

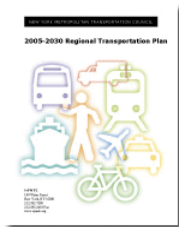
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***Public Review Opens for New Regional Transportation Plan** by Jan Khan

On July 1, a 30-day public review period will open for NYMTC's draft 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan and related Environmental Justice Assessment of the Planning Process. Comments will be accepted through July 31 at 4pm, and public meetings will be held in the lower Hudson Valley, on Long Island and in New York City on July 14, July 15 and July 16 to further solicit feedback (see Calendar of Events for details). These meetings complement the public workshops that were held throughout the NYMTC region in September and October 2008 to gather issues and idea from the public.

The draft Plan will be available for downloading from www.NYMTC.org beginning July 1. Comments may be submitted through 4pm on July 31 to Jan Khan at Jkhan@dot.state.ny.us or faxed to 212.383.2418. NYMTC is expected to act on the Plan in September 2009.



The Plan is the foundation of the regional transportation planning process. It establishes a shared, long-term vision among NYMTC's members for the transportation system serving the New York metropolitan region. It includes the transportation concepts and studies for the region, uses socio-economic and demographic forecasts to identify transportation needs, and establishes a regional framework for future improvements and investments.

Transportation improvements and studies eligible for Federal funding are largely defined through the Plan, which is updated every four years. Its adoption by NYMTC's members is required for NYMTC's region to be eligible for Federal transportation funding. The Environmental Justice assessment examines the transportation planning process in the context of the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Federal Executive Order on Environmental Justice.

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*** Save the Date - Special PFAC**

A special PFAC Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 2 at 1:15pm. Please see www.NYMTC.org, Calendar of Events, for agenda. RSVP to Amiles-cole@dot.state.ny.us

***Holland On the Hudson** by Lisa Daglian

Traffic calming techniques, shared streets, the Dutch bicycle, complete streets, bikestations and public bike sharing are all aspects of the presentation made to NYMTC's June 18 Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) by Paul Steely White, executive director of Transportation Alternatives and his Dutch colleague, Pascal J. W. van den Noort. These transportation concepts, popular in the Netherlands, have a direct relationship to recent developments in New York City. Noting that traffic calming in New York City began as a community-driven technique in the 1990's, White suggested that the City has moved forward ambitiously of late to address issues that have been top of mind in Amsterdam for some time. The presentation was webcast and is available for viewing at www.NYMTC.org, and the presentation itself can be downloaded from [http://www.nymtc.org/download_file.cfm?filename=holland on the hudson.pdf](http://www.nymtc.org/download_file.cfm?filename=holland+on+the+hudson.pdf) and the archived webcast is available through the NYMTC website.

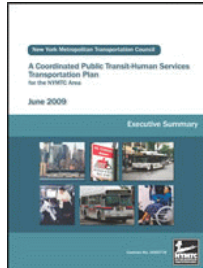


The presentation coincided with the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic sail from Amsterdam on a Dutch East India Company ship, the Halve Maen (Half Moon). Transportation Alternative's mission is to reclaim New York City's streets from the automobile, and to advocate for bicycling, walking and public transit as the best transportation alternatives.

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***Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Plan Approved** by Nancy O'Connell

On June 18, 2009, NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee adopted the new *Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan for the NYMTC Area*. Federal legislation requires that such a plan be in place before services and transportation providers in the region may access specific funding programs offered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that involve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and persons with lower income.



One of the key components of the Coordinated Plan involves improved coordination among service providers to reduce redundancies, while at the same time ensuring that the needs of the target populations are met. It is important to note that the new Plan will be the basis for decision-making on grant applications for transportation services to these three populations. It can be viewed and downloaded at www.NYMTC.org and is also available on a CD or as a hard copy upon request.

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***Brown Bag Presentation: Building a Vision** by Gerry Bogacz

An innovative regional visioning initiative funded by NYMTC was the topic of the June 17th Brown Bag presentation. The Long Island 2035 Regional Visioning Initiative, which has been coordinated through NYMTC and the Long Island Regional Planning Council, has featured a unique approach to capture the input of stakeholders and civic organizations in Nassau and Suffolk counties on how suburban Long Island might choose to grow over the next two decades. The initiative is being undertaken by the University Transportation Research Consortium (UTRC), the Regional Plan Association (RPA), Vision Long Island and Sustainable Long Island, all under contract to NYMTC.



At the June 17th Brown Bag, RPA's Chris Jones and Frank Hebbert presented the results of the initiative to date. They described precedents for this approach to regional visioning as it has been

done in recent years in Chicago, Utah and southern California. Each of these preceding attempts have resulted in regional consensus on a vision for future growth and development..

Drawing from the experiences of these precedents, the project team developed an inclusive, collaborative approach to the Long Island effort and activated numerous stakeholders and local



municipal officials. They also reviewed the variety of local planning and visioning efforts that have been completed or are underway on Long Island, with the intention of incorporating this work to the greatest extent possible.

