Public Review Period Open for Draft White Paper on Methodology for 2050 SED Forecasts

NYMTC is developing 2050 Socioeconomic and Demographic (SED) Forecasts, which are necessary data inputs to the New York Best Practice Model (NYMTC’s in-house travel forecasting tool) and for the next Regional Transportation Plan. Federal regulations direct metropolitan planning organizations to prepare and adopt long range economic forecasts for their regions to be used in transportation and land use analyses. The draft White Paper on Methodology for County Level 2050 SED Forecasts describes elements of the proposed methodology to be used in developing the forecasts for the 31 counties in the New York metropolitan region.

This 30-day review period gives the public the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed methodology for the 2050 SED forecasts.

The draft White Paper may be downloaded at http://www.nymtc.org/project/forecasting/sed_products.html.

Contact Larisa Morozovskaya with questions and any comments by 4 p.m. on June 6, 2014 to larisa.morozovskaya@dot.ny.gov.

TIP Comment Period


The amendment programs funding for two pavement rehabilitation projects in Nassau and Suffolk counties, and reprograms three projects in Suffolk County.

Details of the proposed amendment are available at http://www.nymtc.org/abouttip-down.cfm. This comment period gives the public the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the NYMTC TIP.

Please submit comments by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 to chris.hardej@dot.ny.gov.
Regional Freight Plan Reports Released

Three technical reports, representing the last of the technical work for this phase of NYMTC’s Interim Regional Freight Plan have been completed. The current phase is being conducted to update current conditions and to begin to identify issues which will need to be addressed in the next phase, during which the issues will be further identified, fleshed out and alternative solutions evaluated and recommended for further action.

These reports: Truck Trips Analysis; Industry Specific Logistics Analysis; and Freight Villages Market Analysis are now available for download at http://www.nymtc.org/project/freight_planning/freight_index.html#Freight_Plan.

Each of these reports provides more in depth information and a greater understanding of either regional characteristics or, in the case of the freight village report, further evaluation of a concept that emanated from NYMTC’s previous freight plan.

In addition, two popular NYMTC freight outreach materials are slated for release in the coming months: the freight data wheel and an updated freight brochure entitled, “The Basics of Freight Transportation In the NYMTC Region.” Look for announcements for these products. For more information on any of these materials or the freight plan itself contact Howie Mann at 631-952-6115 or howard.mann@dot.ny.gov.

Upcoming Meetings

MMN/ITS Group Meeting
May 14, 2014 – 10 a.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.
This meeting may be attended in person or via webinar.

The next meeting of the MMN/ITS Working Group will include presentations on the Influence of Interactive Communication Technology on Transportation Decision Making; Pulaski Skyway Closure: Congestion Relief Strategies; and THE Connected Corridor. In addition, updates will be provided on the NY-NJ Integrated Corridor Management Project Proposal; NYSDOT’s ATDM Statewide Initiative; information on a NYSERDA/NYSDOT Program Opportunity Notice; and Transit Benefits.

To attend in person RSVP to Jan Khan at jan.khan@dot.ny.gov. Register for the webinar at http://tinyurl.com/MMN-ITS-5-14-14. The meeting agenda is available on www.NYMTC.org, Calendar of Events.

Freight Transportation Working Group Meeting
June 10, 2014 – 10 a.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.
This meeting may be attended in person or via webinar.

This meeting of the FTWG will include an update on NYMTC’s Regional Freight Plan and two presentations: Where Will Our New Freight Planners Come From?; and Strong Ports. There will also be an opportunity to hear from relevant agencies and get the latest industry news.

To attend in person RSVP to Andrea Miles-Cole at andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov. Register for the webinar at http://tinyurl.com/FTWG-6-10-14. The meeting agenda is available on www.NYMTC.org, Calendar of Events.
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MAP Forum Meeting May 16th; Presentations by NYSDOT and ConnDOT Commissioners

May 16, 2014 – 10 a.m.
Purdue Pharma, 201 Tresser Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901

The next meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum will include keynote remarks by NYS Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald and ConnDOT Commissioner Jim Redeker. In addition, there will be a presentation on the I-95 Corridor Management Program and an update on the Northeast Corridor Rail Study Options, followed by a roundtable discussion of issues and items related to the efforts of the member metropolitan planning organizations.

