



# NYMTC-Notes

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## Calendar of Events

- 1/23 – PFAC Meeting
  - 1:15 p.m.
  - NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> floor, NYC. RSVP to 212.383.7200 or Andrea Mile-Cole at [andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov](mailto:andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov). This meeting will be webcast.
- 2/27 – Annual Council Meeting
  - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
  - U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, Auditorium, lower Manhattan. RSVP to 212.383.7200 or Andrea Mile-Cole at [andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov](mailto:andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov). This meeting will be webcast.

## Upcoming Meetings

### **Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) Meeting**

January 23, 2014 – 1:15 p.m.

NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> floor, NYC.

This meeting will be webcast.

This first PFAC meeting of 2014 will include an action to recommend the draft March 31, 2014 – April 1, 2015 UPWP to the Council for approval at the February 27th Annual Meeting. 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.



In addition, there will be a special presentation by Heather Holsinger, Environmental Protection Specialist with the Federal Highway Administration, on the Hurricane Sandy Follow-up and Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Analysis.

Go to [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org) to download the draft SFY 2014 UPWP and draft Executive Summary, and for the agenda and action items.

### **Annual Council Meeting**

February 27, 2014 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, Auditorium, lower Manhattan

This meeting will be webcast.

Hurricane Sandy drove home the point that weather events have no geographical boundaries. At the same time, NYMTC and its member agencies have been increasingly working across borders with neighboring states and metropolitan planning organizations to address the variety of transportation planning issues that cross state lines. This year's Annual Meeting theme, *Expanding Horizons: Planning Partnerships in the NY-NJ-CT Region*, looks at the historical nature of these partnerships, the increasing need to work together and the future of planning partnerships within the tri-state area, and beyond.

NYMTC's members will also take action to adopt the \$24 million federally required Unified Planning Work Program, as well as welcome several new members and elect a new co-chair. The final draft UPWP and meeting documents will be available on [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org) in advance of the meeting. To attend in person, RSVP to 212-383-7200 or [andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov](mailto:andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov).

**NOTE:** One Bowling Green is a federal facility and members of the public will be required to go through stringent security checks including metal detectors. Please allow ample time.

*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'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.*

## Annual Listing of Obligated Projects and Updated Project Listings Now Available

The *Annual Listing of Obligated Projects* for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 is now available on [www.NYMTC.org](http://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 our website at <http://www.nymtc.org/abouttip-down.cfm>

## NYMTC Welcomes New Council Members

The start of the new year also marks the start of new administrations for several of NYMTC's Principals. In Rockland County, Ed Day replaced C. Scott Vanderhoef, who led the county for 20 years.

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio has appointed Polly Trottenberg Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation. An appointment for the new Director of the New York City Department of City Planning is pending as of this writing. Over the next few issues, we will run profiles of the new Principals. This month we focus on the new Rockland County Executive, Ed Day.

On January 1, 2014, Ed Day became Rockland's third County Executive since the post was created in 1985. He had previously served in the Rockland County Legislature from 2006 to 2013. County Executive Day retired from the New York City Police Department in 2000, with the rank of Commanding Officer of two Detective Squads in the Bronx. Following several years as Director of Corporate Security for Phipps Houses in New York City, he became Chief of Detectives of the Baltimore Police Department before returning to the private sector, working as a Senior Security Consultant for American Security Systems, Inc. In 2003, he earned the Rockland County Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to the community, which he continues to serve in his new capacity as County Executive.



Rockland County Executive Ed Day was born in 1951 in a housing project in Brooklyn to Edwin and Jane Day. Growing up as the eldest of three children, Ed graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in 1968. He continued his education with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration and Marketing from Kingsborough Community College in 1971, further pursuing his education at Pace University while working full time in sales. Eight years later, he joined the New York City Police Department.

County Executive Day has been married to Jean for over 30 years. Ed and Jean are the proud parents to two sons and have one grandson.

## **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
- Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation
- Richard Barth, Acting Director, New York City Department of City Planning
- Thomas Prendergast, Chairman and CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Edward P. Mangano, Nassau County Executive
- MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Executive
- Ed Day, Rockland County Executive
- Steve Bellone, Suffolk 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

## **Governor Cuomo Announces \$28 Million Enhancement Program Awards for Region**

On January 15, 2014, Governor Cuomo announced the award of approximately \$67 million for Transportation Enhancement Projects throughout New York State, with \$28 million awarded throughout the NYMTC region.

