

MEETING SYNOPSIS

NOVEMBER 20, 2025 PROGRAM, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's (NYMTC's) Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting was called to order by Adam Levine, NYMTC Executive Director. He noted that the meeting was being held virtually and in person at the NYMTC offices located at 25 Beaver Street in lower Manhattan. After completing the roll call of the PFAC members, he declared that there was a quorum as per NYMTC's Operating Procedures.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adam Levine, NYMTC's Executive Director provided the following report:

Levine noted that the September Council meeting saw the approval and adoption of NYMTC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as the Regional Transportation Plan and Congestion Management Process Status Report. These federally required plans ensure the continuing improvement and maintenance of our vast and vital transportation network for years to come. Over 900 projects and studies totaling more than \$39 billion are included in the TIP while the Regional Transportation Plan, Moving Forward 2055, embodies the vision of our members and the traveling public.

New York Best Practice Model (NYBPM), NYMTC's activity-based travel model covering the 28-county metropolitan area, will have an update to its 2019 base model soon. The update integrates an upgraded truck model and is very near completion. This version will include previously completed enhancements.

In addition to this work, NYMTC's modeling team met with representatives from the National University of Singapore (NUS) modelling team for a discussion about the NYBPM. We were also happy to be able to provide New York State DOT with additional modelled data to assist in the development of one of their major projects.

The newest addition to that drove of data comes in the form of an interactive dashboard that allows users to visualize county-level socioeconomic and demographic data in the NYMTC region. The dashboard includes data and trends related to population, income, households, employment and other demographic information, and was developed in our technical group: German Hernandez, Jessie Ho, Husong Han and Chester Gross, led by Assistant Director Munnesh Patel. Check it out on nymtc.org.

In September, NYMTC selected six graduate-level students from universities across New York and New Jersey to participate in one-year academic fellowships in transportation planning as part of our September 11 Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning. NYMTC established the program to honor the memory of Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance, and See Wong Shum, the three employees we lost during the World Trade Center attacks in 2001. This program has been called a game-changer by previous graduates, and competition for the fellowships was particularly strong this year, with 8 to 10 times as many applicants as in recent years. NYMTC was pleased and proud to announce this year's recipients:

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- Abigail Alvarez, Master of Science candidate in City and Regional Planning at Rutgers University
- Boshra Khalili, Ph.D. candidate in Civil Engineering, with a focus on Visual Intelligence for Transportation Systems and Smart Cities, at Columbia University
- Megh Bahadur KC, PhD candidate in Civil Engineering at the State University of New York in Buffalo
- Natalie Aramendia, Master of Science candidate in Urban Planning at Columbia University
- Sabah Usami, PhD candidate in Environmental Health Sciences, with a focus on Climate and Health Programs, at Columbia University
- Sri Sai Snigdha Anantharaju, Master of Science candidate in Applied Science and Informatics at New York University

As we said hello to the incoming class of fellowship students, we bade farewell to the Class of 2025 at a Brown Bag webinar on September 10. The students shared the results of their studies, along with their plans for their futures in the transportation field. We are eager to see the tremendous impact they will have, and we look forward to seeing their careers blossom.

We held two additional Brown Bag webinars this season. In October, we heard from Keith Kerman, Deputy Commissioner at the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services, or DCAS, and New York City's Chief Fleet Officer, who gave an overview of DCAS' Safe Fleet Transition Plan, which has led to the installation of more than 100,000 safety improvements to the City's fleet vehicles. Just last week, we heard from Susie Lai, Principal Engineer at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, who gave us an overview of the Newark Airport Station Access Project that will improve connectivity and reduce travel time to the airport for residents of Newark and Elizabeth. Our next webinar will be on December 10, when Tanvi Pandya, Executive Director of Design-Build and Emergency Contracts for the Division of Bridges at New York City DOT, discussing the impacts of the Weigh-in-Motion program being used on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway.

Levine also shared that NYMTC's social media team has been recognized with a Stevie Award for Women in Business. This international award went to the work of Rossana Weitekamp, Maura Fitzpatrick, Stephanie Brooks, Caroline Ibarra and Sheila Enright for your tremendous contributions to our digital engagement.

Levine closed his report thanking the staff at NYMTC and its members for all their hard work.

C: PRESENTATION

Guest speakers from the New York State Department of Transportation's U.S. Route 9 Complete Streets Preliminary Engineering Project presented on a project which enhances U.S. Route 9 pedestrian and bicycle safety and access and connectivity, while ensuring traffic flow and travel times along this key northeast corridor. Speakers included Jenny Baez, P.E., PTOE, NYSDOT Project Manager; Scott Geiger, P.E., WSP Project Manager; Katie Craig P.E., PTOE, WSP, Deputy Project Manager.

D: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one public commenter – Peter McCartt, Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability at the Office of the Westchester County Executive. Mr. McCartt thanked everyone involved in the U.S. Route 9 project, saying it is one of those projects that came from the ground up and it came from volunteers of people who wanted it. He thanked the NYSDOT for taking it to fruition, saying it's exciting for the people that live there, will be an economic boost, and will save lives.

