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Calendar of Events

- JARC/New Freedom Workshops
All Workshops will be held in 2 sessions:
- 10:30am – 12:30pm
and 2 – 4pm
Meetings:
1/11 – NYC. 199 Water Street, 22 fl, NYC

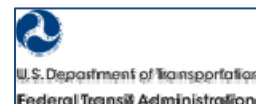
NYMTC Certification Review Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held on NYMTC's next Federal Certification Review on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the New York City Planning Department's Spector Hall, 22 Reade St, in lower Manhattan.

The primary purpose of the certification review is to ensure that the federally-required planning activities in 23 USC §134 and 49 USC §5303 are being satisfactorily implemented by NYMTC. This meeting will be your opportunity to talk directly with staff from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) about the transportation planning process in the NYMTC area.



Federal law requires every urbanized area with a population over 50,000 to have a designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to carry out continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning. NYMTC's current designation covers New York City and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam. In order for transportation providers in these areas – including the state and local governments and public transportation operators – to continue to receive federal transportation funds, FHWA and FTA must certify NYMTC's compliance with the Federal transportation planning regulations not less than once every four years. Previously, NYMTC was certified compliant on January 10, 2007.



Written comments received by February 27, 2010 will also be considered, and may be submitted to either Karen Rosenberger, FHWA – NY Division, New York Metropolitan Office, One Bowling Green, Room 428, New York, NY 10004, or Karen.Rosenberger@dot.gov, or to Darin Allan, FTA – Region 2, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004 or Darin.Allan@dot.gov.

SAVE THE DATE: FTA Deputy Administrator Therese McMillan at January 21 PFAC



FTA Deputy Administrator Therese McMillan will be the special guest speaker at NYMTC's next Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting on January 21, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. Prior to joining the FTA in July 2009, Ms.

(webcast)

- 1/12 –Suffolk County.
Dennison Bldg, 100
Veterans Hwy,
Hauppauge
- 1/14 –Nassau County
Executive & Legislative
Bldg, 1550 Franklin Ave.,
Rm 136, Mineola
- 1/22 –Lower Hudson
Valley
Westchester County
Center, 198 Central
Ave., White Plains
- *****
- 1/20 – Brown Bag Lunch
Presentation:
Westchester County's
Experience with Safe
Routes to School and
Walkable Communities
Programs
- noon
199 Water Street, 22 fl,
NYC. RSVP to Gretchen
Riederer at 212.383.7258
or
griederer@dot.state.ny.us
- 1/20 – APA Webinar:
Performance
Measurement in
Transportation Planning.
4pm – 5:30pm
[http://www.planning.org/
audioconference/series/p
erformance.htm](http://www.planning.org/audioconference/series/performance.htm)
- 1/21 - PFAC Meeting
Featuring FTA Deputy
Administrator Therese
McMillan
- 1:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.
199 Water Street, 22 fl.
NYC. RSVP to Andrea
Miles-Cole at
212.383.7200 or
amilesc@dot.state.ny.us

McMillan was the Deputy Executive Director-Policy at the San Francisco Bay Area region's Metropolitan Transportation Commission. RSVP to Andrea Miles-Cole at amiles-cole@dot.state.ny.us.

Job Access/Reverse Commute & New Freedom Solicitation Opens

Proposals for projects to be considered for funding through the Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs will be accepted by NYMTC through March 12, 2010 for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley. Organizations eligible to propose projects for JARC and New Freedom funding are municipalities, non-profit agencies, and public and private operators of public transportation services, as well as federally-recognized tribal governments.



NYMTC will host a series of workshops in January 2010 to provide guidance to organizations interested in proposing projects (see Calendar of Events for details). Visit www.NYMTC.org for more information on the JARC and New Freedom programs, and to download the project application and guidance package.



Organizations proposing projects should note that these are Federal reimbursement programs. Successful project sponsors are required to pay all project expenses, and then apply for reimbursement. The programs fund up to 80% of capital costs or 50% of operating costs for approved projects, with the remaining match provided by the project sponsors. For more

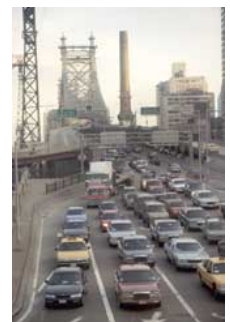
information contact Jaecki Min at 212.383 7248 or JMin@dot.state.ny.us

Public Review Period Open for 2009 Congestion Report

A reminder that a 30-day public review period is currently underway for NYMTC's revised draft 2009 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Status Report. The comment period ends on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 4:00pm for the draft report, which was previously issued in August 2009. The revised draft incorporates updated socio-economic and demographic forecasts (SED) for the NYMTC planning area.

Copies of the revised draft 2009 CMP Status Report can be downloaded from www.NYMTC.org, or requested in printed form by sending an e-mail to lmcauliffe@dot.state.ny.us.

