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Calendar of Events

- 6/20 – 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 webcast.
- 6/26 – NY-CT Sustainable Communities Steering Committee Meeting
- 10 a.m.
Purdue Pharma, 201 Tresser Blvd, 1st Floor Auditorium, Stamford, CT 06901 RSVP to <http://steeringcommitteeju.n26.eventbrite.com>

Notice of Public Meetings & Comment Period for Draft Plan and CMP, TIP and Conformity

NYMTC announces a public comment period and review meetings for the draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (Plan) and Congestion Management Process Report (CMP), draft 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the draft Transportation Conformity Determination. **The 30-day public comment period begins on June 19, 2013 and ends at 4 p.m. on July 18, 2013.** All of the documents are available for download at www.NYMTC.org. Public review meetings will be held throughout the region.

Meetings will be held at 3:30PM and 6:30PM as follows:

July 16 th	July 17 th	July 18 th
Lower Hudson Valley	New York City **	Long Island
Palisades Center 1000 Palisades Center Drive, 4 th floor West Nyack, NY 10994	NYMTC 199 Water Street 22 nd floor New York, NY 10038	Republic Airport Main Terminal 7150 Republic Airport Farmingdale, NY 11725

*****The July 17th meetings may be attended in person or as webinars.***

To register for the July 17th webinar at 3:30 p.m. go to <http://tinyurl.com/NYMTC-3-30-Meeting>

To register for the July 17th webinar at 6:30 p.m. go to <http://tinyurl.com/NYMTC-6-30-Meeting>

RSVP:

To attend meetings in person please RSVP to 212-383-7201 or lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov

Comments may be sent by 4 p.m. on July 18, 2013 to:

New York Metropolitan Transportation Council
Attn: Public Comment Period
199 Water Street, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Or email: NYMTC-PUBLIC-INFO@dot.ny.gov

In the subject line please indicate on which item you are commenting: Plan and CMP, TIP or Conformity

Following the comment period, Transportation Coordinating Committee Executive Committee meetings will be held in each of NYMTC's three TCCs to make formal recommendations for the program of projects contained in the TIP. More information will be announced in advance of the meetings on www.NYMTC.org.

PFAC will meet on August 29th to recommend the products for adoption, and the Council will meet on September 4th to adopt them.

- 7/16 – Public Review Meetings for draft Plan, TIP and Conformity
- 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Palisades Center, 1000 Palisades Center Drive West, 4th floor, West Nyack, NY 10994.
- 7/17 – Public Review Meetings for draft Plan, TIP and Conformity
- 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC, 10038.
These meetings may be attended in person or as a webinar.

- Register for the July 17th webinar at 3:30 p.m. at <http://tinyurl.com/NYMTC-3-30-Meeting>

- Register for the July 17th webinar at 6:30 p.m. at <http://tinyurl.com/NYMTC-6-30-Meeting>
- 7/18 – Public Review Meetings for draft Plan, TIP and Conformity
- 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Republic Airport, Main Terminal, 7150 Republic Airport, Farmingdale, NY 11725.
- 8/29 – 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 webcast.
- 9/4 – Council Meeting
- 11 a.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 webcast.

Products Under Review

The following federally-required products and analyses are included in the 30-day review period. They may be accessed on www.NYMTC.org.

Plan 2040, entitled *A Shared Vision for a Sustainable Region*, will lay out a long-range framework for maintaining and improving the region's transportation system: its roads, bridges, freight and mass transit facilities, and its bicycle and pedestrian networks. It will identify the transportation improvement concepts, projects and policy recommendations that can address the region's long-term growth challenges and needs – an initial step to bringing federal transportation dollars into the area. The Plan forecasts long-range costs and resources for Operations and Maintenance, System Preservation and System Enhancements. It features seven strategic goals and related desired outcomes, and an enhanced transportation-land use connection, focusing on the relationship between transportation and growth. Two new regional goals – Resiliency, and Safety and Security of the transportation system – have been added to the Plan to reinforce the importance of these aspects of transportation planning for regional sustainability.



The 2013 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Status Report



contains forecasts of future traffic congestion in NYMTC's planning area and specific performance measures which reflect the amount, severity and general locations of traffic congestion. In order to fulfill federal requirements, the CMP Status Report is published every four years in conjunction with the release of NYMTC's Regional Transportation Plan.

The 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

outlines all of the federally-funded transportation improvement projects proposed for the NYMTC area over a five year period. It includes approximately \$32 billion in federal, state and local transportation projects for the region. These improvements cover various transportation modes and facilities, including roadways and bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit equipment and services, safety improvements and demand management programs.



The Transportation Conformity Determination is a regional mobile source emissions analysis required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 for designated non attainment areas. A Conformity Determination must be done for all Transportation Improvement Programs and Regional Transportation Plans in non-attainment areas. This determination was developed to demonstrate that its Plan and TIP, as updated, conform to the mobile source emission milestones set forth in the New York State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. This determination was conducted with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator.



