

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024
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 Debra Nelson, representing the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and PFAC Chair. She 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, she declared that there was a quorum under NYMTC's Operating Procedures.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NYMTC Executive Director Adam Levine said that the State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program is a federally required statement of work that identified the planning priorities and activities in the NYMTC region and that the draft UPWP was released for a 30-day public comment period. He added that two public webinars to review the draft work program were held. He reported that an overview of the draft work program would be presented later in the meeting and that the Council was scheduled to adopt the UPWP at its Annual Council meeting on February 29. Mr. Levine reported that NYMTC is undertaking a conformity determination in calendar year 2024 to accommodate several amendments to the current FFYs 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and noted that the draft Conformity Determination should be released for public review in April. He said that the development of the NYMTC's next Regional Transportation Plan, "Moving Forward 2055", continues and that the new plan would cover FFYs 2026-2055. The public outreach program for the new Plan has been largely completed and the members' review and consideration of collected public feedback was underway. The new Plan is scheduled to be adopted in September 2025. He reported that the development of the NYMTC's next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) would define federally funded transportation projects proposed for planning, design and implementation in the NYMTC planning area across FFYs 2026-2030. The adoption of the new TIP is scheduled in September 2025. Mr. Levine said that the second Thriving Communities Network meeting held focused on sharing with community leaders and non-governmental organizations the data tools available through NYMTC that could help them in making transportation decisions and applying for federal, state, and local transportation funds. Representatives from North Castle, Mount Pleasant and Valley Stream shared their experiences in preparing for and hosting their workshops, and how those efforts are being translated into transportation improvement plans for their communities.

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Mr. Levine also provided an update on the following:

- NYMTC's Regional Waste Movement Study public workshop was held on December 13 and the technical-advisory committee meeting was held on January 26.
- NYMTC's Palisades Shared-Use Path feasibility study is underway, and the first public workshop is scheduled for March 5. More information can be found at www.palisadespathstudy.com.
- Topics that emerged from public and municipal input and from recommendations of the Regional Transportation Plan include the Northern Westchester East-West Corridors Study, a study on Safety and Security Needs and Technologies for NYMTC's suburban counties, and a Transit Service Coordination Needs Assessment.
- NYMTC's travel demand modeling staff recently provided assistance to NYSDOT to help secure a \$150 million MEGA grant for the Cross Bronx Expressway multimodal community connector roadway.
- NYMTC's travel survey community of practice meetings continue with member agency participation. Mark Seaman and his team from New York City DOT presented on the Citywide Mobility Survey, and Dr. Jimmy Armoogum, affiliated with Universite Gustave Eiffel in France, discussed his work on the Survey Harmonization with New Technologies Improvement (SHANTI) project. The next community of practice meeting is planned for April 2024.
- NYMTC's Brown Bag Luncheon on February 1, 2024 entitled *Suburban Bus Redesign Initiatives* included discussions from our members in Putnam, Suffolk and Westchester counties as they described their UPWP-funded efforts to improve their bus networks. NYMTC Brown Bag events are now attaining A.I.C.P. certification credit, and the events are advertised through the American Planning Association. Virtual attendees have been joining beyond the NYMTC region, including Chicago, Washington, DC and Vermont. Upcoming events will focus on New York State's electric vehicle initiative, the Vision Zero program in Hoboken and freight developments in eastern Pennsylvania.

Adam Levine thanked his staff and the staff of the members agencies for their hard work, dedication and service to the people of New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley.

**C. PRESENTATION
NYMTC'S 2023-2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Seitu Allen of NYMTC staff gave a presentation on NYMTC's draft State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He noted that the federally required UPWP served as NYMTC's annual budget that described how federal transportation planning funds would be used for transportation planning activities in the NYMTC region. He noted that the new UPWP totals \$65 million for transportation-related planning activities to be undertaken by NYMTC staff and its member agencies. He noted that the UPWP was an important part of the core planning process that included the Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Congestion Management Process and Regional Emissions Analysis. The UPWP also provides funds to NYMTC staff and the member agencies for discretionary planning projects. Detailed information on the draft 2024-2025 UPWP can be found at www.NYMTC.org.

