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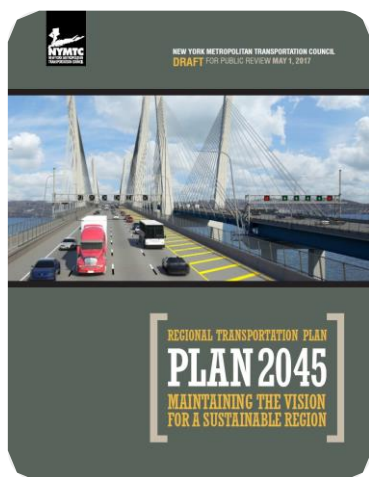
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METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING FORUM TO HOLD SPRING MEETING

The Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum announces its 2017 Spring Meeting will be held at Purdue Pharma Headquarters (201 Tresser Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901) on May 10 at 10:30 am-12:30 pm. The MAP Forum is a consortium of metropolitan planning organizations and councils of government in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the coordination of planning activities in the multi-state metropolitan region.

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NYMTC RELEASES DRAFT OF PLAN 2045 – ITS NEXT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council announces the release of its next Regional Transportation Plan – [Draft Plan 2045](#). NYMTC's new draft Plan lays out the long-range framework for maintaining and improving the region's transportation system. It covers all modes of transportation, including roadways, public transportation, bicycles and pedestrian facilities, goods movement and special needs transportation in New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley. The public comment period on [Draft Plan 2045](#) begins May 1 and ends May 30 at 4 p.m. For more info, see pages 2-3.

NYMTC Council Members:

- Matthew J. Driscoll, NYMTC Co-Chair and Commissioner of New York State Department of Transportation
- MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Executive and NYMTC Co-Chair
- Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner of New York City Department of Transportation
- Marisa Lago, Director of New York City Department of City Planning
- Fernando Ferrer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Acting Chairman and Interim Chief Executive Officer
- Veronique Hakim, Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Interim Chief Executive Officer
- Edward P. Mangano, Nassau County Executive
- Ed Day, Rockland County Executive
- Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive
- Robert Astorino, Westchester County Executive

NYMTC RELEASES DRAFT PLAN 2045 – ITS NEXT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE

NYMTC Announces Public Comment Period and Various Public Review Meetings for Plan 2045

NEW YORK – With a focus on sustainability and innovation for the future of its transportation network, **New York Metropolitan Transportation Council** (NYMTC) Executive Director **José M. Rivera** announced the release of Draft Plan 2045 – the next Regional Transportation Plan for NYMTC’s planning area, which is now available for public review.

Themed “Maintaining the Vision for a Sustainable Region,” Draft Plan 2045 covers overall transportation planning in NYMTC’s planning area over the next quarter century. Plan 2045 builds on the progress made in the past Regional Transportation Plan, Plan 2040, and covers all facets of transportation.

“Plan 2045 is our future roadmap for focused investments in overall infrastructure that will maintain and improve our regional transportation system,” said NYMTC Executive Director Rivera. **“Our next Regional Transportation Plan is the collective vision of the NYMTC Council and our Advisory Members that will achieve sustainability for our transportation network. Plan 2045 covers the long-range goals, objectives and needs for the transportation system that connects us across New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley.”**

The comment period, which begins May 1 and concludes May 30, will offer an opportunity for the public to comment on Draft Plan 2045 and the two

accompanying planning processes that are required to qualify for federal transportation funding. The first, the 2017 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Status Report, forecasts future traffic congestion and considers strategies that reduce overall congestion in the region going forward. Also, the Transportation Conformity Determination quantitatively demonstrates how Plan 2045 and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which helps to define specific transportation projects over a five-year period, can impact future mobile source emissions.

Please click here to review Draft Plan 2045, the 2017 Congestion Management Process Status Report and the Transportation Conformity Determination: <http://bit.ly/2pA73nB>

Also, NYMTC will host 10 public review meetings across its planning area - including Putnam County, Westchester County, New York City, Suffolk County and Nassau County.

For more information on the public comment period and public review meeting schedule, please click here: <http://bit.ly/2pts7Mf>

Draft Plan 2045 will be voted on by members of NYMTC’s Program, Finance, and Administration Committee and Council on June 27 and June 29, respectively.

NYMTC Advisory Members:

- Patrick Foye, Executive Director of Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
- Steven H. Santoro, Executive Director of New Jersey Transit
- Mary K. Murphy, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Executive Director
- Basil Seggos, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner
- Stephen Goodman, Regional Administrator of Federal Transit Administration - Region 2
- Peter Osborn, Division Administrator of Federal Highway Administration - NYS Division
- Catherine McCabe, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Acting Regional Administrator

DRAFT PLAN 2045 PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS PLANNED FOR MAY

Starting May 1, NYMTC will begin accepting input for the [Draft Plan 2045](#)'s mandatory 30-day comment period, which will conclude May 30. This includes a public review period of the Draft Plan 2045, the Congestion Management Process Status Report and the Transportation Conformity Determination.

