



**SYNOPSIS OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2023 MEETING OF THE
NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Weiskopf, Secretary to the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) and Director of the Office of Policy, Planning & Performance Division within the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). She completed a roll call of the Council members and declared a quorum under the NYMTC's operating procedures. She then turned the meeting over to NYMTC's Co-Chairs New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner, Marie Therese Dominguez, and New York City Department of City Planning Director, Dan Garodnick.

B. CO-CHAIRS' REMARKS

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez welcomed everyone to the Annual Council Meeting. She said that *Innovative Ideas and New Technologies* was the theme of the meeting and noted that innovations and technological advances were emerging in the transportation sector at a greater pace than any time in the last two decades. She noted that new opportunities had arisen at the federal and state levels and that federal funding had reached historic levels through the bipartisan infrastructure legislation in addition to state infrastructure funding levels. Commissioner Dominguez noted that innovations and technological advances are emerging in the transportation sector quickly and have been carried along by broader social and economic forces that opened up a window to help solve some intractable problems we all face. She welcomed the keynote speaker, Victoria Sheehan, the Executive Director of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine to the meeting and she said she looked forward to hearing Ms. Sheehan's presentation.

New York City Department of City Planning (NYCDP) Director Dan Garodnick welcomed everyone and said he looked forward to hearing the perspectives and insights from the keynote speaker. Director Garodnick pointed out that the Council would be adopting NYMTC's \$62 million Unified Planning Work Program, which would fund NYMTC as an organization and help meet the federal planning requirements. Mr. Garodnick noted that NYCDP would continue to innovate and expand how data was used to understand the changing world and are eager to harness new data to better understand the ebbs and flows of the region through data sharing technological advancement and collaboration. He said that the Council was adopting the UPWP during an exciting time as the entire region took ownership over the housing and mobility needs of the current and future residents, and increased transit-oriented development density near rail stations and other hubs.

C. KEYNOTE SPEAKER –

Victoria Sheehan, Executive Director of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Victoria Sheehan, Executive Director, Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine presented keynote remarks on the research and innovation that can be marshaled to take optimal advantage of the historic investments in the transportation sector

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provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Through innovative approaches and application of new and emerging technologies, transportation agencies and policy makers can maximize this opportunity and provide a safer, greener transportation system that is resilient and provides access to opportunity for all. Ms. Sheehan discussed how the work of the TRB can be leveraged to provide more efficient and effective transportation solutions to make the right investments at the right time.

Commissioner Dominguez underscored the value of TRB and their research on land-use planning, climate resilience, and mobility on demand. She noted that the new technologies and innovative approaches were being tested by some of the jurisdictions on the Council.

Darnell Tyson, Chief Deputy Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, shared that Suffolk County presented their electric vehicle plan for electrifying their transit fleet at a TRB event. He noted that the county would adopt a county-wide strategic highway safety plan, building from Vision Zero which would include mobility and safety of pedestrians and transit users. He welcomed the opportunity to explore the data shared by TRB. He said it was interesting to hear about different initiatives that were underway, such as the idea of electric airplanes.

Michael Shiffer, Senior Vice President for Regional Planning of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority noted that the TRB provided a wealth of knowledgeable information and innovation in transportation. He said that the MTA supported the work that the TRB produced in terms of taking a thoughtful look into mobility in all modes. He noted that the MTA was also interested in the work that's been done by the Transit Cooperative Research Program.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents, said that New York State Department of Transportation has not enforced the guidelines of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. He said that there needed to be consistency in what the drivers see on the road.

Martin Buchman, New York Bicycle Coalition, spoke in support of PIN #001755, Great South Bay Greenway, a multi-use path that would run over the Robert Moses Causeway from Gardiner County Park. He said it would provide a healthy, safe, green transport to the beach and would alleviate traffic during the summer. He noted that the project would link the Suffolk County mainland to the Ocean Parkway Greenway. He noted that presently, Nassau County residents have a bicycle/walkway linkage via Cedar Creek Park and that Suffolk County residents are asking for similar access. He said that he has bipartisan support as well as over 3000 signatures. He proposed a solution of utilizing a current lane on the Robert Moses Causeway that is allocated for emergency evacuation to also be utilized as a bike lane. He is seeking support from the Council.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: OCTOBER 13, 2022 MEETING SYNOPSIS

Director Garodnick referenced the October 13, 2022 meeting synopsis and asked if any of the members had any comments. There were none. Acceptance of the meeting synopsis was moved by Stephen Powers representing Rockland County Executive Edwin Day and seconded by Westchester County Executive George Latimer. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted by the members of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council.

