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## NYMTC HOSTS 2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR STUDY OF REGIONAL WASTE MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 8, 2024 – The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council ([NYMTC](#)) held its second public workshop to gather input for its Regional Waste Movement Study - a multi-state, NYMTC-funded examination of the needs and opportunities associated with the movement of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris. The Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> workshop was held virtually and was open to the interested public across the multi-state New York City metropolitan region.

The Regional Waste Movement Study is being undertaken on behalf of the [MAP \(Metropolitan Area Planning\) Forum](#), a consortium of ten metropolitan planning organizations and councils of government -- including NYMTC -- from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. The study seeks to review and synthesize all waste-related programs and other studies as it conducts an examination into active and relevant federal, state, and local legislation. Concurrently, it will document all waste movement and district disposal systems while forecasting future waste movement needs and opportunities. The project is scheduled for completion by November 2024.

The study's Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> workshop encompassed a roundtable discussion and study overview presented by Adam S. Levine, NYMTC executive director; Gerry Bogacz, NYMTC assistant director and study project manager; and Tyler Oathes, assistant professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rutgers University. This was followed by an interactive session, where environmental justice, reducing the amount of waste; decarbonizing transport; toxic chemical transport; keeping waste export inexpensive; aerobic composting, and waste movement's impact on roads were among the top concerns of attendees. The full workshop is available for viewing here: [Regional Waste Movement Study – Public Workshop](#).

"It's vitally important that these issues are well thought out and that we receive public opinion on how waste moves through and beyond our region," said Adam S. Levine, executive director of NYMTC. "The attendees at our session were passionate and well informed, and we look forward to continuing the conversation as our study progresses."

The next public workshop for the Regional Waste Movement Study will be announced in early 2024.

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**ABOUT NYMTC:**

NYMTC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley which 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. Its planning area covers 2,440 square miles and a 2020 population of 13.17 million, approximately 65% of New York State's residents. Between fiscal years 2023-2027, over 1,000 transportation projects will be funded in the NYMTC region totaling \$36.9 billion.

**ABOUT THE MAP FORUM:**

The MAP Forum was created in 2008 to enhance planning activities across jurisdictional boundaries in the multi-state region. It is one of the nation's largest commuter shed areas and a key part of the Northeast Megaregion.

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