



Executive Meeting of the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) **Meeting Synopsis**

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.
Perry B. Duryea State Office Building
250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge NY
Cafeteria Classroom

1) **Welcome and Roll Call**

Mr. Robert Danielson, Regional Planning and Program Manager for the New York State Department of Transportation, Region 10 and Secretary to the Nassau/Suffolk TCC opened the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Mr. Danielson welcomed everyone and called the roll, affirming that a quorum was present for the meeting. He also indicated that proxies were available for the principles. Mr. Danielson also welcomed NYS Assemblyman Tommy John Schiavoni and the Long Island Contractor's Association Executive Director Marc Herbst to the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Elisa Picca, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning.

2) **Opening Remarks**

Ms. Picca welcomed everyone and noted that it was an honor to represent Suffolk County Executive Edward P. Romaine as chair of the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. Ms. Picca then went on to say it was also an honor personally to be at the meeting as she has participated in three member organizations thorough out her career, first with the Long Island Railroad, then with Nassau County and now with Suffolk County. Ms. Picca went on to say that County Executive Romaine is a great champion of transportation and infrastructure investment and investments in our public transportation systems. Mr. Romaine knows full well and takes every opportunity to count the great needs of our Long Island region. Ms. Picca noted the task of approving the Nassau/Suffolk portion of the FFY26-30 TIP is critical to addressing Long Island's transportation and funding needs. She stated that the TIP is a vital document that defines all our regional federally funded transportation projects that are proposed for planning, design and implementation for a five-year period.

Ms. Picca noted that we must maintain our roadways, our bridges, our rail stations, and our infrastructure to improve the quality of life and the economic outreach of our nation. Investments in our region's transportation system will play a large role in enhancing the mobility, safety, accessibility and sustainability of our region for the 2.8 million people who are residents. Lastly, Ms. Picca noted that while today's proceedings are an important step forward for our regional mobility,

we must remember this is but one step of a larger journey to continue to bring innovation on large scale roadway and public transportation improvements to keep our region strong, vibrant, and running on time.

3) Development of the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Picca introduced Ms. Mary Byrne, N/STCC Staff Director, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. Ms. Byrne provided an overview of the development of the FFYs 2026- 2030 TIP, which is a multi- year, multimodal and fiscally constrained program of transportation improvement projects drawn from the long-range Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Byrne described the purpose of the MPO, its planning area and the membership of NYMTC. The Planning process was described as well as the role of the TIP in the planning process. Funding assumptions for the proposed FFY 2026- 2030 TIP were noted and Federal Funding programs were identified. It was noted that NYMTC's transportation improvement program funding total is \$38.9 billion dollars in year of expenditure (Y.O.E.), and the Long Island portion is \$4.220 billion dollars in year of expenditure (Y.O.E.). The federal portion of the proposed TIP is 58.00%. Ms. Byrne indicated that NYMTC must make the TIP available in an electronically accessible format. A link to a project visualization tool is contained on the NYMTC website as is the full TIP listing. Transportation Performance Management was briefly explained. Finally, the final steps remaining in the adoption of the TIP were noted, specifically the August 21, 2025 Program, Finance and Administration Committee meeting to recommend the draft TIP for Council adoption and the September 5, 2025 Council meeting to adopt the TIP.

4) Highlights of the Nassau/Suffolk Project Listing

Ms. Picca asked the Nassau/ Suffolk TCC members to provide highlights of the projects that were being recommended for inclusion in the proposed FFYs 2026- 2030 project listing. Ms. Picca led off with a few words to give context to Suffolk County. Suffolk County is the 4th largest county in New York State with a population of 1.5 million people. There are some 777,000 people employed in Suffolk County including those who live in the County and those who commute to the county for work. The County measures 87 miles from its western boundary to Montauk Point. Suffolk has unique transportation needs and challenges with both rural and suburban areas, world-class beaches, and institutions. Ms. Picca went on to say that Suffolk County maintains 242 miles of roadway and 110 bridges and has three rail lines. Lastly, Ms. Picca stated that Federal and State partners are necessary to ensure adequate funding for the improvements needed to sustain and grow the county.

Mr. Chris Chatterton, Director of Transportation Operations for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works provided Suffolk County's program highlights. Starting with transit related projects, Suffolk is currently in the final design phase for the NY Route 110 Bus Rapid Transit System and moving into the right-of-way acquisition phase during this upcoming TIP cycle. The project will move into the construction phase in the next TIP cycle. The County has transit and paratransit bus replacement scheduled for each year of the TIP. This includes battery electric and hybrid electric buses for the fleet. On the highway side, Suffolk has congestion reduction and traffic flow improvement projects including design funds to address congestion reduction on CR 97 and projects to improve traffic signal coordination and communication. To maintain the County's bridges in a

state of good repair, Suffolk has construction funds for the Hampton Bays overpass on CR 80 and design funds for several bridge replacements throughout the county. Additionally, the County has paving projects on CR31 and CR38 as well as resurfacing funds for CR58 and CR57.

