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Calendar of Events

- 1/8 – NYC TCC Executive Committee Meeting
– 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, NYC
- 1/16 – Freight Transportation Working Group Meeting
– 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.

NYMTC Returns to 199 Water Street

A Note from Executive Director Joel Ettinger

Like so many others in the region, NYMTC was not immune to the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy, which forced us to relocate from our lower Manhattan headquarters for five weeks. While many staff faced personal loss and displacement as well, MPO operations were quickly reconstituted in the offices of New York State Department of Transportation's Region 11, in Long Island City. Heartfelt thanks go to the NYSDOT regional staff for welcoming NYMTC into their space and providing a much needed home away from home during a difficult time. Despite significant impacts on all of NYMTC's member agencies, the important responsibility of transportation planning persisted with only minor interruption, ensuring the continued flow of federal transportation dollars into the region.



On December 11th, NYMTC returned home to 199 Water Street, facing some of the inconveniences and tribulations that continue in the area: generator power; lack of landline phone service; and the ongoing clean up of businesses and buildings from the effects of the storm. As a bright start to the new year, all power and phone service has been restored. With some exceptions, MPO operations have also returned in full swing; we continue to work on our major products and have a number of public comment periods and meetings scheduled for the coming weeks and months, including our February 26th Annual Meeting.

All of us at NYMTC appreciate your patience and understanding during the storm recovery, and we look forward to working with you in 2013.

NYC Transportation Coordinating Committee Executive Committee Meeting

January 8, 2013, 6:30PM – 8:30PM. Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, NYC.

The Executive Committee of the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee will hold a meeting to provide an overview of the development of the 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and of Plan 2040, NYMTC's next Regional Transportation Plan; recommend changes to New York City's roadway functional classifications; endorse project proposals for the Section 5310 Grant Assistance Program, Safe-Routes-to-School Program and Statewide Priority Program; and amend the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee Operating Procedures. More information, including the agenda and resolution packages, are available on www.NYMTC.org or by [clicking here](#). This meeting will also be available via teleconference by calling 866.394.2346, participant code 9026058834#

RSVP to
howard.mann@dot.ny.gov
This meeting will also be available as a conference call: 1-866-394-2346, Code – 797 795 3369

- 1/24 – PFAC Meeting
- 1:15 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. RSVP to 212.383.7200 or Andrea Mile-Cole at andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov. This meeting will also be available as a webinar. To register go to <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/761153199>
- 2/21 – PFAC Meeting
- 1:15 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. RSVP to 212.383.7200 or Andrea Mile-Cole at andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov. This meeting will also be available as a webinar. To register go to <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/172707295>
- 2/26 – NYMTC Annual Meeting
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, Auditorium, NYC. RSVP to 212.383.7200 or Andrea Miles-Cole at andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov

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.

Public Comment Period Opens January 9th for Proposed TIP Amendments



A public comment period opens Wednesday, January 9th for proposed amendments to the FFY 2011- 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendments program and reprogram funding for projects in New York City and on Long Island. Comments are due by 4PM on Friday, January 18, 2013 to Chris Hardej at chris.hardej@dot.ny.gov. Details of the proposed changes can be accessed through www.NYMTC.org.

Comment Period Open for Nassau/Suffolk TCC Executive Committee Action

The public is invited to comment on an upcoming Executive Committee action of the N/STCC to include the Robert Moses traffic circle, located in Nassau County, in the National Highway System. The emergency response to Sandy storm damage has raised the issue of the functional class and National Highway System ambiguity for the Robert Moses Circle at the southern end of the Robert Moses Causeway. The TCC has already approved a resolution that reaffirms this for functional classification but not for inclusion in the National Highway System.



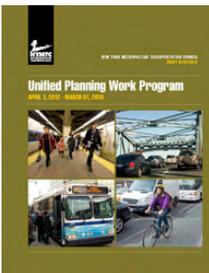
The need to take this action as a mail or email ballot has been determined as a result of the need for remediating actions to address the damage done by Hurricane Sandy.

The National Highway System consists of roadways important to the nation's economy, defense, and mobility. Since the enactment of ISTEA, the states have been able to use NHS funding on any road classified as a principal arterial. For more information on the National Highway System and to download supporting files go to www.NYMTC.org.

Comments are due in writing by 4PM on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 to Howie Mann at howard.mann@dot.ny.gov.

Draft UPWP Public Comment Period Opens January 14th

A public comment period for the Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) covering the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 opens on Monday, January 14, 2013. The UPWP is a federally-mandated product of NYMTC's planning process that defines planning activities in NYMTC's region and identifies federal planning funds to conduct these activities. NYMTC's members will take action to adopt the draft UPWP at their Annual Meeting on February 26th. The meeting will be held from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the U.S. Custom House, Auditorium, 1 Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004.