Once the structure of the initiative was in place, a public workshop was held this past March. The workshop brought together over 100 stakeholders, civic interests and municipal officials and used an innovative "gaming" approach to both gather and focus the input of the participants. The result was the definition of several alternative scenarios for future growth on Long Island, reflecting a diversity of desires and mind sets. Common themes that emerged involved housing, jobs, transportation and open space.

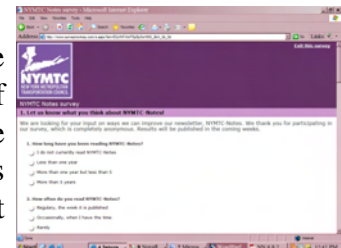
The presentation can be viewed at http://www.nymtc.org/download_file.cfm?filename=NYMTC_June_17_brownbag.ppt and the archived webcast is available through NYMTC's website.

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***The People Have Spoken: NYMTC-Notes to Become a Monthly Newsletter** by Lisa Daglian

The NYMTC-Notes survey results are in – many thanks to all of you who took the survey and provided feedback and recommendations on ways NYMTC-Notes might better meet your needs. Here's what you told us:

The majority of respondents would like to see NYMTC-Notes become a monthly newsletter with a new look. You also asked for updates of events and activities as appropriate. More than half of those who took the survey have been reading NYMTC-Notes for more than one year, but less than five. Almost all of you read it the week it comes out. The vast majority of you receive the newsletter through our email distribution, although a handful read it from the NYMTC website. Quite a large number of you have attended meetings or presentations you learned about through NYMTC-Notes.



The most read topic of article is planning studies, with guest articles and the Data Corner tied for second. Regarding the types of articles you'd like to see more of, consistent themes ran through the responses: transportation issues in the region, state and nation and how they affect the NYMTC area; policy articles with a regional perspectives; guest articles from NYMTC's members; transportation research and initiatives around the region; more articles on planning studies – both in the region and beyond; and more data items and statistical reports.

In response to your feedback, the next NYMTC-Notes will be published on July 15, as a monthly newsletter. Subscribers will also receive an event update between now and then. Over the coming weeks, we will work on giving you more of the articles you want in an easier to read format. We welcome guest submissions - especially events for the calendar, which we will also include on our website. Send articles and events for consideration to Lisa Daglian at Ldaglian@dot.state.ny.us. If you would like to subscribe to NYMTC-Notes, please go to www.NYMTC.org.

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***GPS Technology Improves Household Travel Surveys** by Evan Bialostozky

NYMTC recently completed the final phase of its GPS Pilot Project for travel surveys. This study included a small GPS pilot program to see if the use of this technology was practical in a realistic

travel survey setting. The outcome of the project is that NYMTC's upcoming household travel survey should include GPS samples, as this is both feasible and cost-effective.



For the pilot study, 35 volunteers were recruited to carry a GPS device with them for one weekday, as well as fill out a paper or web survey about their travel that day. Interestingly, a follow-up survey of these volunteers reported much less respondent burden for using the GPS device than for recalling their own travel details from memory. The final report can be downloaded at http://www.NYMTC.org/project/surveys/GPS/052809GPS_PILOT_PIV.pdf. Contact: Evan Bialostozky at 212.383.2517 or Ebialostozky@dot.state.ny.us

*** Look for Transportation Information Gateway RFP by Sal Mamone**

NYMTC anticipates the July 15 release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a consultant to provide professional consulting and planning services to develop and conduct a Transportation Information Gateway. Consultants interested in receiving the RFP should submit a brief Letter of Interest to Ismet Apdiroglu at Iapdiroglu@dot.state.ny.us.

*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

- 7/1 - 7/31/09, Public Review Period Opens for 2010-2035 RTP.
 - 7/2/09, 1:15 pm, Special PFAC meeting. 199 Water Street, 22 floor. Meeting will be webcast on www.NYMTC.org. For security purposes RSVP to Andrea Miles-Cole at Amiles-cole@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.7200. See Calendar of Events on www.NYMTC.org for agenda
 - 7/8/09, 4 pm - 8 pm, Goethals Bridge Formal Public Meeting, Elizabeth City Hall, Elizabeth, NJ. Presentation at 4:30 pm and repeated at 6:30 pm.*
 - 7/9/09, 4 pm - 8 pm, Goethals Bridge Formal Public Meeting, Staten Island Hotel, Staten Island NY. Presentation at 4:30 pm and repeated at 6:30 pm.*
- For more information on these meetings visit www.goethalseis.com/overview/formal_meetings.aspx

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

(all meetings will be held from 3pm - 5pm & 6pm - 8pm):

- 7/14/09, Lower Hudson Valley: Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY
- 7/15/09, Long Island: - Babylon Town Hall, 200 East Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, NY
- 7/16/09* New York City: NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, New York, NY

*Note: 3PM meeting on 7/16/09 will be webcast on www.NYMTC.org.



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