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Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
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 Planning Director Ian Francis, representing the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and PFAC Chair. He noted that the meeting was being held virtually and in person at the NYMTC offices located at 25 Beaver Street in lower Manhattan. After completing a roll call of the PFAC members, he declared that there was a quorum under NYMTC's Operating Procedures.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adam Levine, NYMTC's Executive Director, reported that the draft 2023 Transportation Conformity Determination was completed and would be voted on for adoption during this meeting. He said that work on the next long range transportation plan, *Moving Forward 2055* was underway and a new website will be rolled out soon, www.movingforward2055.org, where additional information about the outreach effort can be found. He announced that NYMTC will host the inaugural meeting of its Thriving Communities Network with a kickoff webinar scheduled for October 26, 2023. He said that this effort is being organized in coordination with federal partners and will seek to help registered non-governmental organizations learn how to participate in planning processes. He added that with this awareness, these organizations will be able to compete for federal, state, and local transportation funds to advance projects in traditionally underrepresented and disadvantaged communities in the NYMTC region. Executive Director Levine said that several studies were underway such as NYMTC's Regional Waste Movement Study, which would examine transportation issues related to municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris throughout the region. This public workshop is scheduled on November 9, 2023. He noted that NYMTC's Palisades Shared-Use Path feasibility study will examine the possibility of connecting the newly opened North Pathway of the George Washington Bridge with the shared-use path on the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. This study is in its early stages and was requested by the Trust for Public Land. He noted that NYMTC is coordinating with NYSDOT's, Poughkeepsie office to progress a study of the Route 6/202/35/Bear Mountain State Parkway corridor in Northern Westchester County. He said this study, will assess the east-west corridor between the City of Peekskill and the Connecticut state border in light of significant development growth and subsequent increase in traffic and congestion. Mr. Levine also noted that NYMTC traffic microsimulation modeling staff provided assistance to NYSDOT regarding an application to the Mega Grant Program where roughly 10 scenarios concerning a planned Cross Bronx Expressway project to examine various alternatives were modeled. He said that NYMTC will resume its travel survey community of practice meetings this autumn; the Forecast Working Group would also meet this autumn to discuss the socioeconomic and demographic forecast currently ongoing; and that NYMTC staff participated in a workshop hosted by USDOT and the US Department of Commerce with the goal of helping Ukraine rebuild the infrastructure damaged or destroyed during the current war with Russia. He added that NYMTC was one of four agencies asked to participate, joining FHWA, the US Department of Energy and North Carolina DOT in sharing best practices, with NYMTC focusing on coordination among the various stakeholders at the federal, state and local levels. Executive Director Levine talked about how NYMTC staff commemorated the emotional anniversary of September 11, 2001. He noted that approximately 25 current and retired members of the NYMTC family gathered at the 911 Memorial Site to remember Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance and See Wong Shum, reflect and to support one another. On September 13th, this year's recipients of NYMTC's September 11 Memorial Scholarship Program provided presentations during NYMTC's Brown Bag Lunch Session. Andres Castelo Rebeil, Rachel Elmkies, Bradley Hershenson and Jessie Ho shared the exciting research that they recently

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completed. He said he looked forward to hearing much more from them as they advance in their careers. Mr. Levine thanked the NYMTC staff and staff of the member agencies for their hard work, dedication and service to the people of New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley.

C. PRESENTATION – I-495 INTEGRATED CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT – Fred Libove, Manager, Project Development & Sustainability Unit and Geoffrey Rick, Associate Transportation Analyst, NYS Department of Transportation

A presentation was given by Fred Libove, Manager, Project Development & Sustainability and Geoffrey Rick, Associate Transportation Analyst, of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) on its I-495 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) project. ICM projects are designed to make movement of people and goods more efficient through coordinated responses to conditions and events among partnering agencies and across jurisdictions. For this project, NYSDOT is partnering with federal, state, and local agencies, and transit providers to improve congestion, reliability, speed, and safety on I-495 from Northern New Jersey to the border of Queens and Nassau County. The presentation can be found on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: JUNE 15, 2023 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the June 15, 2023 meeting synopsis was made by Craig Lader, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #565 –TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2023-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FFYs 2022-2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AS AMENDED

