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Council Adopts the Region's \$700 Billion Transportation Plan

NYMTC Council Meeting features a Special Presentation by Seth Diamond, New York State Director for Storm Recovery, on "Making New York's Transportation System More Resilient."

September 4, 2013 (New York) - The members of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council today took action to adopt the Draft 2014 – 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (Plan 2040) and the 2013 Congestion Management Process Report; the 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Transportation Conformity Determination. The nearly three-quarters-of-a-trillion dollar transportation plan lays out how the region should plan for and invest in transportation over the next 25 years. Taken together, these federally required major products and analyses are critical to enabling hundreds of billions of dollars of federal transportation funds to flow to the region.

A presentation by Seth Diamond, New York State Director for Storm Recovery, entitled **"Making New York's Transportation System More Resilient,"** focused on the four major principles put forth by Governor Cuomo to respond to Hurricane Sandy and make the state stronger and more resilient to future events: security and resiliency for homeowners; small business assistance; rebuilding communities; and strengthening infrastructure. Mr. Diamond oversees the planning, coordination and implementation efforts associated with funding the state has received for recovery, rebuilding and resiliency work associated with Hurricanes Sandy, Irene and Lee. For more information on the NYS Storm Recovery program visit [www.??](http://www.nysstormrecovery.com)

Council members attending the meeting include NYS Department of Transportation Commissioner and NYMTC co-chair Joan McDonald; Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett, representing Westchester County Executive and NYMTC co-chair Robert Astorino; Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone; Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell; Rockland County Executive Scott Vanderhoef; FTA Regional Administrator Marilyn Shazor; FHWA Division Administrator Jonathan McDade; MTA Chief Operating Officer Nuria Fernandez; and designated representatives from the Port Authority of NY&NJ; Nassau County; New York City DOT; New York City Department of City Planning; and other federal and state representatives.

NYMTC is a regional council of governments that is the metropolitan planning organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley. NYMTC provides a collaborative planning forum to address transportation-related issues, develops regional plans and makes decisions on the use of federal transportation funds.

Background:

On August 29th, NYMTC's Program, Administration and Finance Committee (PFAC) took action to recommend the Draft 2014 – 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and 2013 Congestion Management Process Status Report; 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program; and the Transportation Conformity Determination to the Council for adoption.

The draft 2014-2040 Regional Transportation Plan includes the NYMTC members' vision for the planning area and lays out the long-range framework for maintaining and improving the region's transportation system: its roads, bridges, freight and transit facilities and equipment, and its non-motorized transportation networks. It identifies the transportation improvement concepts, projects and policy recommendations and needs and potential resources that will address the region's long-term growth challenges and needs – an initial step to bringing federal transportation dollars into the area.

Highlights of draft 2040 Plan include:

Funding Needs:

- System Operations & Maintenance - \$395 billion total (\$14.7 billion per year)
- *Plan 2040* Projects and Strategies -- \$292 billion total (\$10.8 billion per year)
 - System Preservation – \$266 billion (\$9.9 billion per year)
 - System Enhancement -- \$26 billion (\$900 million per year)

Regional Growth Over the life of the Plan:

- 23% increase in employment
- 13% increase in population
- 20% in daily transit trips
- 10% increase in daily auto trips

The draft FFY 2014 – 18 Transportation Improvement Program is a **five year** multi-modal program of projects drawn from the Regional Transportation Plan and includes: transit projects; roadway and bridge projects; bicycle/pedestrian projects; and demand management projects.

The draft FFY 2014 – 18 TIP includes:

- 1,338 projects
- \$31.7 billion programmed (not including prior obligations)
 - \$10.2B Federal
 - \$1.4B State
 - \$20.1B Local
- 63% transit and 37% highway

All documents are available on www.NYMTC.org. The meeting was webcast and archived for viewing at a later date and may be accessed through the website.