



PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (PFAC)

RESOLUTION #508

MINOR AMENDMENT TO NYMTC'S 2019 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the federal metropolitan planning regulations 23 CFR 450.316(a)(1), each MPO is required to develop and employ a detailed Public Involvement Plan and must periodically review the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan to ensure a full and open participation process; and

WHEREAS, NYMTC's current Public Involvement Plan was adopted by PFAC on May 16, 2019 and is guided by specific public involvement goals and presents outreach practices and enhanced strategies to accomplish those goals; and

WHEREAS, the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated use of virtual, online public outreach webinars, webcasts and surveys as primary mechanisms for NYMTC's public outreach during the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the continued evolution of online platforms for virtual public outreach will provide new opportunities for NYMTC to expand the reach and accessibility of its public outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, these emerging needs and opportunities should be better reflected in the NYMTC Public Involvement Plan as described in the attachment to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that PFAC adopts a minor amendment to NYMTC's 2019 Public Involvement Plan as described in the attachment to this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect on the sixteenth day of July two thousand and twenty.

ADOPTED: July 16, 2020

"I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of Resolution #508, Minor Amendment to NYMTC's 2019 Public Involvement Plan, and was motioned by Mr. Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Mr. Christopher Chatterton, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. This Resolution was adopted and passed unanimously."

Ron Epstein, PFAC Chair

Resolution #508 - Attachment 1

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Amendment to Strategy 1(b) - Accessibility

The following statement in strategy 1(b) –

Whenever possible, webcasting and/or webinars are also used to further expand reach.

Will be amended as follows --

To increase the reach of NYMTC's public outreach efforts over its large planning area, online virtual webinars, webcasts and surveys will be used. In emergency situations when in-person meetings and events are not possible or practicable, virtual techniques will take precedence.

There will be flexibility in selecting online, in-person, or combination of based on the context of the setting and/or audience in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the overall public outreach program. NYMTC will make every effort to ensure that people and groups are not disadvantaged by their level of access to online outreach platforms.