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September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning: **Program Goals**



Participants in the Academic Initiative, September 11th Memorial Program

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The September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning provides assistance to students and organizations for projects in both academic and public policy arenas as a way to educate and motivate those who are interested in transportation technology and planning. It is comprised of two elements: the Planning Initiative and the Academic Initiative.

Planning Initiative

The Planning Initiative has funded planning projects that are consistent with NYMTC's mission and the Shared Goals and Vision of the Regional Transportation Plan. The projects have explored innovative concepts in transportation, and enhanced public awareness and involvement in transportation issues.

At the outset of the program, a total of seven planning project proposals were received. Of those seven projects, three were selected through a competitive process:

- [Air Quality and Transportation in the New York Metropolitan Area](#), proposed by Manhattan College and sponsored by the Rockland County Planning Department;
- [Transportation and Land Use in the NYMTC Region: Strengthening Urban-Suburban Coordination](#), proposed by the Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management at the NYU Wagner School in conjunction with the University Transportation Research Center and sponsored by NYMTC; and
- [Hunts Point Green Fleets Study](#), proposed by the Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation (HPEDC) and sponsored by NYCDOT.

Academic Initiative

The Academic Initiative, which is administered through the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC), has funded student internships or independent research projects, which are also aligned with NYMTC's mission and the Shared Goals and Vision of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Academic Initiative is designed to foster the academic and professional development of students by providing them with opportunities to participate in innovative research and planning work.

The first five years of the Academic Initiative component of the Program included 22 students, representing seven schools. Several have continued to work within the region, using skills that they acquired in school and as Sept. 11th Memorial Program participants. Information about their projects can be found by [clicking here](#)