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NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee Approves Amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan (Plan 2045)

Committee hears presentation on Hudson Tunnel Project at Special Meeting



NEW YORK – On August 9, 2018, Members of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's (NYMTC) Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) adopted an amendment to add the remainder of the Hudson Tunnel Project to the fiscally-constrained element of Plan 2045.

"PFAC adopted a portion of this important project as an amendment to its Plan 2045 at the April 12, 2018 meeting. This amendment allows the balance of the Hudson Tunnel Project to be included in the constrained portion of the plan," said NYMTC Executive Director José M. Rivera. PFAC Members heard remarks from the project sponsor, the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. R. J. Palladino, of NJ TRANSIT, presented on the NJ TRANSIT-led environmental review phase of the project.

The Committee then approved an amendment to include the remaining elements of the Hudson Tunnel project in the constrained portion of Plan 2045. These elements consist of:

- Construction of a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River, including railroad infrastructure in New Jersey and New York that will connect the new rail tunnel to the existing Northeast Corridor (NEC);
- Rehabilitation of the existing NEC tunnel beneath the Hudson River, known as the North River Tunnel, following completion of the new tunnel.

When the rehabilitation is complete, both the existing and new tunnels will provide redundant capacity and increased operational flexibility for Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT. Plan 2045 includes programmed projects that are in the Plan's fiscally-constrained element and aspirational projects, proposals and studies that are in the Plan's vision element. The vision element of the Plan includes projects that are conceptual.

Upcoming Meeting: NYMTC's next Program, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 20th**.

Click here to download the presentation: [Hudson Tunnel Project](#)

Click here to view the meeting: [NYMTC's YouTube page](#)

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.