Mr. Joseph Cuomo, Planner, Nassau County Department of Public Works indicated that Nassau County's program includes over 22 projects worth over \$197M over the 5-year TIP. Programmed projects include \$32.5M in roadway improvements; \$50M in bridge improvements including the Long Beach Bridge rehabilitation; \$62.37M for traffic signal system improvements and upgrades and \$10M for a state-of-the-art Traffic Management Center expansion; as well as \$42.9M in new buses.

Ms. Tiana Grimes, Director of Capital Funding Management, Metropolitan Transportation Authority indicated that The MTA's Long Island Rail Road project listings for the 2026-2030 TIP are derived from the approved MTA 2025-2029 Capital Program. The focus of this capital program is state of good repair. LIRR will be advancing Rolling Stock, Stations, Track, Line Structures, Communications, Signals, Shops & Yards and Power projects, with construction taking place in Nassau and Suffolk Counties and in New York City.

Highlights of LIRR projects included in the 2025 – 2029 Capital Program include Station ADA Improvement projects, which will be combined with Station Renewal efforts or Station Component Repair efforts, to address both station accessibility and state of good repair needs. This program also includes significant investments in bridge painting and waterproofing, along with bridge rehabilitation / replacement. Signal Normal Replacement and Signal System Renewals will modernize LIRR's legacy signal systems, while Substation Replacement and Substation Component Renewal will address aging power substations, many of which have been in service for over 50 years. These investments reflect our ongoing commitment to safety, accessibility and reliability for riders across the Long Island Railroad service area.

Mr. Danielson provided The New York State Department of Transportation, Region 10 highlights. He indicated that NYSDOT maintains over 500 bridges and 2700 lane miles of pavement for the almost three million residents of Nassau and Suffolk counties. He indicated that the NYSDOT's program includes over 95 construction projects that will be worth over \$1.1B over the 5-year TIP. These projects include 25 safety projects, 24 structures projects, 24 pavement projects, and associated other projects which include drainage, mobility and public safety projects.

A break down of the funding for the NYSDOT program includes: \$321M for pavement which includes construction funding and not engineering, right-of-way or operations funding; \$324M for structures; \$165M for safety enhancements; just under \$50M in "other" projects; \$64M plus for drainage; and \$188M in mobility projects.

Significant projects in the NYSDOT five year program include two projects to complete the NY347 corridor reconstruction including a project to reconstruct the segment of NY347 from Mark Tree Road to Old Town Road and a second project to construct an interchange at NY347 and CR97 and reconstruct the segment of NY347 from CR97 to Mark Tree Road; a bridge replacement project on

NY135 over Interstate 495; two large asphalt resurfacing projects on I495 extending from the Queens/ Nassau County line to the Nassau /Suffolk County line; a bridge replacement project on NY454 over the Long Island Rail Road in Suffolk; and an interchange reconstruction project on the Southern Parkway at Exit 13.

5) Public Participation

There were two registered speakers. The first speaker was New York State Assemblyman Tommy John Schiavoni representing the eastern end of Long Island. Assemblyman Schiavoni expressed his appreciation for NYMTC having these public meetings on Long Island. He came to lend his voice in support of the MTA's five-year capital plan, emphasizing its critical role in the economic vitality of New York City and Long Island. He thanked the members for including Long Island projects in the plan, particularly improvements on CR80 in the Hampton Bays area.

Assemblyman Schiavoni highlighted transportation challenges in his district, noting heavy congestion on key roads like Montauk Highway and Sunrise Highway, which handles approximately 68,000 vehicles daily. He thanked County Executive Romaine for his help in addressing the traffic problems and looks to the MTA for their help as well. He also commended the MTA for expanding rail service since 2019, which has contributed to a significant growth in ridership. He closed by recognizing the importance of public meetings and the economic impact of reliable transportation in Suffolk County.

The second speaker was Mr. Marc Herbst, Executive Director of the Long Island Contractors' Association. Mr. Herbst commended the professionals involved in developing the region's transportation improvement plan for their technical expertise and dedication.

With over 40 years in transportation planning and engineering on Long Island, Mr. Herbst emphasized his role in advocating for infrastructure funding and addressing regional needs. He highlighted the association's public outreach efforts, including gathering project input from local elected officials across 13 towns, 2 cities, and 2 counties. The resulting project "wish list" totaled over \$7 billion in potential Long Island improvements, which will be submitted to NYMTC along with a regional map.