Lower Hudson Valley	New York City	Long Island
<u>PUTNAM:</u> May 10 th , 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone Park, 1 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512 <u>WESTCHESTER:</u> May 11 th , 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm Westchester County Center 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606	<u>MANHATTAN:</u> May 16 th , 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. NYMTC Office 25 Beaver Street, NY, NY 10004 (These meetings will also be available as webinars) 3:30 p.m. Webinar: http://bit.ly/Plan2045330PM ID: 647 508 216 Password: Plan2045-330 6:30 p.m. Webinar: http://bit.ly/Plan2045630PM ID: 645 463 528 Password: Plan 2045-630	<u>SUFFOLK:</u> May 23 rd , 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Riverhead Legislative Auditorium Suffolk County Legislature Evans K. Griffing Building 300 Center Drive Riverhead, NY 11901 <u>NASSAU:</u> May 24 th , 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Nassau County Legislature Chamber 1550 Franklin Avenue Mineola, NY 11501

To RSVP for in-person meetings, contact Michael Giardina at Michael.Giardina@dot.ny.gov or 212-383-7200. The links in the above table can be used to register for the webinars.

COMMENT SUBMISSION:

Written comments can be sent by mail, fax and e-mail by 4 pm on May 30, 2017. Email comments for the Draft Plan 2045 and CMP can be sent to Jan Khan at Jan.Khan@dot.ny.gov and for the Transportation Conformity Determination to David Drita at David.Drita@dot.ny.gov. Or you can send comments to nymtc-public-info@dot.ny.gov. In the subject line, please indicate: Plan and CMP, or Conformity.

MAIL AND FAX COMMENTS TO:

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Attn: Public Comment Period
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New York, NY 10004
Fax: 212-383-7244

ONLINE: You can also comment online at the NYMTC Engagement Forum "MySidewalk" at:
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NYMTC PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE HEARS MOYNIHAN STATION PRESENTATION



NEW YORK - During its April 20 meeting, members of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's (NYMTC) Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC) heard a special presentation from Michael Evans, president of the Moynihan Station Development Project.

The presentation discussed the future of [Moynihan Station](#) – including upcoming improvement plans to connect the historic James A. Farley Post Office with

Penn Station, one of the busiest transit hubs in the country. The project can be traced back to first conception more than 25 years earlier and is named after late U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick "Pat" Moynihan. It is a multi-phase plan to transform the landmarked Post Office building into the new Manhattan home for Amtrak.

Mr. Evans highlighted to PFAC members and the general public that real construction has already started in creating the great Train Hall. Because Penn Station is currently at full capacity, with over 700,000 plus daily riders and 1,200 trains daily, Mr. Evans noted that "it is the busiest transportation node in the Western Hemisphere," with two of the busiest commuter railroads (Long Island Rail Road and New Jersey Transit) and two of the busiest subway stations.

"What is so incredible about this project is we are going to take 100-year-old infrastructure, a beautiful historic gem and adaptably reuse it to solve a 21st century problem and create a 21st century transportation facility," Mr. Evan said during the April 20 PFAC meeting. He added that this new Farley solution will help to alleviate the congestion at Penn Station and address the incredible surge in growth of the Far West Side of Manhattan.

Other highlights of presentation included:

- **Both Amtrak and LIRR will utilize the Moynihan Station** – including plans by Amtrak to move all passenger facing to the new facility (i.e. ticket information, baggage handling, etc.) that will connect Midtown to the Far West Side.
- The Farley building will **increase concourse space by 50 percent** and increase vertical circulation of passengers.
- **Moynihan Station Project - Phase 1:** Expanded West End Concourse, Vertical Circulation, new entrances/connections.

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- **Moynihan Station Project - Phase 2:** Taking courtyard of original Farley building – initially used for all mail sort of the Post Office building, and build a [three-story atrium space](#) for LIRR and Amtrak. Also, the Grand Train Hall will maintain prior historic trusses and [incorporate a skylight system](#) for added natural light to the transportation facility.
- Projected timeline for the project, valued at appropriately \$1.594 billion, includes an expected completion by 2020.

In other action items, PFAC members [adopted various resolutions](#), which included:

- Amendments to the State Fiscal Years (SFYs) 2016-2018 **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** passed, which included a motion for adjustments to various projects NYMTC staff and its member agencies are currently carrying out in their SFY 2017-2018 UPWP.
- Adopted amendments to **the Vision and Pedestrian Elements-Bicycle Elements of the Fiscal Years 2014-2040** Regional Transportation Plan: adding four project concepts – the Replacement of the Grand Street Bridge over the Newtown Creek; the Arthur E. Sheridan Expressway Enhancement Project; the Expansion of the Weigh-in-Motion Program; and the Expansion of the Clean Vehicle Program will be included to the vision element of [Plan 2040](#), NYMTC's prior regional transportation plan. Also, the South Bronx Greenway along the Bruckner Boulevard project will be added the Pedestrian-Bicycle Element of [Plan 2040](#).
- Adopted resolution for the **Arthur E. Sheridan Expressway**, currently classified as an inter-state, to be classified as a principal arterial roadway due to the fact than an arterial road or arterial thoroughfare is a high-capacity urban road whose primary function is to deliver traffic from collector roads to freeways or expressways.



Also, NYMTC Staff offered a recap of the planned Public Review of *Plan 2045* – Federal regulations require that NYMTC update its regional transportation plan (RTP) every four years. As a result, a new plan is required by Oct. 1 2017. Following the hard work of members and staff, and input from the public, NYMTC is close to having a draft plan to be presented.

“NYMTC’s planning area is slated to grow to 14.3 million by 2045,” said NYMTC Executive Director José M. Rivera. “It is essential that the programs and projects in Plan 2045 continue to move forward in order to maintain our existing infrastructure in a state of good repair and address long-range transportation needs.”

ICYMI: The April 20 PFAC meeting is now available online: <http://bit.ly/2qvrUqi>



The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is a regional council of governments that is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 5 boroughs of New York City, plus Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties.

