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Calendar of Events

- 3/19 – JARC and New Freedom Online Workshop/Webinar.
- 10 a.m. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/JARC-NF-3-19-10AM>
- 3/20 – JARC and New Freedom Online Workshop/Webinar.
- 10 a.m. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/JARC-NF-3-20-3PM>.

JARC & New Freedom Solicitation Announced - Online Workshops on March 19th and March 20th

NYMTC invites not-for-profit organizations, state and local government agencies, public authorities, public and private operators of public transportation services and federally-recognized tribal governments to apply for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funding administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

Federal Fiscal Year 2012 funds will be used for this solicitation, with \$9,033,890 available for JARC projects, and \$4,900,686 available for New Freedom projects. Applications and guidance are available on www.nymtc.org. Applications must be received electronically by Carl.King@dot.ny.gov by 4PM on **Friday, May 3, 2013**. Applications from eligible applicants will be reviewed and evaluated by NYMTC's member agencies.

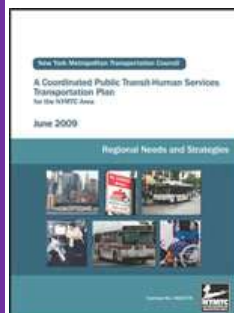


The goals of the JARC (section 5316) program are to improve access to transportation services to employment sites and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals, and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to employment opportunities. Such services may include, but are not limited to, mobility management and expansion of current transportation services.

The New Freedom (Section 5317) program seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Eligible projects may include expanded service beyond current ADA requirements, projects that fund transit station improvements beyond current ADA requirements, and mobility management programs to improve access to transportation for people with disabilities.

Two webinars will be offered to provide guidance and respond to questions. To register for the March 19th 10 am webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/JARC-NF-3-19-10AM>. To register for the March 20th 3 pm webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/JARC-NF-3-20-3PM>.

Both the JARC and New Freedom programs require that proposed projects be derived from a regional Coordinated Human Service and Public Transportation Plan; the Plan developed by NYMTC is available on



www.NYMTC.org.

- 3/21 – PFAC Meeting
- 1:15 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street,
22nd floor, NYC. RSVP to
212.383.7200 or Andrea
Miles-Cole at andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov. This
meeting will also be
webcast.
- 3/22 – UTRC Seminar: Bike
and the Brooklyn Waterfront
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
CityTech (CUNY), 300 Jay
Street, Room 119 Namm,
Brooklyn. Register at
<http://bwrcbikes.eventbrite.com>.
For more information go to
www.BrooklynWaterfront.org
g. Twitter Hashtag
#bwrcBikes
- 4/12 – MHSTCC MAF
Moynihan Station Tour
- 10 a.m.
The Farley Post Office,
8th Avenue at W. 33rd
Street. RSVP required by
April 8th to Charlie Sutter
by e-mail at
cjs2@westchestergov.com
or phone
914.813.7761
- 4/18 – PFAC Meeting
- 1:15 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street,
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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 Now Open for Proposed TIP Amendments



A public comment period is open through Friday, March 22nd 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, the lower Hudson Valley and on Long Island. Comments may be sent to David Drits at David.Drits@dot.ny.gov. Details of the proposed changes can be accessed through www.NYMTC.org.

Next PFAC Meeting Includes Presentation on Select Bus Service

March 21, 2013, 1:15PM, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.

NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) will take action on a number of items including adopting the Transportation Conformity Determination for the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program, As Amended, to include Select Bus Projects in New York City. Eric Beaton, Director of Transit Development for the New York City Department of Transportation, and Ted Orosz, Director of Long Range Bus Planning for MTA-NYCT, will make a special presentation on Select Bus Service in New York City.

Meeting agenda and supporting documents are available on www.NYMTC.org. RSVP to 212.383.7200 or Andrea Miles-Cole at andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov. The meeting will be webcast and may be viewed by following the link on www.NYMTC.org and will be archived for viewing at a later date.



Regional Household Travel Survey Update

The final report of the first regional travel survey in more than ten years, undertaken by NYMTC, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and their partners in regional transportation planning, is expected to be released by June 2013.



From the fall of 2010 through the fall of 2011, travel data was collected from households across 28 counties in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Data collected under this project will provide key travel statistics for the region, and help in the planning of future transportation investments.

In order to plan for the projects of tomorrow, the region's transportation planners need to know how people move around, reasons they travel and who uses the transportation system today. The final dataset will contain travel data from a total 18,966 households, exceeding the goal of 18,800 households. This input will help guide the development plans for transportation improvements that affect mobility, access to jobs, air quality, and quality of life in the region. For more information visit www.regionaltravelsurvey.org/.