Mr. Herbst acknowledged that many of the requested projects are already in the proposed plan but stressed that some critical ones are missing. He voiced concern that projects not included in the TIP are often dismissed as non-viable due to fiscal constraints, which he argues discourages progress.

Mr. Herbst urged the planning professionals to engage with local stakeholders to explore funding solutions for these additional projects and to avoid letting fiscal constraints prevent essential infrastructure development. Herbst closed by thanking the team for their ongoing hard work and dedication.

6) Action Items

a) Accept: September 9, 2022 Meeting Synopsis

The meeting synopsis from the September 9, 2022 Executive Committee meeting was made available on the NYMTC website as well as at the sign-in table at today's meeting. The members were also provided a copy of the last meeting synopsis in their meeting packages. A motion to accept the last meeting synopsis was made by Mr. Robert Danielson, Regional Planning & Program Manager, New York State Department of Transportation, Region 10. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph Cuomo, Planner, Nassau County Department of Public Works. The voting members were in favor. The motion passed.

b) Adopt: Resolution #NS-2025-1 Recommendation of the Nassau/Suffolk Project Listing for Inclusion in the FFYs 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Manish Shah of the NSTCC staff introduced the Resolution. A motion to adopt the Long Island project listing was made by Mr. Joseph Cuomo, Planner, Nassau County Department of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Ms. Olga Chernat, Deputy Chief, Office of Financial Services, Metropolitan Transportation Authority. All voting members voted in favor of adopting the Resolution and the motion passed.

c) Selection of New Nassau/Suffolk TCC Chair

Ms. Picca stated that as per the Joint TCC Operating Procedures the TCC members have unanimously selected Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman as the new Nassau/Suffolk TCC Chair. Mr. Cuomo accepted the position of Chairperson for Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman. On behalf of County Executive Blakeman, Mr. Cuomo thanked NYMTC and the member agencies including NYSDOT, the MTA and Suffolk County for their partnership while working together to build a resilient and reliable region. The County Executive looks forward to working together to increase the efficiency and reliability of our transportation system in the future.

7) New Business

Ms. Picca asked the members if there was any new business to discuss, and none was raised.

8) Adjourn

Ms. Picca asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Ms. Olga Chernat, Deputy Chief, Office of Financial Services, Metropolitan Transportation Authority and seconded by Mr. Joseph Cuomo, Planner, Nassau County Department of Public Works. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:31 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

In person

Adam Levine, NYMTC, Executive Director
Rossana Weitekamp, NYMTC staff
Fidel Garcia, NYMTC staff
Olayinka Alamu, NYMTC staff
Mary Byrne, NYMTC, NSTCC staff
Manish Shah, NYMTC, NSTCC staff
Sherry Southe, NYMTC, NSTCC staff

Emily McGhee, NYMTC, NSTCC staff
Richard Causin, NYSDOT, R-10
Glenn Murrell, NYSDOT, R-10
Stephen Canzoneri, NYSDOT, R-10
Bob Danielson, NYSDOT, R-10
Cheryl Rose, NYSDOT, R-10
Jennifer Obler, NYSDOT, R-10

Patti Castagna, NYSDOT, R-10
Elisa Picca, Suffolk County
Chris Chatterton, Suffolk County
Joe Cuomo, Nassau County

Abraham Mitchel, Nassau County
Tommy John Schiavoni, NYS Assemblyman
Mark Herbst, LICA
Robert S. Murphy, Town of Smithtown Highway

Virtual

Stephanie Brooks, NYMTC staff
Jack Ma, NYMTC staff
Munnesh Patel, NYMTC
Mark Maglienti, MTA
Ali Mohseni, NYMTC staff
Larissa Morozovskaya, NYMTC staff
Leslie Fordjour, NYMTC
Amaury Medina-Milford, NYMTC staff
Michael Chiume, NYMTC staff
David Drits, NYMTC staff
Kathy Lander, NYMTC staff
Joy Britton, NYMTC staff
Sandra Reyes-Guerra, NYMTC staff
Layla Melendez, NYMTC staff

Tiana Grimes, MTA
Olga Chernat, MTA
Adrienne Hollin, MTA
Jacob Balter, MTA
Oluseye Folarin, MTA
Vallon Parsons, MTA
Richard Kaufman IV, MTA
Judith Woodford, NYSDOT, R-10
Brian Kunzig, Town of Hempstead
Jonathan Keyes, Suffolk County
Christopher D'Antonio, Suffolk County
Kimberly Pettit, Suffolk County
Silvio Garcia, Hardesty & Hanover
Phil Healey, Village of Lynbrook