



# NYMTC-Notes

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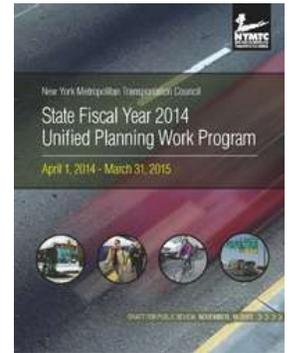
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- Various Times and Locations. Go to [www.sustainablynyct.org](http://www.sustainablynyct.org) for more information and to register.
- 12/13 – MAP Forum  
- 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
NJTPA, One Newark Center, 17th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

## Draft SFY 2014 UPWP Public Comment Period Open Through December 17<sup>th</sup>

A public comment period for the Draft State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) covering the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, opened on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and will run through Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 SFY 2014 UPWP document and draft Executive Summary are available on [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org). Comments are due by **4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2013** to David Kletsman at [david.kletsman@dot.ny.gov](mailto:david.kletsman@dot.ny.gov).

## Visualizing the TIP and Plan 2040 - Now on Mobile Devices

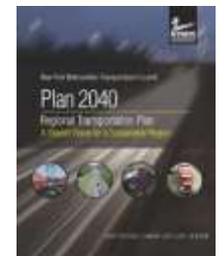
Mobile device users can now view NYMTC TIP and Plan 2040 projects on *Android and iOS devices\**. To view the web map service, users will need to enable the location settings upon accessing the **TIP and Plan 2040** link. (<http://tinyurl.com/TIP-Viz>)



To find projects in your local area, select the  icon in the top right hand corner. To zoom in or out of the map, select the **(+)** or **(-)** that appears in the map frame.

To view the project types select the  **LEGEND** located in the bottom right hand corner. To get project details, select an icon  and click on the project information toggle that appears in the top left hand corner.

*\*This map service will work only on iOS devices that support iOS 6 or later. Older Android devices may have difficulty loading the map service in their browser. The TIP and Plan may also be visualized desktop computers. For more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/TIP-Viz>*



- 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.

*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.*

## TIP Comment Period Opens November 25<sup>th</sup>

A public comment period opens Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, closing at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for proposed amendments to the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendments program several new projects as well as FTA 5324 emergency relief funding to transit projects due to Superstorm Sandy. Comments may be sent to Chris Hardej at [chris.hardej@dot.ny.gov](mailto:chris.hardej@dot.ny.gov). Details of the proposed changes can be accessed through [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org).



## Upcoming Regional Planning Workshops

The NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium continues its series of public workshops to discuss ways to expand opportunities for jobs, housing and transportation in more livable neighborhoods.



The workshops include presentations of how neighborhood conditions are affected by federal, state and regional decision-making in housing, transportation and development, and engage participants in discussions of how planning and programs can be improved to build more sustainable and equitable communities. For more information, go to [www.sustainablenyct.org](http://www.sustainablenyct.org) or [www.facebook.com/sustainablenyct](http://www.facebook.com/sustainablenyct).

Upcoming workshop locations and dates are as follows:

<p>Brooklyn <u>November 25, 2013; 6 – 8:30PM</u> St. Francis College, Callahan Ctr 80 Remsen St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 <a href="https://bknov25.eventbrite.com/">https://bknov25.eventbrite.com/</a></p>	<p>Norwalk <u>December 02, 2013; 6 – 8:30PM</u> Norwalk City Hall, Community Rm 125 East Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851- <a href="https://norwalkdec2.eventbrite.com">https://norwalkdec2.eventbrite.com</a></p>	<p>New Haven <u>December 09, 2013; 6 – 8:30PM</u> Gateway Community College, Community Rm 20 Church St., New Haven, CT <a href="https://nvdec9.eventbrite.com">https://nvdec9.eventbrite.com</a></p>
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The New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium is a bi-state collaboration of cities, counties and regional planning organizations. This initiative, funded with a \$3.5 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, will integrate housing, economic development, transportation and environmental planning.

Contact Brian Dennis at [bdennis@rpa.org](mailto:bdennis@rpa.org) to request translation services in advance of any of the meetings.

## NYMTC Says Farewell to Emma Gaitan



After 30 years of service to NYMTC, Emma Gaitan, Secretary to Executive Director Joel Ettinger, announced her retirement. A true professional and all around wonderful person, she will be sorely missed. We all wish Emma a very enjoyable retirement!