The agenda and additional information are available on www.NYMTC.org. To participate via phone, call (toll free): 1-888-450-5996, Passcode: 635017.

Walk-Bike NY Conference, May 21st & May 22nd

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3 Executive Boulevard, Suffern, New York

Creating walkable and bikeable environments requires an active collaboration of people with interests in safety, land use, economic development, transportation, education, law enforcement, and health promotion.

Walk-Bike New York...Encouraging Sustainable Movement is a livable communities symposium that will provide participants with the tools to work together to create walkable and bikeable communities. It is being sponsored by the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, the Department of Health and the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, New York Bicycling Coalition, New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc., Metropolitan Planning Organization Associations, Department of State, Department of Transportation and Parks and Trails New York.

An exciting agenda is being planned and some topics will address: the Impact of Pedestrian Crashes, Complete Streets, Education, Engineering & Law Enforcement Safety Initiatives and Campaigns, Local Project Highlights, Safe Routes for Youth, and Bike Tourism & Sharing Programs in the States of New York and New Jersey. The program agenda runs from 10:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21st and 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22nd.

Pre-registration is required. A preliminary agenda, further information updates and the registration form are available on http://www.itsmr.org. For more information contact Janine Schultz, Event Coordinator, at 518-453-0291 Ext. 104 or jschultz@itsmr.org.
Program Opportunity Notice: Institutionalizing Integrated Solutions Supporting Accessible Multimodal Transportation Networks

In partnership with the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) seeks proposals that have the potential of reducing the energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions of the existing multi-modal transportation system in New York State. Total available New York State funding is $3,000,000. Proposals for Program Opportunity Notice 2881 are due by May 29, 2014 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time.

All, or none, of the available funding may be allocated and five categories of projects will be considered for funding:

1. Education and Technology Transfer ($30,000 max). Outreach activities to advance the awareness of the general public, policy makers, and municipal planning organizations on the issues, consequences, objectives and resources, associated with transportation energy/emissions.

2. Policy Research and Feasibility Studies ($150,000 max). Analytical research to develop and evaluate new strategies and policies for New York State that have the potential to achieve reductions in transportation energy/emissions.

3. Demonstrations of Underutilized Strategies and Policies ($200,000 max). Demonstrations that have not been previously deployed in New York State to any significant extent which have the potential to reduce transportation energy/emissions and that require only minor amounts of equipment and/or materials purchased for implementation (< 30% of the total project budget).

4. Integration of Existing Mobility Strategies Through Collaborative Partnerships ($300,000 max). Larger collaborations that incorporate numerous and diverse public and private entities working together to reduce transportation energy/emissions.

5. Demonstrations of Underutilized Commercial Technologies ($500,000 max). Demonstrations that have not been previously deployed in New York State to any significant extent which have the potential to reduce transportation energy/emissions and that require significant amounts of equipment and/or materials purchased for implementation (> 30% of the total project budget).

This announcement is not a solicitation for proposals. To receive the full solicitation, visit NYSERDA’s web site at http://www.nyserda.ny.gov or submit your request to Roseanne Viscusi by fax at (518) 862-1091, by e-mail at rdv@nyserda.ny.gov, or by mail to: Roseanne Viscusi, PON No. 2881 NYS Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-6399

If you have technical questions concerning this solicitation, contact Joe Tario at (518) 862-1090, ext. 3215 or jdt@nyserda.ny.gov, or Richard Drake at (518) 862-1090, ext. 3258 or rld@nyserda.ny.gov. If you have contractual questions concerning this solicitation, contact Nancy Marucci at (518) 862-1090, ext. 3335 or nsm@nyserda.ny.gov.