These funds are made available to the State through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and are administered by NYSDOT. The funds are dedicated for strategic investments in transportation alternatives. This is the last year of availability of the Transportation Enhancement Program, which has been succeeded by the Transportation Alternatives Program under MAP-21, the federal transportation authorization.

The projects were selected through a competitive solicitation process in which NYMTC's members were an integral part, and rated on established criteria that included environmental enhancement to and for the transportation system; connectivity to an existing transportation system; encouragement of smart growth; impact on local or regional economies; availability of matching funds; and level of community support. For more information go to <http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/01152014-bicycle-pedestrian-enhancement-proj> or <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/tep>

### **Lower Hudson Valley**

Brown/South/Esther Streetscape-Phase 2	City of Peekskill	Westchester	\$788,000
Scotts Corner Bike/Pedestrian Safety Streetscape Project	Town of Pound Ridge	Westchester	\$1,480,000
Revitalization West Nyack Phase 2	Town of Clarkstown	Rockland	\$2,321,224
N. Middletown Rd Pedestrian Corridor Link	Town of Orangetown	Rockland	\$1,899,859
Morningthorpe Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Connection	Putnam County	Putnam	\$2,000,000

### **Long Island**

Sunrise Highway Streetscape Program	Village of Freeport	Nassau	\$1,655,871
The Bay Shore Corridor Project	Town of Islip	Suffolk	\$1,615,514
Downtown Main Street Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements	Village of Port Jefferson	Suffolk	\$1,001,208
Shorewood Drive/Welwyn Road Ped and Bike Enhancements	Village of Great Neck Plaza	Nassau	\$838,000

### **New York City**

Putnam Plaza	NYC DOT	Kings	\$2,403,743
Pulaski Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian	NYC DOT	Queens	\$2,500,000
Hell Gate Pathway Phase III	NYCDPR	New York	\$2,500,000
Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway-Gowanus Connector	NYCDOT	Kings	\$2,500,000
Route 9A/West 13th Street	Hudson River Park Trust	New York	\$2,361,374
Pedestrian and Bike Improvements in Gulick Park	NYCDPR	New York	\$2,500,000

- 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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## Transportation Facilities Selected for Vulnerability Adaption Assessment

Under an Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)-funded Transportation Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment grant, the FHWA and representatives from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Departments of Transportation, four Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the three states – NYMTC; North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; South Western Regional Planning Agency; and Greater Bridgeport Regional Council – along with the MTA and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, have begun a region-wide vulnerability assessment and adaptation analysis for the tri-state area. This technical study was first announced at NYMTC’s 2013 Annual Meeting by Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez, and is funded at a maximum amount of \$650,000.

NYMTC Staff has taken a key role in organizing a Project Guidance Committee, with the goal of providing local input and guidance for the study. On December 9th, FHWA informed the Project Guidance Committee for the Transportation Vulnerability and Adaption Assessment of approval of ten transportation facilities submitted by the Committee for engineering assessment.

The selected assets are a representative mix of a variety of types including roadways, bridge, highway tunnels, port, and transit facilities, and they are located across the tri state metropolitan area. Six of the assets are located in New York State, including two NYSDOT sponsored proposals and two MTA sponsored proposals.

The following facilities will proceed to engineering assessment:

PANYNJ Port Jersey South, Bayonne, NJ; MTA Metro-North Railroad, New Haven Line, Pelham, NY; Yellow Mill Channel Bridge, over Route 130, Bridgeport, Conn.; NJ 37 East Bound Barnegat Bay Bridge, Toms River/Seaside Heights, NJ; Loop Parkway Bridge over Long Creek , Town of Hempstead, NY; Hugh Carey Tunnel (Brooklyn Battery Tunnel ), MTA Bridges and Tunnels, NY; Route 7, Kearney NJ; Austin Blvd. / Long Beach Road Corridor, Town of Hempstead, NY. Bergen Ave., West Babylon NY; Saw Mill River Parkway, Dobbs Ferry, NY.