E: ACTION ITEMS

a. ACCEPT: AUGUST 21 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the August 21, 2025, Meeting Synopsis was made by Conor Clark, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Patrick Gerdin of the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

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b. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #605 - AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Resolution #605 was read by Seitu Allen and included two main actions: the first was the addition of the New York City Department of Transportation's 14 Street Vision Plan study; the second was Suffolk County's request to add continuing studies into the work program. Other actions are also included in this resolution. A motion to adopt the recommendation of these amendments was made by Patrick Gerdin of the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Paul Ochoa of the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. Resolution #605

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AND PFAC MEETING

Adam Levine announced that NYMTC's next PFAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

G. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Cuomo, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Craig Lader, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Barbara Barosa, Putnam County Department of Planning, Development & Public Transportation
Chris Chatterton, Suffolk County
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Department of Planning & Public Transportation
Craig Lader, Westchester County Department of Planning
Lisa Cataldo, New York State Department of Transportation
Paul Ochoa, New York City Department of Transportation
Conor Clarke, New York City Department of City Planning
Tiana Grimes, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Joe Cuomo, Nassau County

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Gautam Mani, Federal Highway Administration
Melissa Hayes, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Robert Palladino, New Jersey Transit
Jay Shuffield, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Lily Black, United States Environmental Protection Agency
Dan Moser – Federal Transit Administration
Hiep Tran – Environmental Protection Agency
Robert Bielawa – New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

NYMTC Staff and (Contractors*)

Adam Levine	Fidel Garcia *	Larisa Morozovskaya
Ali Mohseni	German Hernandez	Leo Alexandropoulos
Amaury Medina-Milford	Husong Han	Leslie Fordjour
Allyce Brady	Jack Ma *	Manish Shah
Babatunde Tugbobo	John Simpson	Maniza Pritila
Carl King	Joomee Lee	Mark Maglienti
David Drits	Joy Britton	Mary Byrne
Emily McGhee	Kathy Lander	Maura Fitzpatrick

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Merrill Frank
Mike Chiume
Milton Loperena
Munnesh Patel

Olayinka Alamu *
Robert Mortell
Rossana Weitekamp
Sandeep Puppala *

Sandra Reyes-Guerra
Seitu Allen
Sherry Southe
Stephanie Brooks *

OTHERS

Aaron Washburn – Twin Tier Constructors
Abdel Rahman Salah – NYC DOT
Adeleke Seidi Gbamuse – NYC DOT
Alex Friedman – NYC DOT
Andy Ratzkin – WSP
Anna Fu – Simco Engineering
Arina Plamm – NYC DOT
Austin Jefferson – Streetsblog
Bill LaRose - NYSDOT
Bob Danielson - NYSDOT
2 Unidentified Call-ins
Cheryl Rose - NYSDOT
Christopher D'Antonio – Suffolk County
Daniel Convissor – Bike Tarrytown
David Kim – Village of Tarrytown
David Viana – Empire State Development
Denver Liberty – NYSDOT
Elisa Picca – Suffolk County
Eric Markert – NYSDOT
Erik Koester – NYSDOT
Eric VanDeWall – Rockland County
Estenban Carvajal – NYC DOT
Frank Wefering – GPI
Hussain Abdallah – NYSDOT
Jeffrey Otto - NYC DOT
Jenny Baez – NYSDOT
Jess Hunt – NYSDOT
Jodeci Brown – NYSDOT
Joe Simoes – Town of Clarkstown
Joel Joy – NYSDOT
Jonathan Keyes – Suffolk County
Jorlen Garcia – NYC DOT
Joseph Kelly – NYSDOT
Joseph Raguzin – Rockland County
Julia Seltzer - MTA
Joshua Katz – NYSDOT
Karen Brown – Town of Tarrytown
Karen Tarapata – Village of Upper Nyack
Katie Craig – WSP
Katy Bordonaro
Kendra Armstead – Suffolk County
Kerry Mierzwa – NYSDOT
Lou Martirano – Town of Tarrytown
Mark Jakubiak – NYSDOT

Mark Kruk – NYSDOT
Mary Beth Murphy – Village of Hastings-on-Hudson
Mercy Senger – NYSDOT
Michael Amabile – Creighton Manning
Miriam Hoelscher – Gernatt
Muhammad Amir Siddiqui – Simco Engineering
Natale Cardino – Constar
Nataliya Zhmiyevskaya – NYC DOT
Oliver Ernhofen - WSP
Olu Folarin – MTA
Oscar Pinheiro – NYSDOT
Paige Kehoe – NYSDOT
Pascale Jean-Gilles – NY Assembly
Patti Bourne – City of Long Beach
Peter McCartt – Westchester County
Rajat Agarwal – NYSDOT
Ray Dwarka – NYC DOT
Reda Hanna – NYSDOT
Renee Peters-Smith – NYC DOT
Rolando Tomas Infante – NYSDOT
Ryan Karpisz – NYSDOT
Sam Kraus – NYC DOT
Sarah Neilson - NYC Parks
Scott Geiger – WSP
Sean Bennett – Putnam County
Sean Moore – NYSDOT
Seth Berman – NYC DOT
Sproule Love
Stephanie Lewison – NYSDOT
Steve Scaduto – NYSDOT
Tiffany Duran – NYC DOT
Tito Davila - Senator Harckham
Valerie Patrick – NYSDOT
Vallon Parsons - MTA
Vanessa Blake – NYC DOT
Verenice Torres – NYSDOT
Vincent Marciano – NYC DOT
Will Harlow
Yala Bolotina – NYC DOT
Alan Golds
Alyssa Jacobs – New York Assembly
Trevor Coye – NYSDOT
Uchenna Madu – NYSDOT

Respectfully Submitted,
Rossana Weitekamp
Public Information Officer
NYMTC