



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 19, 2018

CONTACT:

Mike Giardina, Public Information Officer
212-383-7203 | 917-886-3762 (mobile)
michael.giardina@dot.ny.gov

NYMTC Program, Finance and Administration Committee Hears Presentation on NYCx Climate Action Challenge

Resolutions adopted for new Unified Planning Work Program and recommendation of projects to improve accessibility and mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities



NEW YORK - During its first meeting of 2018, members of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's (NYMTC) Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) heard a special presentation from New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) Deputy Commissioner for Policy Michael Replogle regarding New York City's NYCx Climate Action Challenge.

"The reduction of emissions and dealing with an ever-changing regional transportation system are some of the major goals NYMTC and its members tackle daily," said NYMTC Executive Director José M. Rivera. "As a region, new-age thinking – as outlined in the NYCx Climate Action Challenge – can help us achieve these targets and address future challenges. It is an honor to have Deputy Commissioner Replogle on hand to highlight this new initiative from Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration."



Focused on electric vehicle infrastructure and charging stations, as well as New York City's climate goals, Deputy Commissioner Replogle noted to PFAC members during their January 18 meeting that this new effort involves a collaborative effort in working with civic, industry and tech experts to develop new technologies and reduce greenhouse gases.

"The City has a strong commitment to reduce greenhouse gas goals and climate change poses a huge challenge to our region; we have over 500 miles of coast line in New York City alone," said Deputy

Commissioner Replogle, while noting that Superstorm Sandy exposed "the vulnerabilities that we have here as a city and as a region."

The NYCx Climate Action Challenge calls on the industry to develop and deliver electric vehicle charging hub solutions and accelerate the use of electric vehicles citywide. NYC DOT, the Mayor's Office of the Chief Technology Officer, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and New York City's Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) are leading this effort to replace all gas-powered vehicles in New York City.

"We are calling on the tech industry to develop and deliver creative solutions to scale EV [electric vehicle] charging hubs and to scale the use of EVs [electric vehicles] citywide," Deputy Commissioner Replogle added.

While the challenge concluded its expression of interest on January 15, [interested parties can apply](#) until February 16 – with finalists and winners being announced this spring.

"We know that there is more that we can do," said Deputy Commissioner Replogle.



Click here to download the presentation: [New York City's NYCx Climate Action Challenge](#)

Additionally, the Committee decided to recommend the draft State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program for Council adoption. The UPWP is a guiding document that helps NYMTC and its members to determine how federal funding will be spent each year for planning activities. Also, PFAC recommended projects for funding through the Section 5310 Program – otherwise known as the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Public Transportation grants program.

"NYMTC is happy help and assist its member agencies – who are based in New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley – in gaining access to funding to improve accessibility and mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities," said NYMTC Executive Director Rivera.

PFAC members adopted [various resolutions](#), which included:

- [Recommendation of the Draft State Fiscal Year \(SFY\) 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program for Council Adoption](#); and
- [Supporting Safety Performance Targets Under the Transportation Performance Management Requirements](#); and:
- [Recommendation of Projects to be Funded through the Federal Fiscal Years \(FFYs\) 2016 and 2017 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program](#); and
- [Amendments to the Federal Fiscal Years \(FFYs\) 2018-2045 Regional Transportation Plan \(Plan 2045\) to Maintain Fiscal Constraint](#); and

- [Amendments to the State Fiscal Year \(SFY\) 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\).](#)

Upcoming Meeting: NYMTC's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27 at 11:15 a.m.

Additional photos are available on [NYMTC's Flickr Page.](#)

About the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is a regional council of governments that is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley. NYMTC provides a collaborative planning forum to address transportation-related issues, develop regional plans and make decisions on the use of federal transportation funds for its planning area. NYMTC is comprised of nine voting members and seven advisory members who develop plans, goals and a shared vision for the region's transportation network, which includes a planning area that covers 2,440 square miles and includes a population of 12.4 million, which was approximately 64% of New York State's population, based on the 2010 Census. For more information, please visit www.nymtc.org.