



Joel P. Ettinger
Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE JANUARY 23, 2014
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 Mr. Luis Calderon 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, announced that the next NYMTC Annual Meeting would be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the U.S. Custom House located at One Bowling Green in lower Manhattan. He said that the Transportation Coordinating Committee's Transportation Improvement Program report on amendments and administrative modifications actions were available at the sign-in table and on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org. He noted that Governor Cuomo announced the selection of projects under the federal Transportation Enhancement Program and that 15 projects from the NYMTC planning area that were transmitted to the NYS Department of Transportation had been selected.

C. PRESENTATION

**Hurricane Sandy Follow-up and Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Analysis
Heather Holsinger, Federal Highway Administration**

Ms. Heather Holsinger of the Federal Highway Administration provided an overview of the FHWA's adaptation work, citing that their part in President Obama's Climate Policy was to prepare for the impacts of climate change. Ms. Holsinger noted that FHWA's goal was a systematic consideration of climate change vulnerability and risk in transportation decision making at system and project level by developing and sharing information on tools and methodologies that state DOTs and metropolitan planning organizations could use to assess risk, analyze adaptation options, and prioritize actions. She talked about some of the Climate Resilience Pilot Programs using and building on FHWA's Climate Change & Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessment Framework. She noted that the Sandy Follow-Up & Adaptation Analysis Project would learn from the experience of Sandy and identify strategies to improve the resiliency of the transportation system to extreme weather and climate change. The full presentation can be found on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Orrin Getz of Rockland County said he was glad to know that the Federal Highway Administration was doing the vulnerability assessment and adaptation analysis and was concerned if the Federal Transit Administration was doing a similar analysis. He noted that it was unfortunate that the New Jersey representatives were not present for the meeting. He said a lot of the sustained damages created by Hurricane Sandy were on the transit side and therefore adequate analysis was needed to make sure that the transit side had adequate protection from other storms like Hurricane Sandy.

Lou Venech of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, said that he appreciated Mr. Orrin's concerns but wanted to point out that the absence of the New Jersey representatives from this one meeting should not be considered as a lack of their diligence towards recovery efforts. He noted that the NJTPA was actively involved in FHWA's analysis and NJT had been working intensively on Hurricane Sandy recovery and resiliency strategies. He noted that the PANYNJ, PATH and NJT were working closely with FTA on Trans Hudson and west of Hudson transit vulnerabilities.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: November 14, 2013 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the November 14, 2013 Meeting Synopsis was made by Mr. Garry Lenberger, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. John Pilner, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #379 – RECOMMEND THE DRAFT STATE FISCAL YEAR 2014 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR COUNCIL ADOPTION

Mr. Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC's Planning Director, said that the purpose of the resolution was for PFAC to recommend the draft 2014 Unified Planning Work Program to the Council for their adoption. Mr. Bogacz gave an overview of the UPWP, noting that it was a federally required product of NYMTC's planning process that served as a budget for NYMTC's operations and was a key element of the metropolitan transportation planning process. He noted that the UPWP provided a strategic planning framework and brought federal funds into the NYMTC region that totaled about \$42 million.

A motion to adopt Resolution #379, Recommend the Draft State Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Planning Work Program for Council Adoption, 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. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #380 – AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYS) 2014-2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PLAN 2040)

Mr. Jan Khan of NYMTC staff introduced the resolution. Mr. Khan said the purpose of the resolution was to amend the financial analysis in the 2014-2040 Regional Transportation Plan to reflect the changes made in the 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

A motion to adopt Resolution #380, Amendments to the Regional Fiscal Years 2014-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (Plan 2040) 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 THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the U.S. Custom House in lower Manhattan.

G. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

The next PFAC Meeting was confirmed to be held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. at the NYMTC Office.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

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

Karen Rosenberger, Federal Highway Administration
Lou Venech, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

NYMTC Staff

Afolabi Aiyedum	Maria Garcia	Andrea Miles-Cole
Sangeeta Bhowmick	Anthony Gawrych	Kathy Monroe
Gerry Bogacz	Chris Hardej	Darrin Moret
David Burgy	Ellenia Heyward	Larisa Morozovskaya
Ken Chin	Jerry Jonassen	Munnesh Patel
Lisa Daglian	Jan Khan	Chris Rodrigues-Moore
Joel Ettinger	Mikhail Kotikovskiy	
Angelina Foster	Larry McAuliffe	

OTHER

Jenn Cribbs, HUD
Sandra Dixon, PANYNJ
Orrin Getz, ESPA
Tatyana Golikova, NYSDOT
Heather Holsinger, FHWA
Art Schor, ESPA
Brien ten Siethoff, Cambridge Systematics

This January 23, 2014 Program, Finance and Administrative Committee (PFAC) meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by all members of PFAC at its April 17, 2014 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Andrea' Miles-Cole
NYMTC - Secretary II*