NYMTC Council Members

Voting Members

- Joan McDonald, New York State DOT Commissioner and NYMTC co-chair
- Rob Astorino, Westchester County Executive and NYMTC co-chair
- Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation
- Amanda Burden, Director, New York City Department of City Planning
- Fernando Ferrer, Acting 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

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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

NYMTC Annual Meeting Draws Crowds, Attention to Planning for Resiliency

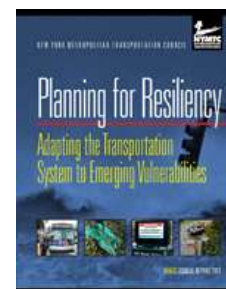
Council members gathered on Tuesday, February 26th in the U.S. Custom House Auditorium in lower Manhattan for NYMTC's 2013 Annual Meeting.



In response to the devastating impacts of Hurricane Sandy, and concern for future storms and climate risks, the theme of the meeting was *Planning for Resiliency: Adapting the Transportation System to Emerging Vulnerabilities*.

Featured speaker Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez discussed the Obama Administration's response to Hurricane Sandy and commitment to planning for the future and noted that "Creating a resilient transportation system is a priority for FHWA." He also announced ... "a special research project with (NYMTC), the New Jersey and Connecticut MPOs, and other transportation agencies in the region to look in depth at the impacts of Hurricane Sandy. We expect this project to help decision-makers better use their resources to prepare the region's infrastructure to withstand extreme weather events."

The Administrator was followed by Keynote speaker Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig, Senior Research Scientist, Goddard Institute for Space Studies at Columbia University, who spoke about *Climate-Resilient Transportation: Risk and Strategies*. Her presentation included an overview on climate change and weather events that have wreaked havoc on the region and its transportation system, calling Hurricane Sandy a "tipping point" for response to increasing risks and looking at different climate impacts on transportation systems. Dr. Rosenzweig concluded that transportation systems are subject to current climate risks – which are projected to increase in the future; operations and management, infrastructure, and policies all offer potential for climate resilience strategies; and adaptation and mitigation can provide co-benefits.



In response to these presentations and several questions raised by NYMTC co-chair NYSDOT Commissioner Joan McDonald, Council members held a roundtable discussion regarding the individual and collective responses to Sandy and how the region can work together to address impacts from future storms both in terms of planning and system enhancements, and discussed ways to work together to address immediate after effects of storms and other events.



The Council also took action on a number of items including adopting the 2013 – 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and recognizing the work of several members, including Rockland County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef, who participated in his last Annual Meeting. Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino was approved as NYMTC's new revolving co-chair.

The meeting was webcast and may be viewed via the link on www.NYMTC.org. Dr. Rosenzweig's presentation and Administrator Mendez's remarks are also available on the website, as is the 2013 Annual Report, and the adopted UPWP.

- 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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NYMTC's Title VI Policy
The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or gender, as provided in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which NYMTC received Federal financial assistance. Further, NYMTC incorporates the principles of environmental justice into its policies, planning and project development activities to ensure that there are no inequitable impacts on minority groups and low-income groups throughout the region.

MHSTCC Public Meeting Held – Mobility Advisory Forum Announces Walking Tour of Moynihan Station

On March 13th, members of NYMTC's Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee met with the public to discuss highlights of the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the development of the 2014-2018 TIP of the Lower Hudson Valley (Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties) and NYMTC's next long range plan, Plan 2040. Key projects and timeframes for development of the key products were reviewed. The presentation is available on www.NYMTC.org. Acting TCC Staff Director Darrin Moret also noted that there will be an Executive Committee Meeting of the MHSTCC in July to recommend projects for the 2014 - 18 TIP.



In addition, it was announced that a limited number of spots are available for the TCC's Mobility Advisory Forum's tour of Moynihan Station in New York City on April 12th at 10 am. Redevelopment of the McKim, Mead and White designed James A. Farley Post Office Building into the new Moynihan Station will transform the and landmarked building into an iconic railroad passenger station and mixed-use development befitting New York City.



The opening presentation and tour will begin at 10:00 AM, Friday, April 12, 2013. The Farley Post Office is across 8th Avenue, at the north end near the 33rd Street corner. Please note that this building was opened in 1914 and is not ADA compliant. Appropriate foot attire should be worn.

RSVPs are required. Contact Charlie Sutter by e-mail at cjs2@westchestergov.com or phone 914.813.7761 by Monday, April 8th to attend, space permitting.

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Available

The *Annual Listing of Obligated Projects* for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 is now available on www.NYMTC.org. The Annual Listing is required by federal regulations after the conclusion of a fiscal year to report on progress in implementing the five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Although the TIP indicates planned funding for improvement projects and confers eligibility for federal funding, obligation effectively "locks in" the funding for projects and leads the way to implementation.



This annual listing of obligated projects has also been mapped for ease of review. Directions to spatially view the project listing in Google Earth and learn more on TIP visualization are available on the NYMTC website. To view the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects go to http://www.nymtc.org/abouttip-down.cfm#draft_tip