Mark Maglienti of NYMTC staff introduced the resolution and noted that the 2023 Transportation Conformity Determination was completed in connection with the FFYs 2023-2027 Transportation improvement Program (TIP) and the FFYs 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (Plan), as amended. He said that the transportation conformity determination demonstrates that transportation improvements identified in the TIP and the Plan have met all applicable mobile source emissions tests for pollutants and analysis years as specified in the New York State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality, and therefore conforms to the mobile source emissions milestones or budgets set forth in the SIP and is also in compliance with the federal air quality requirements under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

A motion to adopt Resolution #565, Transportation Conformity Determination for FFYs 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and FFYs 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, was made by Christopher Chatterton, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Yogesh Sanghvi, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #566 – NATIVE NATIONS CONSULTATION PROCEDURES

Gerry Bogacz of NYMTC staff introduced the resolution and noted that under the federal regulations, a metropolitan planning organization needs to appropriately involve tribal governments in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and transportation improvement program. He noted that NYMTC's planning area does include the lands of the Shinnecock Indian Nation which is a federal recognized tribe

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and the Unkechaug Indian Nation which is a New York State recognized tribe. He noted that in response to the requirement, NYMTC has enhanced its outreach to native nations through several means including the designation of a Native Nation Coordinator on NYMTC staff. He noted the federal certification review of NYMTC, that was issued in March 2023, recommended the development of a Native Nations Consultation Plan separate from NYMTC's Public Involvement Plan to enhance coordination with the Native Nations. In response, NYMTC has developed Native Nations Consultation Procedures for PFAC's adoption.

A motion to adopt Resolution #566, Native Nations Consultation Procedures, was made by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Joseph Cuomo, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #567 – AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2022-2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Leslie Fordjour of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution is to update Table 5 of the current Regional Transportation Plan, *Moving Forward*, with new financial information on the Second Avenue – Phase Two project.

A motion to adopt Resolution #567, Amendments to the FFYs 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, was made by Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by John Tully, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #568 – AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Seitu Allen of NYMTC staff said the resolution showed a joint request by Central Staff and the NYSDOT to add a Northern Westchester East-West Corridor study to the UPWP and a request from the NYCDOT and Suffolk County to add planning activities that were initially programmed in last year's program to the current program. He noted that all actions were consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

A motion to adopt Resolution #568, Amendments to the State Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program, was made by Joseph Cuomo, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Craig Lader, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution passed unanimously.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

NYMTC's next PFAC Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday November 16, 2023. Details will be provided two week prior to the meeting date.

G. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee and second by Christopher Chatterton, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

John Tully, Putnam County Planning Department
Christopher Chatterton, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Julia Seltzer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Ian Francis, New York State Department of Transportation
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Department of Planning & Public Transportation
Yogesh Sanghvi, New York City Department of Transportation
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning
Craig Lader, Westchester County Department of Planning
Joseph Cuomo, Nassau County Department of Public Works

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Gautam Mani, Federal Highway Administration
Daniel Moser, Federal Transit Administration
Ted Ritter, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

NYMTC Staff and (Contractors*)

Ali Afshar
Afolabi Aiyedun
Olayinka Alamu *
Leonidas Alexandropoulos
Seitu Allen
Gerry Bogacz
Stephanie Brooks *
Mary Byrne
Michael Chiume
David Drits
Merrill Frank
Maura Fitzpatrick *

Leslie Fordjour
Yevgeniy Galinski
Fidel Garcia *
Niloofar Ghahramani
German Hernandez
Husong Han
Carl King
Kathy Lander
Joomee Lee
Adam Levine
John Lopez
Jack Ma

Mark Maglienti
Amaury Medina-Milford
Ali Mohseni
Larisa Morozovskaya
Robert Mortell
Munnesh Patel
Sandeep Puppala
Manish Shah
Sherry Southe
Lynne Thisse
Rossana Weitekamp

OTHERS

Rajat Agarwal, NYSDOT
Coffy Andrews, NYSDOT
Barbara Barosa, Putnam County
Stephen Bauman, ABT
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Marc-Evens Cadet, ARUP
You-Qun Cao, NYSDOT
Jack Chiang, NYSDOT
Joseph Cuomo, Nassau County
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Sean Moore, NYSDOT
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Thomas Vaughan, NYSDOT
Ilana Wagner, Westchester County
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