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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

***Planning for Resiliency:
Adapting the Transportation System to Emerging Vulnerabilities***

Featured Speaker: Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig, Senior Research Scientist, Goddard Institute for Space Studies at Columbia University

*TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013, 11 A.M.
U.S. CUSTOM HOUSE, 1 BOWLING GREEN, NYC*

Over recent years, the New York metropolitan region has experienced the direct and destructive effects of dozens of hurricanes, nor'easters, winter storms and other extreme weather conditions. Last fall, Hurricane Sandy's record breaking surge and intense winds compromised key transportation links and greatly impaired the region's mobility in its wake. Many experts anticipate an increase in these types of weather events and urge immediate consideration of resiliency planning to mitigate and adapt their impacts to people, property and the economy. With this in mind, and in the aftermath of Sandy, NYMTC's members have focused their planning efforts on adapting the transportation system to address emerging vulnerabilities.

At NYMTC's February 26th Annual Meeting, **Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez** will discuss DOT's overall commitment to Hurricane Sandy recovery, the federal government's efforts and activities related to climate change, and FHWA's work related to Climate Change and Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessments and Adaption Options, including a new project involving NYMTC and its sister MPOs in New Jersey and Connecticut

Following a keynote presentation by **Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig, Senior Research Scientist, Goddard Institute for Space Studies at Columbia University**, Council members will hold a roundtable discussion on adapting the transportation system to future extreme weather events.

NYMTC's members will also take action to adopt its next Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a \$40 million federally-funded program of planning activities to be undertaken during the program year beginning April 1,. ***The draft UPWP and meeting documents are available on www.NYMTC.org.***

The Annual Meeting will be webcast live and may be viewed on www.NYMTC.org. To attend in person, RSVP to 212-383-7200 or andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov.

NOTE: One Bowling Green is a federal facility with a stringent security process for visitors. Meeting attendees are asked to allow ample time for this process.

NYMTC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley, providing a collaborative planning forum to address transportation-related issues, develop regional plans and make decisions on the use of federal transportation funds. Council members include the county executives of Suffolk, Nassau, Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties, the commissioners of the New York City Department of City Planning, the New York City and New York State Departments of Transportation, and the chief executive officers of Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, along with other federal, state and regional transportation and environmental officials.