution. He said the purpose of the resolutions was to add the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Post-Sandy Transportation Vulnerability Assessment and Adaption Analysis project as a special study project, which would not require additional funding and would not impact previously programmed funds.

A motion to adopt Resolution #378, Amend the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013 Unified Planning Program, was made by Ms. Karin Sommer, 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, January 23, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. at the NYMTC Office.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Robert Brickman, Nassau County Department of Public Works & Planning
Jack Dean, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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
Luis Calderon, New York State Department of Transportation

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Jeremy Colangelo, New Jersey Transit
Sandra Dixon, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

NYMTC Staff

Afolabi Aiyedum
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Gerry Bogacz
Thusitha Chandra
Ken Chin
Nina DelSenno
Joel Ettinger

Angelina Foster
Maria Garcia
Anthony Gawrych
Jerry Jonassen
Jan Khan
Mikhail Kotikovsky
Larry McAuliffe

Andrea Miles-Cole
Kathy Monroe
Munnesh Patel
Chris Rodrigues-Moore
Tarrina Weaver

OTHER

Bryan Bentoli
Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents
George Bulow
Cliff Cole, Amtrak
Paul DiMaria, IRUM
Drew Galloway
Jeff Gerlacy
Orrin Getz
Tatyana Golikova, NYSDOT
George Haikalis, IRUM
Hannah Henry, NYCEDC
David Hopkins, NYCEDC
Rag Howell
Alice F. LaBrie
Denise Ramirez, NYCDOT
Art Scher

This November 14, 2013 Program, Finance and Administrative Committee (PFAC) meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by all members of PFAC at its January 23, 2014 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrea' Miles-Cole
NYMTC - Secretary II*