The Draft April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014 UPWP document will be available on www.NYMTC.org when the comment period opens. Comments are due by **4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013** to David Kletsman at david.kletsman@dot.ny.gov.

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
- Fernando Ferrer, Acting Chairman, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Edward P. Mangano, Nassau County Executive
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- 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

Safe Routes to Schools Awards Announced

On January 4th, New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald announced the recipients of \$26.5 million in federal Safe Routes to Schools funding for 64 project sponsors across the state to implement infrastructure improvements and public education campaigns to encourage elementary and middle school children to safely walk and bike to school. In the NYMTC region, five schools in the lower Hudson Valley were awarded over \$1 million and five on Long Island received \$1.7 million, with close to \$9 million for safety improvements and safety education in New York City.



In making the announcement, Commissioner McDonald said, "The projects supported by this round of federal funding will help children get to school safely by providing features such as sidewalks, multi-use paths, crosswalks and pedestrian signals near schools. The education component of the program can help families make healthy, sustainable transportation choices and teach kids how to safely use the infrastructure in their communities."

The intent of Safe Routes to School is to enable and encourage children to walk or bicycle to school; help children adopt a more healthy and active lifestyle by making bicycling and walking a safer and more appealing transportation alternative; and facilitate the planning, development and implementation of transportation projects that will improve safety while reducing traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

Information about the NYSDOT Safe Routes to School program is available on the NYSDOT website at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/safe-routes-to-school>.

NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium Annual Meeting Held December 14th

Mayors and other leading representatives of the New York- Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium met on December 14th, 2012 for an annual meeting at the SUNY Global Center in Midtown Manhattan to provide a public progress report on the Consortium's achievements since receiving a 3-year, \$3.5 million dollar grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2010.

To date, the Consortium has engaged consultants for all local implementation projects supported by the grant and has begun work on the Regional Fair Housing and Equity Analysis. The Consortium is moving ahead with an Execution Plan for Regional Sustainable Development and a Long Island Housing Strategy, and is developing a Climate Resilience report that will help the region prepare for future extreme weather events. The Consortium can be proud of creating new intra-regional partnerships, engaging over 4,000 individuals from the public in a participatory process and granting thirty-three agencies or organizations Preferred Sustainability Status in applications for additional HUD funding. For more information go to www.sustainablenyct.org.



- Jonathan McDade, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
- Judith Enck, Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

Joel P. Ettinger, Executive Director, NYMTC

Ron Epstein, Council Secretary, New York State DOT

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The Jean Shanahan Conference Room

On Thursday, October 18th, NYMTC staff and members recognized the contributions of Jean Shanahan, Director of the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, by naming The Jean Shanahan Conference Room in her honor. The touching dedication was made more special by the attendance of Jean's husband Mike and sister Nancy, and remembrances and recollections by NYMTC staff. Jean died on August 17, 2012 at the age of 48. A bright and vibrant woman, Jean is missed by her NYMTC family, who remember her fondly every time they walk through the doors of the Jean Shanahan Conference Room.



"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.

Save the Dates!

Freight Transportation Working Group Meeting

January 16, 2013 – 10 a.m.

199 Water Street

This meeting will include a presentation by Asaf Ashar, PhD on *Revised Fourth Revolution -- Long-Term Trends in Liner Shipping*, which is available at <http://tinyurl.com/asafashar>. The meeting will also be available as a conference call. The agenda, call in number and additional information are available on www.NYMTC.org.

PFAC Meetings

January 24, 2013 – 1:15 p.m.

February 21, 2013 – 1:15 p.m.

199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.

A number of actions will be taken at these regularly scheduled business meetings of NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee. The meetings will also be offered as webinars, rather than as a webcast. To register for the January 24th meeting go to <http://tinyurl.com/Jan-24-PFAC>. A special presentation will be made at the January 24th meeting by Peter Fleischer, Executive Director, Empire State Future on *Sustainable Community and Economic Development Across New York State*.

To register for the February 21st meeting go to <http://tinyurl.com/Feb-21-PFAC>

The agendas and action items will be posted on www.NYMTC.org in advance of the meetings.

NYMTC Annual Meeting

February 26, 2013 – 11 a.m.

U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, NYC

NYMTC's Principals will come together at their Annual Meeting to take action to adopt the April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014 Unified Planning Work Program and on several other items, including recognition of service for outgoing co-chair Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation. The theme of the 2013 Annual Meeting is *Planning for Resiliency: Adapting the Transportation System to Emerging Vulnerabilities*, which will also be the topic of a roundtable discussion among the members. Additional information, including the agenda, will be posted on www.NYMTC.org in advance of the meeting.