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Calendar of Events

- 2/27 – Annual Council Meeting
– 12:30 – 2:30 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. This meeting will be webcast.
- 3/12 – Brown Bag Presentation: MTA Surveys: Methods and Findings
– 12 noon – 1 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. This meeting will also be available as a webinar. RSVP to lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov. Register for webinar at <http://tinyurl.com/MTA-Facts-and-Findings>

NYCDOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg to Give Keynote at NYMTC Annual Meeting

February 27, 2014 – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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

NYMTC is pleased to announce that recently appointed New York City Department of Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg will deliver the keynote speech at the Council's Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting theme is *Expanding Horizons: Planning Partnerships in the NY-NJ-CT Region*.

At the meeting, NYMTC members will take action to adopt the \$24 million federally required Unified Planning Work Program for SFY 2014-15, as well as welcome new members Commissioner Trottenberg and Rockland County Executive Ed Day. Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone will be confirmed as the new co-chair. Incoming Chair of the City Planning Commission Carl Weisbrod will become a member of the Council once he takes office.

The UPWP, which is available for download on www.nymtc.org, defines the region's planning priorities and describes all transportation-related planning activities anticipated within a given program year.

This meeting will be webcast. To attend in person please RSVP to Andrea.Miles-Cole@dot.ny.gov or call 212-383-7200. **NOTE:** One Bowling Green is a federal facility with stringent security checks including metal detectors. Please allow ample time.



Next Brown Bag March 12th MTA Surveys: Methods and Findings

March 12, 2014 at 12:00noon. NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.



Since 2007, the MTA has been using data from two completed origin/destination surveys to analyze how Metro North customers and New York City residents are traveling and using the MTA system. Data for over 100,000 customer's travel and demographic characteristics has already been posted on the MTA website and more will be posted once the LIRR survey is completed later this year. Julia Seltzer, Manager of Planning at MTA and director of the survey effort, will describe how this regional planning resource was collected, how the information can be accessed, and some key findings of the work.

This meeting may be attended in person or as a webinar. To attend in person RSVP to lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov or call 212-383-7200. To register for the webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/MTA-Facts-and-Findings>.

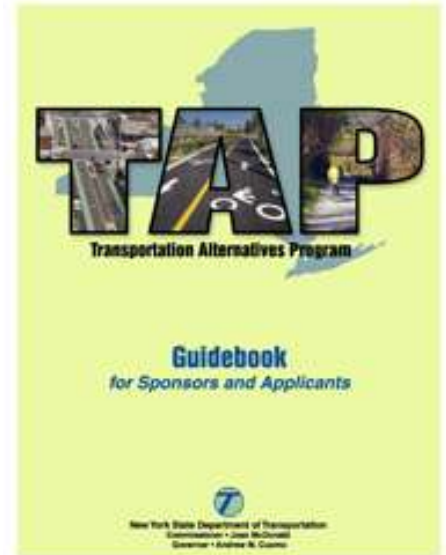
- 3/18 – TAP/Federal Aid 101 Training
-12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. This meeting will also be available as a webinar. RSVP to NYSDOT Regional Coordinators - available at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/tap>
Register for webinar at <http://tinyurl.com/TAP-FA101-3-18-14>
- 3/19 – TAP/Federal Aid 101 Training
-10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. This meeting will also be available as a webinar. RSVP to NYSDOT Regional Coordinators - available at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/tap>
Register for webinar at <http://tinyurl.com/TAP-FA101-3-19-14>

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.

TAP Funding Availability and Webinars

On February 10, 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Commissioner Joan McDonald announced the availability of applications for transportation projects under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Projects will be selected through a competitive solicitation process and rated on established criteria that include 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.

NYSDOT will provide technical assistance and **required training** for potential applicants through a series of workshops statewide. The workshops will address information about this new funding opportunity, an explanation of application requisites and detail the requirements needed to ensure all federally-aided projects are developed, designed and constructed in accordance with federal requirements. This training will be offered as webinars as follows:



TAP/Fed Aid 101 Webinar – March 18, 2014

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 12:30 pm – 4pm.

To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/TAP-FA101-3-18-14>

Event number, Event password and Call In information will be provided upon registration

TAP/Fed Aid 101 Webinar – March 19, 2014

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 10am – 1:30pm.

To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/TAP-FA101-3-19-14>

Event number, Event password and Call In information will be provided upon registration

The trainings may also be attended in person. Both will be held in NYMTC's offices at 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. To RSVP please email the appropriate Regional Coordinator (list available at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/tap>) or call 212-383-7200.

The funding for these projects is provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administered by NYSDOT. Up to 80 percent of the eligible proposed project costs will be reimbursed to successful applicants. Project sponsors are responsible for securing the remaining project funding.

