



**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE MARCH 18, 2021
PROGRAM, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's (NYMTC's) Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting was called to order by Ian Francis, representative of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and acting PFAC Chair. He noted that the meeting was being held virtually under the provisions of the New York State Executive Order. After he completed a roll call of the PFAC members, he declared a quorum under the NYMTC operating procedures.

B. PRESENTATION

TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2018-2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND FFY'S 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AS AMENDED – Afolabi Aiyedun, NYMTC Program Manager

Afolabi Aiyedun of NYMTC staff gave a presentation on NYMTC's Transportation Conformity Determination for its Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2018-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and FFYs 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. He noted that NYMTC's Transportation Conformity Determination is a requirement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; is required for eligibility for federal transportation funding in non-attainment areas; it connects air quality planning with transportation planning; and it focuses on mobile source emissions from vehicles and transit. NYMTC's Transportation Conformity Determination ensures that transportation projects and programs in NYMTC's Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program are consistent with the air quality standards set by the New York State Implementation Plan for Air Quality. He noted that NYMTC's Transportation Conformity Determination was in compliance with the mobile source emissions requirements under the Clean Air Act of 1990 and the New York State Implementation Plan.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Murray Bodin stressed his disappointment that the road lines in New York State are marked incorrectly and said that agencies should follow the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD).

Neile Weissman of Complete George advocated to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) to widen the paths on the George Washington Bridge for bicyclists. He noted that the PANYNJ's current plan would not be sufficient for the level of cyclist use. Supporting documents of his remarks can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/27vskmrj>.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: FEBRUARY 11, 2021 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the February 11, 2021 Meeting Synopsis was made by Sean Sallie, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Sandra Fusco, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

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2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #519 – TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2018-2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND FFY'S 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AS AMENDED

A motion to adopt Resolution #519, Transportation Conformity Determination for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2018-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and FFY's 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program was made by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Sean Sallie, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #520 – AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2018-2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO REVISE THE NASSAU HUB TRANSIT INITIATIVE

Sean Sallie, representative of Nassau County, explained that resolution amended NYMTC's current Regional Transportation Plan to revise the Nassau Hub Transit Initiative project schedule and budget. He noted that the Nassau Hub Project Initiative was developed over a decade ago to advance and enhance transit accessibility to the Nassau Hub region that centered on the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum site and the surrounding land uses. He said that the project is refined to reflect a full local preferred alternative that would connect at the Coliseum site and the Hub surroundings to the mainline Long Island Railroad branch and the Hempstead Village intermodal center for a cost of approximately \$400 million and 2035 projected completion date. He noted that an Initial Operating Segment (IOS) had been defined as a financially feasible first phase of the locally preferred alternative for near-term implementation which would operate using a battery-electric-powered bus rapid transit service to connect the Village of Hempstead with Roosevelt Field. The total projected capital cost of \$95 million and a projected completion date of 2027.

A motion to adopt Resolution #520, Amendments to the Federal Fiscal Years 2018-2045 Regional Transportation Plan to Revise the Nassau Hub Transit Initiative was made by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Mr. Christopher Chatterton, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #521 – APPENDING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WITH THE EASTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION'S FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

David Drits of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution was to append the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division's current Transportation Improvement Program to NYMTC's current TIP which would bring proposed projects in the metropolitan planning area into compliance.

A motion to adopt Resolution #521, Appending the Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division's FFYs 2021-2024 TIP was made by Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: NEW YORK BEST PRACTICE MODEL BASE YEAR UPDATE

A presentation was given by Lynne Thisse of NYMTC Staff and project consultant, Thomas Rossi of Cambridge Systematics on NYMTC's New York Best Practice Model Base Year Update. The presentation provided updates to the New York Best Practice Model (NYBPM), an activity-based model, that simulates how people travel throughout the region for their daily activities. The NYBPM would provide the reason and the type of transportation people used for their daily trips. In 2020, NYMTC completed updating and enhancing the NYBPM to have a more transparent approach that could be more easily accessed by others.

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The updated NYBPM uses state-of-the-practice travel demand forecasting and modeling methods and incorporated the most recent available data and analytical resources. The presentation can be downloaded from the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

NYMTC's next PFAC Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday June 17, 2021.

G. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Christopher Chatterton, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Stephanie DeLisle, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Ian Francis, New York State Department of Transportation
Sandra Fusco, Putnam County Planning Department
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Department of Planning & Public Transportation
Naomi Klein, Westchester County Department of Public Works & Transportation
Sean Sallie, Nassau County Department of Public Works
Yogesh Sanghvi, New York City Department of Transportation
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

David Behrend, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Hannah Greenburg, US Environment Protection Agency
Gautam Mani, Federal Highway Administration
Daniel Moser, Federal Transit Administration
Jay Shuffield, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

NYMTC Staff and (Contractors*)

Imran Ahmed
Afolabi Aiyedun
Olayinka Alamu*
Seitu Allen
Gerry Bogacz
Joy Britton
Mary Byrne
Michael Chiume
David Drits
Daniel Etkin
Leslie Fordjour

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Marisol Gonzalez
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Chris Hardej
Gauri Jumde *
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OTHERS

Rajat Agarwal, NYSDOT
Seth Berman, NYCDOT
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Thomas Rossi, Cambridge Systematics
Michelle Sabatino, Siciliving
Julia Seltzer, MTA
Abraham Shauli, NYCDOT
David Viana, Nassau County
Neile Weissman

Respectfully Submitted,

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