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2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #2023-1 – COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Seitu Allen of NYMTC staff provide an overview of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He described the UPWP as a federal required product which serves as NYMTC's annual budget and defines how NYMTC will use federal transportation planning funds in its planning area. He noted that the total budget for SFY 2023-2024 is approximately \$62 million and that it will support NYMTC staff activities as well as the member agencies' activities. Detailed information on the UPWP can be found on www.NYMTC.org

A motion to adopt Resolution #2023-1, Adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program was made by Darnel Tyson representing Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone and seconded by David Viana representing Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman. There was no discussion. The resolution was passed unanimously.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #2023-2 – RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AS NYMTC CO-CHAIR BY NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING DIRECTOR DAN GARODNICK

Commissioner Dominguez noted that the resolution expressed the members' appreciation to Director Dan Garodnick for his service and guidance as the NYMTC Co-Chair during the 2022-2023 program year.

A motion to adopt Resolution #2023-2, Recognition of Service as NYMTC Co-Chair by NYC Department of City Planning Director Dan Garodnick was made by Westchester County Executive George Latimer and seconded by David Viana representing Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman. There was no discussion. The resolution was passed unanimously.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #2023-3 – RECOGNITION OF SERVICE BY FORMER PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARYELLEN ODELL AS A PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Commissioner Dominguez noted that the resolution expressed the members' appreciation to former Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell for her twelve years of service and guidance as a Principal member of the Council. She said that Ms. Odell served as Co-Chair for consecutive terms and was an active Council member who contributed towards the regional vision to shape the future of Putnam County and the larger metropolitan region.

A motion to adopt Resolution #2023-3, Recognition of Service by Former Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell as a Principal Member of NYMTC was made by Stephen Powers representing Rockland County Executive Edwin Day and seconded by Westchester County Executive George Latimer. There was no discussion. The resolution was passed unanimously.

5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #2023-4 – RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO LYNN WEISKOPF AS NYMTC SECRETARY AND CHAIR OF THE PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (PFAC)

Commissioner Dominguez noted that the resolution expressed the members' appreciation to Lynn Weiskopf in her role in coordination the State's Metropolitan Planning Organization as Council

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Secretary and Chair of the Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC). She noted that after 30 years of service, Lynn will retire from the NYSDOT. Commissioner Dominguez thanked Lynn for all she has done for NYSDOT, the Council and for PFAC.

A motion to adopt Resolution #2023-4, Recognition of Service to Lynn Weiskopf as NYMTC Secretary and Chair of the Program, Finance and Administration Committee was made by Westchester County Executive George Latimer and seconded by Darnel Tyson representing Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone. There was no discussion. The resolution was passed unanimously.

6. CONFIRM: WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE GEORGE LATIMER AS THE INCOMING CO-CHAIR FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2023-2024

Commissioner Dominquez noted that the Council Co-Chair is rotated annually among the three NYMTC Transportation Coordinating Committees. She welcomed Westchester County Executive George Latimer as the incoming NYMTC Co-Chair, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee for the 2023-2024 program year.

F. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Westchester County Executive George Latimer and second by NYC Department of City Planning Director Daniel Garodnick. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Council Principals/Representatives

Darnell Tyson for Steven Bellone, Suffolk County Executive
Marie Therese Dominguez, NYS Department of Transportation (Co-Chair)
Lynn Weiskopf, NYMTC Secretary
Dan Garodnick, NYC Department of City Planning Executive Director (Co-Chair)
George Latimer, Westchester County Executive
Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive
Stephen Powers for Ed Day, Rockland County Executive
Yogesh Sanghvi for Ydanis Rodriguez, NYC Department of Transportation Commissioner
David Viana for Bruce Blakeman, Nassau County Executive
Michael Shiffer for Janno Lieber, Chair & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Advisory (Non-Voting) Principals/Representatives

David Behrend, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Executive Director
Donald Burns for Stephen Goodman, Federal Transit Administration Regional Administrator
Damaris Santiago for Richard Marquis, Federal Highway Administration Division Administrator
Mary K. Murphy for Richard Cotton, Executive Director, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Elizabeth Butler for Lisa Garcia, US Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator
Michael Sheehan for Basil Seggos, New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation Commissioner

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Daniel Etkin	Ali Mohseni
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Leslie Fordjour	Robert Mortell
Merrill Frank	Debra Nelson
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Murray Bodin, Concerned Grandparents
Kyra Brunner, AM M. Slater Office
Martin Buchman
Ray Dwarka, NYCDOT
Eric Flocchini, NYSDOT
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Laura Smith, NYCDOP
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John Tully, Putnam County
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