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**Retired NYMTC Assistant Director, Gerry Bogacz, Honored
With President's Award from the National Association of Regional Councils**

NEW YORK, June 19, 2025 -- Gerry Bogacz, retired assistant director of planning and program management for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), was honored with the National Association of Regional Council's President's Award during the organization's annual meeting in early June. Bogacz retired from NYMTC in late May after nearly 30 years of spearheading its transportation planning efforts in New York City, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley.

NARC's President's Award recognizes leadership and excellence in advocating for regional transportation concepts, programs, and solutions - a fine descriptive of Bogacz's work with NYMTC throughout the decades. In 2008, Bogacz officially chartered the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum, an entity of metropolitan transportation organizations which collaborates on such transportation issues as freight, mobility and resilience and spans from central Connecticut through eastern Pennsylvania.

His commitment to ensure that communities of concern are engaged in the transportation planning process led him to create NYMTC's regional Thriving Communities Network (TCN). Through TCN, community organizations now learn about the resources available to participate in regional and local transportation planning and how to apply for funding that supports important community projects and transportation improvements in their area.

In addition to these efforts, Bogacz's full time work at NYMTC encompassed addressing transportation-related issues, developing regional plans and helping make decisions on the use of federal transportation funds for the NYMTC region. NYMTC serves the transportation needs of 13 million people residing in New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley. Between fiscal years 2023-2027, over 1,000 transportation projects will be funded in the NYMTC region totaling \$36.9 billion.

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“While we’ll miss Gerry’s insight, leadership, and good humor, we celebrate all he’s contributed,” said Adam Levine, executive director of NYMTC. “He has consistently and tirelessly contributed to the betterment of transportation and planning in the New York Metropolitan region and is deeply deserving of the President’s Award. On behalf of all of us at NYMTC, I congratulate him and wish him the very best in retirement.”

Bogacz holds a master’s degree in urban planning from New York University and a master’s degree in public affairs from Fordham University. He resides in Riverdale, NY.

ABOUT NYMTC

NYMTC is the federally mandated council of governments that directs the use of billions of dollars in federal transportation funds for New York City, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley. As the area’s ‘Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), NYMTC provides a collaborative planning forum that addresses transportation-related issues and develops regional plans and goals through a shared vision for its regional transportation network. NYMTC has nine voting members and seven advisory members representing 2,440 square miles and serving a population of 13 million – approximately 65% of New York State’s residents. Between fiscal years 2023-2027, over 1,000 transportation projects will be funded in the NYMTC region totaling \$36.9 billion.

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