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D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no registered speakers.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: NOVEMBER 16, 2023 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the November 16, 2023 Meeting Synopsis was made by Craig Lader, 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 meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #572 – RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR COUNCIL ADOPTION

A motion to adopt Resolution #572, Recommendation of the State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program for Council Adoption, was made by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Yogesh Sanghvi, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #573 – AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2022-2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR A MAJOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

Leslie Fordjour of NYMTC staff said that the resolution would update financial information on the Hudson Tunnel Project in the 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

A motion to adopt Resolution #573, Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan for a Major Metropolitan Transportation Investment was made by Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Craig Lader, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #574 – AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2023-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Yevgeniy Galinski of NYMTC staff said that the resolution would amend the FFYs 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program by including the Hudson Tunnel Project. He noted that fiscal constraint will be maintained with the addition of the project. He noted that the project description had been revised to include additional information regarding the sources of funding and the revision would not alter the scope, schedule or cost of the project.

A motion to adopt Resolution #574, Amendment to the FFYs 2023-2027 Transportation

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Improvement Program was made by Barbara Barosa, 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 resolution unanimously passed.

5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #575 – SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE SAFETY TARGETS UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

John Simpson of NYMTC staff said that the resolution shows NYMTC's support to the 2024 highway safety performance as established in New York State's Highway Safety Improvement Program by programming investments that support the achievement of the targets. He noted that appropriate changes to the FFYs 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and the System Performance section of the FFYs 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan reflect the new targets.

A motion to adopt Resolution #575, Support of New York State Safety Targets Under the Federal Transportation Performance Management Requirements 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.

F. CONFIRMATION OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

NYMTC's Annual Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday February 29, 2024.

G. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

NYMTC's next PFAC Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday April 18, 2024.

H. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joseph Cuomo, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee and second by Barbara Barosa, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Barbara Barosa, Putnam County Planning Department
Christopher Chatterton, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Joseph Cuomo, Nassau County Department of Public Works
Tiana Grimes, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Department of Planning & Public Transportation
Craig Lader, Westchester County Department of Planning
Debra Nelson, New York State Department of Transportation (Chair)
Yogesh Sanghvi, New York City Department of Transportation
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Lily Black, US Environmental Protection Agency
Melissa Hayes, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Gautam Mani, Federal Highway Administration
Daniel Moser, Federal Transit Administration
Jay Shuffield, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

NYMTC Staff and (Contractors*)

Ali Afshar *	Yevgeniy Galinski	Emily McGhee
Afolabi Aiyedun	Fidel Garcia *	Andrea Miles-Cole
Olayinka Alamu *	Niloofar Ghahramani *	Ali Mohseni
Leonidas Alexandropoulos	German Hernandez	Larisa Morozovskaya
Seitu Allen	Husong Han	Robert Mortell
Gerry Bogacz	Carl King	Munnesh Patel
Allyce Braddy	David Lake	Sandeep Puppala *
Stephanie Brooks *	Kathy Lander	Dominique Queenie
Mary Byrne	Joomee Lee	Manish Shah
Michael Chiume	Adam Levine	John Simpson
David Drits	John Lopez	Lynne Thisse
Merrill Frank	Jack Ma	Rossana Weitekamp
Maura Fitzpatrick *	Mark Maglienti	
Leslie Fordjour	Amaury Medina-Milford	

OTHERS

Rajat Agarwal, NYSDOT	Tatyana Golikova, NYSDOT	Jeffrey Otto, NYCDOT
Coffy Andrews, NYSDOT	Tony Goncalves, Lewisboro Supervisor	Joseph Raguzin, Rockland County
Laura Blumenfeld, HDR Inc.	Tiana Grimes, MTA	Geoffrey Rick, NYSDOT
Julia Burgess, MTA	Roshankaur Jethra, MTA	Adeleke Seidi-Gbamuse, NYCDOT
Lisa Cataldo, NYSDOT	Sam Kraus, NYCDOT	Steve Scaduto, NYSDOT
Olga Chernat, MTA	Blanca Lopez, Westchester County	Hiep Tran, USEPA
Lauren Ellmers, Gateway Program	Jonathan Masserano, MTA	Nataliya Zhmievskaya
Tiffany Fuller, NYCDOT		

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