The deadline for applications is June 11. Additional information about the program, including the application and guidebook; list of eligible TAP projects; technical assistance and regional workshops; NYSDOT TAP Regional Coordinators; and federal project requirements are available at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/tap>. Please direct any questions to the appropriate Regional Coordinator.

NYMTC Council Members

Voting Members

- Joan McDonald, New York State DOT Commissioner and NYMTC co-chair
- Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive and NYMTC co-chair
- Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation
- Kenneth Knuckles, Acting Chair, New York City Planning Commission
- 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
- Joseph Martens, Commissioner, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Marilyn G. Shazor, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region 2

2014 Draft New York State Energy Plan Now Available For Review and Comment

On January 7, 2014, the New York State Energy Planning Board issued the Draft 2014 New York State Energy Plan for public comment. The Draft Plan contains actionable policy recommendations and strategies to advance new energy technologies and foster an innovative clean energy economy in New York.

The Draft Plan outlines how State programs can connect with the private sector in ways that encourage the private market to create new, valuable energy options for communities and customers. Empowering the customer and providing options they value when making energy choices is a driving theme in the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan is designed to put New York on a track to contribute to long-range global emissions reductions that reduce the impact of climate change.



The Draft Energy Plan is divided into two volumes and is guided by statutory requirements of Article 6 of the Energy Law. The first volume provides 15 key initiatives to advance the State's energy future.

The second volume addresses energy use, its sources and impacts, and provides detailed background that was used to develop the overarching vision and initiatives in the first volume. In addition, the second volume provides forecasts for energy supply and demand, a statewide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, environmental and public health impacts associated with energy production and use, and vulnerabilities of the energy system.

This Draft Plan envisions a flexible and clean energy system that empowers residential customers, businesses, and communities to receive the reliability and affordability they value. To achieve this, it focuses on the following five areas: Improving energy affordability; Unleashing the power of private sector energy financing; Providing a more resilient, flexible and clean power grid; Giving customers more control over their energy use; and Aligning energy innovation with market demand. Reformed regulations, new roles for utilities, and new strategies based on markets and customer priorities will result in an energy system that is innovative, sustainable, and reliable.

Public hearings on the Draft Plan will be held around the state. Hearings in the NYMTC region are:

Brooklyn	Manhattan	Long Island
<i>February 19, 2014 – 3 p.m.</i> Brooklyn College Gold Room Student Center, 6th Fl. Campus Rd & E. 27th St. Brooklyn, NY	<i>February 20, 2014 – 10 a.m.</i> John Jay College 524 West 59 th St, 2nd floor New York, NY	<i>March 3, 2014 – 1 p.m.</i> SUNY Farmingdale Little Theater at Roosevelt Hall Melville Road Farmingdale, NY

To view the full Draft Energy Plan and get the full list of hearings go to <http://energyplan.ny.gov/Plans/2014.aspx>. Comments will be accepted through March 31, 2014. For more information and to submit comments electronically go to <http://energyplan.ny.gov/Process/Comments.aspx>

- 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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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

A public comment period for a proposed amendment to the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) opens on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, ending on Friday, February 28, 2014.



The amendment programs funding for a sidewalk project in Rockland County and nine City of Long Beach transit projects. Several Long Beach projects are in response to damage from Superstorm Sandy. The amendment also proposes a scope change and increase in funding for a bridge replacement on Long Island.

Details of the proposed amendment are available at <http://www.nymtc.org/abouttip-down.cfm>.

Please submit comments by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014 to chris.hardej@dot.ny.gov.

Hub Bound Report Now Available

NYMTC's 2012 Hub Bound Report was released in December 2013 and is now available for download at http://www.nymtc.org/data_services/HBT.html#2012. Excel tables extracted from the report are also available.

This annual document presents a detailed analysis of travel to and from the Manhattan Central Business District (CBD) both by persons and vehicles. The Hub, or CBD, is defined as that portion of Manhattan south of 60th Street. The data are collected on a typical fall business weekday. **Note:** data for the 2012 Hub Bound Report were collected prior to Hurricane Sandy.

Overall, 7.5 million people entered and left the Hub on the day the data was collected, including, in rounded numbers: 2.8 million from the 60th Street sector; 2 million from Brooklyn; 1.6 million from Queens and via Tram; 1 million from New Jersey; and 73,000 from Staten Island (via ferry).

The report includes information on people entering the CBD by individual mode. Between 2011 and 2012, there was a slight decrease (1.2 percent) in the number of persons entering by autos, taxis, vans and trucks (counted together); at the same time, the number entering by subway increased by almost 5 percent.

Download the 2012 Hub Bound report for a complete breakdown of modes, entry points and times, and to compare available data between years, from 1924 (in 1963 report) to 2012.