Comments on the revised draft 2009 CMP Status Report can be sent by e-mail to lmcauliffe@dot.state.ny.us, by fax to (212) 383-2418, or by mail to Mr. Larry McAuliffe at: NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Fl. - New York, NY 10038. Comments must be received by 4pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.



2009 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects Now Online

NYMTC announces the availability of the *2009 Annual Listing of Obligated*

- 1/21 – ITE Met Section Past President's Night – for more information on ITE Met Section Events and Schedules go to <http://www.ite-metsection.org/upcoming.htm>
- 1/27 – NYMTC Certification Review Public Meeting
- 6pm – 7:30pm
22 Reade Street, NYC

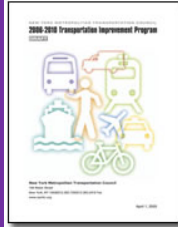
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Projects on its website, www.NYMTC.org. Federal regulations require the publication of an annual listing after the conclusion of each Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) to report on progress in implementing the five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Although the TIP indicates planned funding for improvement projects and establishes eligibility for Federal funding, the obligation of funding for each project effectively "locks in" that funding and leads the way to implementation.



The NYMTC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated every two years. Projects are required to be on the TIP in order to be eligible for Federal funding. The *2009 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects* shows which of these improvement projects have had their funding obligated during FFY 2009.

For more information contact Chris Hardej at 212.383.7253 or CHardej@dot.state.ny.us.

Westchester County's SRTS and Walkable Communities at January 20th Brown Bag

Since 2001, the Westchester County Department of Transportation (WCDOT) has worked with several communities and school districts throughout the county to develop Safe-Routes-to-School (SRTS) and Walkable Communities programs.

The January 20th Brown Bag Lunch presentation will focus on the approach WCDOT has taken to working with communities and school districts, as well as many of the challenges and opportunities to implementing effective programs. The presentation will also highlight accomplishments among various municipalities and school districts to enhance the pedestrian and bicycling environment.

To RSVP contact Gretchen Riederer at 212.383.7258 or GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.



NYSERDA Funding Opportunity for Small NYS Municipalities

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) invites small municipalities in New York State to submit applications for its RFP 10, Implementation Funding for Small Municipalities. Funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) that was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 legislation, RFP 10 will provide small municipalities with funding for energy efficiency upgrades, renewable energy installations, certain transportation system projects, material conservation programs, and energy management personnel and projects. Proposals are due by February 17 at 5:00 pm. The full application can be found at <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/10rfp.asp>.



Eligible proposers are small municipal governments of New York State that did not receive a direct EECBG allocation from the U.S. Department of Energy. Each eligible municipality may receive no more than \$500,000 under this RFP. For general information, please contact Ben Fox, at bf2@nyserda.org or (518) 862-1090 x3444. For information on transportation or planning projects, please contact Adam Ruder, at ar3@nyserda.org or (518) 862-1090 x3411.

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A Major Project Tied to Land Use

Westchester County is paying close attention to the major transportation improvements being considered in the I-287/Tappan Zee Bridge corridor in the lower Hudson Valley. The county is working closely with the study team for the corridor, which is led by the NYS Department of Transportation to plan for future land use patterns that will support the improvements coming out of the planning process.



On December 16th, Bill Brady and Chris Gomez from the Westchester County Planning Department spoke about these efforts at a NYMTC Brown Bag Lunch presentation. With a specific focus on the transit options emerging from the planning process, the County and the study team have been engaging local municipalities in Westchester County's portion of the I-287 corridor to discuss how future land use can work integrally with the transit improvements to maximize their effectiveness. The County Planning Department is using sophisticated planning and visualization software to aid the discussion of alternatives by the municipalities, particularly in areas surrounding possible new transit stations.



Visit the County's BRT website for route alignment and station locations) at www.westchestergov.com/brt and the Westchester 2025 website at www.westchestergov.com/2025

NYMTC 2009 - Year in Review

Two thousand nine was an active, productive and successful year for NYMTC. The Council was busy bringing cutting edge information, planning and outreach to its constituents and members. Here is a look back at some of the significant work carried out by NYMTC over the past year:



- NYMTC's 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan adopted by Council; it includes *A Shared Vision for A Shared Future*, their vision for sustainable regional development over the next 25 years
- Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood speaks on *A Sustainable Regional Future* at the September Council Meeting
- NYMTC takes actions on more than 120 candidate projects totaling nearly \$2 billion in potential ARRA funding
- PFAC speakers include ConnDOT Commissioner Joe Marie; NYCDOT Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy, LIRR President Helena Williams and MTA CEO Lee Sander
- Parking Management Workshops held in five towns
- Coordinated Human Services-Public Transit Plan adopted
- Truck Stop Study released online
- Five years of the September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning completed
- Regional Household Travel Survey begins



We have much more in store for 2010, and look forward to continuing to work together to keep the region moving.