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Calendar of Events

- 9/12 – RTP Open House Westchester County - 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains
- 9/13 – RTP Open House Rockland County - 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Palisades Center Mall, 4th Floor Community Room, West Nyack
- 9/14 – NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium Steering Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. RSVP to bdennis@rpa.org or 917.546.4316. This meeting will also be

Open Houses Being Held for 2040 Regional Transportation Plan - Tell Us What You Think!

When developed, NYMTC's 2040 Regional Transportation Plan will lay out a long-range framework for maintaining and improving the region's transportation system: Roads, bridges, freight, mass transit facilities, and its bicycle and pedestrian networks. It will ultimately identify the transportation improvement concepts, projects and policy recommendations that address the region's long-term growth challenges and needs – an initial step to bringing federal transportation dollars into the area. NYMTC wants your input into how billions of federal transportation dollars expected to flow into the region over the next 25 years should be spent.

A new interactive website, <http://ideas.nymtc-rtp.org>, was launched over the summer to make it easier for people in the region to share their concerns and provide ideas and feedback about topics ranging from traffic congestion to transit to biking to moving goods. More information is also available at www.nymtc-rtp.org.



In addition to the new website, NYMTC will hold a series of open house meetings to gather ideas from the people who live and work here about what transportation projects and programs they'd like to see put in place through 2040, and beyond. All meetings will be held from 4-8 p.m., with presentations at 4:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Open houses will be held as follows:

- 9/12 - Westchester County**, Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains
- 9/13 - Rockland County**, Palisades Center Mall 4th Floor Community Room, West Nyack
- 9/19 - Putnam County**, Cornerstone Park 1 Fair Street, Carmel
- 9/24 - Manhattan**, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC (the 4:15 presentation will be offered as a webinar, go to www.nymtc.org Calendar of Events to register)
- 10/3 - Brooklyn**, National Grid Conference Center, One Metro Tech Center, Brooklyn
- 10/4 - Queens**, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens
- 10/10 - Staten Island**, 10 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island
- 10/11 - Suffolk County** H. Lee Dennison Building, Media Room, 100 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Hauppauge
- 10/16 - Bronx**, Bronx Museum of the Arts 1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx
- 10/17 - Nassau County**, Legislative Chamber 1550 Franklin Avenue, 1st Floor, Mineola

available as a webinar. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/Sept-14-SCI-meeting>

- 9/19 – Brown Bag: September 11 Memorial Program
- 12:00 noon
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. RSVP to 212.383.7200 or lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov
This meeting will also be available as a webinar. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/Sept-19BB>
- 9/19 – RTP Open House Putnam County
- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Cornerstone Park, 1 Fair Street, Carmel
- 9/24 – RTP Open House Manhattan
- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC (the 4:15 presentation will be offered as a webinar, go to <http://tinyurl.com/RTP-Open-House> to register)
- 9/27 – Council Meeting
- 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.
RSVP to 212.383.7200 or lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov
- 10/3 – RTP Open House Brooklyn
- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
National Grid Conference Center, One Metro Tech Center, Brooklyn
- 10/4 – MAP Forum
- 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water St, 22nd floor, NYC.
RSVP to 212.383.7200 or lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov
- 10/4 – RTP Open House Queens
- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens
- 10/10 – RTP Open House Staten Island

Public Comment Period Now Open for Proposed TIP Amendments



A public comment period closes Wednesday, September 19th at 4PM for proposed amendments to the FFY 2011- 15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendments program funding for 11 projects, six for the New York City Department of Transportation, and five for the MTA. Details of the proposed changes can be accessed through www.NYMTC.org.

Council Meeting Set for September 27th

NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, Manhattan. 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

On September 27, 2012, NYMTC's members will come together to discuss key themes of the new Regional Transportation Plan, take action to adopt a revised Public Involvement Plan and supplemental operating procedures, and include two new Select Bus Service projects in the fiscally constrained portion of the 2010-2035 Plan. The meeting will also include a presentation on *Financing Transportation Improvements* by Kevin DeGood, Deputy Policy Director, Transportation for America. The agenda and resolutions, including the revised draft Public Involvement Plan and Operating Procedures, will be posted on www.nymtc.org in advance of the meeting.



At a special Council meeting held on August 20, 2012, NYMTC's members adopted the Transportation Conformity Determination, and voted to include the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing Project in NYMTC's 2010-2035 fiscally-constrained Regional Transportation Plan and its 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. The meeting included a presentation on the bridge project and provided an opportunity for public comment. A copy of the presentation



is available on www.nymtc.org.

NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium Steering Committee Meeting Coming Up

September 14, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. 10 AM – noon

The next Steering Committee meeting of the New York-Sustainable Communities Consortium will include status reports on several projects in the Consortium's work program, with presentations focusing on New York City's Climate Resilience initiative and other locally-based projects in the



Lower Hudson Valley and New York City. Action items will include resolutions on the selection of professional firms and revisions to the Consortium's MOA. There will also be updates on the collaborative efforts between the New York – Connecticut Sustainable Consortium and the North Jersey Sustainable Communities Consortium. This meeting will be available as a webinar or may be attended in person. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/Sept-14-SCI-meeting> for more information, to access the meeting agenda and register for the webinar. For more information or to attend in person, please contact Brian Dennis, bdennis@rpa.org or 917.546.4316.

- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

10 Richmond Terrace,
Staten Island

- 10/11 – RTP Open House
Suffolk County
- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

H. Lee Dennison Building,
Media Room, 100 Veterans
Memorial Hwy, Hauppauge

- 10/16 - RTP Open House
Bronx
- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Bronx Museum of the Arts
1040 Grand Concourse,
Bronx

- 10/17 - Brown Bag:
Equitable Transportation
Formula
- 12:00 noon

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available as a webinar. To
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<http://tinyurl.com/Oct-17BB>.