Projects in *Plan 2040* and on the TIP have been mapped in Google Earth for visualization purposes, which may be accessed on www.NYMTC.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

PFAC Meeting to Feature Presentation on NEC FUTURE Project

June 20, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. This meeting will be webcast. RSVP to 212-383-7200

In addition to a number of actions that will be taken at this regularly scheduled business meeting of NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee, Rebecca Reyes-Alicea, from the US Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration, will discuss NEC FUTURE and the preliminary alternatives currently under study in this Northeast Corridor rail analysis.



NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium Steering Committee Meeting

June 26, 2013 at 10 a.m. Purdue Pharma, 201 Tresser Blvd, 1st Floor Auditorium, Stamford, CT 06901



The Steering Committee of the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium will meet to appoint new co-chairs, review and officially approve completed project deliverables and adopt Consortium resolutions. There will be status reports on several of the northern sector place-based projects in the New York and Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium and an update from the North Jersey Sustainable Communities Consortium.

For more information go to www.sustainableNYCT.org. To RSVP go to <http://steeringcommitteejun26.eventbrite.com/> Contact Brian Dennis at bdennis@rpa.org with any questions.

REDC Round III Application Period Now Open

The Empire State Development (ESD) has announced that the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for Round III of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative is now available to businesses, municipalities, not-for-profits and the public. The CFA serves as the single entry point for applicants to access the up to \$760 million in economic development funding available in 2013.

Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on August 12, 2013. The CFA is available at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>

In the third round of the REDC process, 13 New York State agencies have teamed up to make up to \$760 million in economic development resources available to applicants through the CFA. The 2013 Available CFA Resources Manual, which outlines the funds available from 29 state agency programs, and the 2013 REDC Guidebook, which provides the competitive guidelines for this year, are both available at www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov.



Multiple public workshops will be held in each region of the state to explain the programs and eligibility standards, as well as recent improvements to the CFA application process. The full schedule of workshops is available at <http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov/genericcfa/2013-cfa-workshops>

- 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

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.

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NYMTC's Title VI Policy

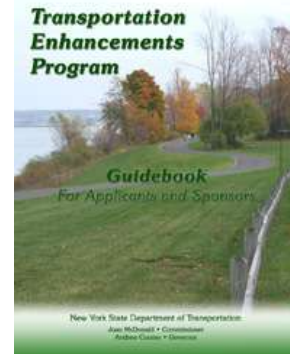
The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or gender, as provided in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected 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.

TEP Solicitation Period Closes August 16th

The solicitation period for the federally funded Transportation Enhancement Program, as announced by New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald, closes at 4 p.m. on August 16, 2013.

Municipalities and non-profit incorporated groups are eligible to apply for funding. Not-for-profits will require a governmental entity to sponsor their projects. Eligible projects must have a total cost of at least \$200,000; federal reimbursement is limited to \$2.5 million per project.



NYSDOT will accept applications for five eligible activity types for projects to be funded with TEP dollars, including: 1) facilities for bicycles and pedestrians; 2) scenic or historic highway facilities; 3) landscaping and other scenic beautification; 4) preservation of abandoned railway corridors and conversion to use as pedestrian and bicycle trails; and 5) environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff.

The **TEP Guidebook** provides detailed information about the specific types of projects eligible for this program as well as the application process; a pamphlet providing a concise summary of the program is also available. The Guidebook, Application and Pamphlet can be accessed at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/tep>.

Applicant/Sponsors are required to attend a TEP workshop or webinar and a Federal Aid 101 workshop or webinar in advance of applying for TEP funds. Recorded workshops that were held in the NYMTC region may be accessed on www.NYMTC.org. For more information go to <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/tep>

In Memoriam: Ella Matthews

It is with great sadness that we announce the June 17th passing of our friend and member of the NYMTC family, Ella Matthews. This photo first ran in a 2003 NYMTC newsletter, called *Council Contact*, in an article on biking. Her obituary reads:

Ella Levine Matthews, beloved mother of Ann, Eileen and Rachel. Adored grandmother of Rachel, Willy, James and Chelsea. Loved sister of Martin. Beloved cousin of Miriam. Cherished aunt of Dixie. Beloved friend of Phyllis, Judy and Toby. Political activist, feminist, computer programmer, vacation enthusiast, bike rider extraordinaire... this special and independent lady was an inspiration to anyone interested in living a full and rich life. With her seemingly inexhaustible amount of energy and wisdom, she was always there for family, friends, and the world at large... seeking vigilantly to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate than she. Ella Matthews will forever remain alive and cherished in the hearts and souls of all who were lucky enough to have known her.



We were indeed lucky enough to have known her...