## **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
- Thomas Prendergast, Chairman and CEO, 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

### **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

## **NYMTC-Studied Freight Area May Rise Again**

One of the issues that NYMTC has been focusing on over the last few years has been the subject of freight villages. The Feasibility of Freight Villages study included as a site the GATX area, located on Staten Island's west shore in an area known as Bloomfield. The site that was examined covered a parcel of 220 acres. The study determined that the site is adequate for developing a fully-fledged freight village, possibly in an incremental fashion. The potential development of either a Logistics Center Freight Village or a Community Integrated Freight Village would be the most appropriate type of freight village. Both types are considered a "new Freight Village" – in other words, built from scratch. Further, the study determined that given the size of the land parcel, any combination of industrial park activities, light warehousing, heavy warehousing, and light manufacturing could be accommodated. An intermodal terminal could also be included.



An October 29, 2013 article in the New York Times ("*Staten Island Property Puts a Nascar Failure Behind It*"), noted that the Staten Island Marine Development, which is the new owner of the former GATX site and its neighboring vacant parcels, is moving forward with plans to develop it. According to the article, the project will be a marine port and a logistics center, with warehouses to store goods. Potentially, this recent development might lead to the incorporation of some of the features found in the NYMTC study. If realized, development of this site as a freight village could address the regional objectives of congestion mitigation, rational and efficient land use, and economic development in the form of job creation.

For more information on the study *Feasibility of Freight Villages in the NYMTC Region*, go to <http://tinyurl.com/freight-villages>.

## **Grants Awarded to Help Build Affordable Housing Near Transit**

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Steering Committee of the NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium voted to award grants totaling \$100,000 through its Transit-Oriented Housing Incentive Fund to four organizations in New York and Connecticut that are planning to build affordable housing within walking distance of subways, commuter rail stations and bus stops. This unique element of the Consortium work program provides early seed capital to discrete affordable housing development within ½ mile of public transportation in the Consortium's planning area.



The funding is available through the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a non-profit community development financial institution, to cover predevelopment expenses associated with the development of affordable housing.

Initial grant awards are being made to: Allied Community Enterprise in Westchester, NY (\$30,000); Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation (\$25,000) in Queens, NY; West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing (\$25,000) in New York, NY; and the Bridgeport Housing Authority (\$20,000) in Bridgeport, CT.

- Jonathan McDade, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration

- Judith Enck, Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

Joel P. Ettinger, Executive Director, NYMTC

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## Regional Household Travel Survey Findings – Discussion at December 13<sup>th</sup> MAP Forum

From the fall of 2010 through the fall of 2011, NYMTC and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) jointly sponsored the 2010-2011 Regional Household Travel Survey (RHTS). Travel data was collected from 18,965 households across 28 counties in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut – including a sub-sample of 1,930 households whose members also provided travel data using wearable global positioning system (GPS) devices – providing key travel statistics for the region to help in the planning of future transportation investments.



The survey data provides new information on travel and mobility patterns, and will enable updates for the

2012 base year of NYMTC's travel demand model, the New York Best Practice Model (NYBPM) – and other regional models – and ultimately assist transportation professionals and decision makers in better understanding the needs of the traveling public. The previous RHTS was performed in 1997-1998.

Following are some key findings from the draft survey report, which is expected to be released by early next year.

- The approximately 22 million residents in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut travel survey study area made approximately 80 million individual trips in an average weekday.
- Slightly more than 82% of all trips in the study area were intra-county, an increase from 78% in the 1997-1998 survey.
- Nearly 67% of all trips in the study area were made by automobile, followed by non-motorized trips (18%), defined as trips made by walking and bicycle. As expected, Manhattan, the other New York City boroughs and the urbanized areas of Hudson County in New Jersey had the highest percentages of non-motorized trips within their physical areas (56%, 32% and 31%, respectively).
- Most intra- and inter- county trips were made by automobile (67% and 95%, respectively), while 66% of travel to Manhattan was often made by rail. New York City impacts these numbers greatly: for counties outside of the City, 84% of within county trips are made by auto.
- There were slightly less work trips on Monday and Friday while non-work trips were similar regardless of the day of the week.
- Among all trips made by household members, those age 35-54 (closely followed by the 55-64 age group) had higher trip rates than the other age groups.

The findings and additional information about the RHTS will be discussed at the next meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum, to be held on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the offices of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, One Newark Center, 17th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102. Please RSVP to Mary Ameen at [mameen@njtpa.org](mailto:mameen@njtpa.org). The agenda is available at [www.nymtc.org](http://www.nymtc.org) in the Calendar of Events.