- 10/17 – RTP Open House
Nassau County
- 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Legislative Chamber 1550
Franklin Avenue, 1st Floor,
Mineola

NYMTC is a regional council of governments that provides a collaborative transportation planning forum as the metropolitan planning organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley.

NYMTC Council Members

Voting Members

- Joan McDonald, New York State DOT Commissioner and NYMTC co-chair
- Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation and NYMTC co-chair
- Amanda Burden, Director, New York City Department of City Planning

NY-NJ-CT Metropolitan Area Planning Forum

October 4, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, Manhattan. 9:30 AM – 1:00PM

On October 4th, NYMTC and the adjacent MPOs in New Jersey and Connecticut will hold a public Metropolitan Area Planning Forum to advance the coordination of regional planning in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Coordination Memorandum of Understanding adopted in 2008 by NYMTC, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, South Western Region Planning Organization, Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials and Greater Bridgeport/Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.



The meeting will be held from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in NYMTC's offices at 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, New York. To RSVP call 212.383.7200 or email Lisa Daglian at

lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov. The agenda will be available on www.NYMTC.org in advance of the meeting.

A Sad Note...Jean Shanahan

Jean Shanahan, Director of the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee and dear NYMTC colleague, died on August 17, 2012 at the age of 48. A bright and vibrant woman, Jean will be missed by her NYMTC family.

Her obituary read, in part:

Jean is a graduate of Stissing Mountain High School and earned her BA degree in Geography from SUNY Albany, and Masters in Public Administration from Marist College. After being diagnosed with cancer Jean studied holistic nutrition and received her PHD from Clayton College.

Jean's passion for learning and reading was never satisfied.

Jean began working for the Town of Poughkeepsie as a land use planner and worked for the NYS Department of Transportation as an analyst since 1994. She has received numerous awards and promotions during her career.

In addition to her career Jean enjoyed a full life with her family and community. She is an active member of Christ Church, Red Hook, served on the town planning board; and was an active Toastmaster and club founder. Jean was recognized as YWCA Women of the Year, Distinguished Toastmaster" in 2006, and as 2006 Engineer of the Year from the NYS Association of Transportation Engineers.

Her love of nature kept her busy running and exercising even as she continued treatments for her illness.

Jean was born March 12, 1964 in Sharon, Ct., to Nancy (Joys) and the late Thomas Crown who passed away July 19, 2012.

"I tried to enjoy my life and just accept the downs and live each day in spite of them, perhaps to spite them! Life was truly good. See you in heaven...." Jean.



- Joseph Lhota, Chairman, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Edward P. Mangano, Nassau County Executive
- MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Executive
- C. Scott Vanderhoef, Rockland County Executive
- Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive
- Rob Astorino, Westchester County Executive

Advisory Members

- Patrick Foye, Executive Director, Port Authority of NY & NJ
- James Weinstein, Executive Director, New Jersey Transit
- Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
- Joe Martens, Commissioner, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Marilyn G. Shazor, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region 2
- Jonathan McDade, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
- Judith Enck, Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

Joel P. Ettinger, Executive Director, NYMTC

Robert Zerrillo, Council Secretary, New York State DOT

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Upcoming Brown Bag Presentations

9/19, 12 noon - September 11 Memorial Program

The September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning honors 3 NYMTC staff members who died in the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001: Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance, and See Wong Shum. This Brown Bag presentation will highlight the work of the three 2011-12 academic year participants: **Cyrus Naheedy** of Polytechnic Institute of New York University; **Shuai Ren** of the Wagner School of Public Service at NYU; and **Maxwell Sokol** of Columbia University.



Cyrus Naheedy's work as an intern with the Port Authority of NY&NJ contributed to the LaGuardia Airport Access Alternatives Analysis, focusing on supporting the model development effort and on enhancing and extending the results into a standing tool that will have ongoing utility for airport access planning in the region.

Shuai Ren's internship with the Traffic and Planning Division of NYC DOT focused on two topics: a pilot of the Pop-up Café project and the Public Plaza program. Her Pop-up Café work led to an evaluation report which will ultimately be distributed by NYCDOT staff to community boards as part of a permanent program to be launched in the spring of 2013. Her work on the Public Plaza program will be used to compare before and after changes of physical installments and to assist the Division with the creation of new public plazas.

Maxwell Sokol's internship with NYMTC focused on developing a guidebook that provides step-by-step instructions for conducting the infrastructure needs assessment of the Regional Transportation Plan. The primary objectives of the project were to enhance the NYMTC data collection process for and to assist with the development of the financial analysis for the 2015-2040 RTP.

The Brown Bag event may be attended in person or as a webinar. To attend in person RSVP to 212.383.7200 or lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov. To register for the webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/Sept-19BB>

10/17, 12 noon - Equitable Transportation Formula

Traffic engineer "Gridlock" Sam Schwartz will present his proposal for an "Equitable Transportation Formula" (ETF). Under the plan, \$1.5B per year would be raised to modernize the region's transit system, improve area roads and bridges and reduce tolls for those living in the boroughs and suburbs outside of Manhattan by reducing tolls where there's little traffic and charging more where there's significant traffic.

Under the plan, two-thirds of the funds raised would be dedicated to capital investments in transit and one third to highways, and would ultimately move commercial trucks from city streets to highways better suited to them. Finally, it would create an estimated 35,000 new permanent jobs in the region and provide a total of \$56 billion of stimulus spending over the next 40 years, providing a boost to the economy and ensuring that the city remains competitive with other leading capitals that have already modernized their transportation systems, or are in the process of doing so.

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