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NYMTC Council Members

Voting Members

- Matthew Driscoll, New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner and NYMTC co-chair
- Carl Weisbrod, Chair, New York City Planning Commission and NYMTC co-chair
- Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx to Keynote NYMTC Annual Meeting

March 4, 2016, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, lower Manhattan

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx will be the keynote speaker at NYMTC's 2016 Annual Meeting, which will have as its theme "Making Connections: Investing in Our Region's Future."



Secretary Foxx will discuss the FAST Act and President Obama's budget proposal, followed by a roundtable discussion on leveraging strategic transportation investments to support the region's growth. This will be led by New York State DOT Commissioner Matthew Driscoll. NYMTC's members will then take action to adopt the April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), along with several other actions.

To view the draft UPWP go to <http://www.nymtc.org/aboutupwp.cfm?img=C>

The members will confirm Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell as the new rotating co-chair, replacing New York City Department of City Planning Director Carl Weisbrod, who has served since last March.

This meeting will be webcast and may be viewed through www.nymtc.org. To attend, please RSVP to andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov or call 212.383.7200. Please note that this is a federal facility and stringent security measures, including the use of metal detectors, are in place.

TIP Comment Period Now Open

A public comment period opens Wednesday, February 24, 2016, for proposed amendments to the Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which proposes programming of funding for projects throughout the NYMTC region. This comment period gives the public the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the NYMTC TIP. To download files, go to <http://www.nymtc.org/abouttip-down.cfm>.

Comments should be sent in writing by **4 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016 to: Olu Folarin** at Oluseye.Folarin@dot.ny.gov.



- Thomas Prendergast, Chairman and CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Edward P. Mangano, Nassau County Executive
- MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Executive
- Ed Day, Rockland County Executive
- Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive
- Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive

Advisory Members

- Patrick Foye, Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- Dennis J. Martin, Interim Executive Director, New Jersey Transit
- Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
- Basil Seggos, Acting Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- Marilyn G. Shazor, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region 2
- Peter Osborn, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration

Thank You for Taking Our Survey!

We would like to thank the 850 people who took the time to participate in our Drivers of Change survey!

The results from the survey will help us develop our next Regional Transportation Plan, "Plan 2045." Please watch this video, <http://bit.ly/1oqirxW>, which explains the approach to Plan 2045 and upcoming milestones. It also highlights opportunities for you to get involved in the process.



Federal planning regulations require that a new Regional Transportation Plan be adopted every four years. NYMTC's next plan must be adopted before October 1, 2017 so that New York City, Long Island, and lower Hudson Valley are eligible for federal transportation funding.

For more information on Plan 2045 go to www.nymtc-rtp.org.

NYMTC Tours Second Avenue Subway Site

NYMTC's Interim Executive Director Lisa Daglian and Seitu Allen, a NYMTC transportation analyst, had the opportunity to explore the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)'s Second Avenue Subway while it's under construction.



The Second Avenue Subway will be New York City's first major expansion of the subway system in more than 50 years. When fully completed, the line will stretch 8.5 miles along the length of Manhattan's East Side, from 125th Street in Harlem to Hanover

Square in Lower Manhattan, according to the MTA, one of NYMTC's member organizations.

In addition, a track connection to the existing 63rd Street and Broadway lines will allow a second subway line to provide direct service from East Harlem and the Upper East Side to West Midtown via the Broadway express tracks. To learn more about the Second Avenue Subway visit: <http://bit.ly/1o2GD9S>.



Did You Know?

Did you know that the MTA/NYC Transit subways make more than 5 million trips a month? More facts like these are now available on our website, <http://www.nymtc.org>, in our quarterly report, "Travel Patterns in the New York Metropolitan Area."

Port Authority Launches Freight Initiative Website

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) has announced the website launch of the Goods Movement Action Program (G-MAP), <http://www.regionalgoodsmovement.org/>.

G-MAP is a joint initiative of the New Jersey and New York State Departments of Transportation, the PANYNJ and other regional partners aimed at improving regional freight. To learn more about G-MAP, please send your questions and comments to info@regionalgoodsmovement.org. You may also listen to the PANYNJ's podcast series, "Econ Insight," for more information at <http://bit.ly/1Lu38d3>.



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Regional Establishment Survey is Underway

After taking a short break for the holiday season, the Regional Establishment Survey resumed at the end of January. The focus for the winter months will be on collecting travel information from customers at malls and hotels in the suburban areas of the 28-county study area, which includes New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The data collected thus far has been focused on customers at Manhattan businesses and other central business districts of the study area.



The Regional Establishment Survey will collect travel data from customers and visitors going to and from businesses within the tri-State area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. These data will ultimately be used to help NYMTC understand travel decisions, predict future travel patterns, and evaluate the effectiveness of proposed transportation solutions.

If you have any questions about the Regional Establishment Survey, please call (888) 771-9181 or email Lynne.Thisse@dot.ny.gov. For more information about the survey go to <http://www.nymtc-res.org>.

Hellos...and Goodbye

NYMTC welcomes the following staff members:

- Kimberly Estes, NYMTC Office Assistant
- Bela Shah, Senior. Transportation Analyst, Nassau/Suffolk TCC
- Henry Lam, Transportation Analyst, Nassau/Suffolk TCC
- Imran Ahmed, Transportation Analyst, reassigned from Central Staff to Nassau/Suffolk TCC

We also wish Shalendra Ramadhin all the best in his new position at the state Office of Mental Health.

Remembering Tony Gawrych



NYMTC is deeply saddened by the loss of one of our retired staff members, Anthony Gawrych. Tony began New York State service in 1974 with the Department of Parks & Recreation and moved on to promotional opportunities with other state agencies. He joined NYMTC Staff in July of 1993 as an Administrative Supervisor and progressed to an Associate Transportation Analyst and ultimately our Acting Administrative Director.

Tony retired from NYMTC staff in April of 2014 and joined the staff of the Federal Transit Administration, where for the last two years he worked in the Hurricane Sandy Recovery Office, helping to lead their efforts in strengthening and rebuilding the region after Hurricane Sandy. Sadly, Tony lost his battle with cancer on February 7, 2016. Tony left a very distinct presence wherever he was and will be remembered as a very gentle and respectful person who enjoyed the outdoors and had a deep love for his family. He will also be remembered for his unselfish, heroic acts in assisting staff during the evacuation of NYMTC's Office on the 82nd Floor of the World Trade Center's North Tower on September 11, 2001.