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NYMTC Hosts Public Comment Periods, Educational Webinars, and Presentations for its Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

UPWP defines planning activities and related federal planning funding for State Fiscal Year 2025-2026

NEW YORK, January 28, 2025 – The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) will host two public webinars, a comment period and two presentations to educate and inform the public on its [draft Unified Planning Work Program](#) (UPWP). The UPWP, drafted annually, defines planning priorities in NYMTC's 10-county planning area and describes all federally funded transportation activities anticipated within each program year.

From Jan. 3 through Feb. 3, NYMTC's [draft State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 UPWP](#) is open for public commentary on the NYMTC website. Additionally, NYMTC will host two webinars to provide an overview of the draft work program on Thursday, Jan. 30 at [3 p.m.](#) and again at [6 p.m.](#) Lastly, two public presentations discussing the UPWP will be given by NYMTC in February: once during the Feb. 13 Program, Finance and Administration Committee meeting at 11:30 am and once during NYMTC's Annual Council Meeting, which will be held in person at the U.S. Custom House at 11:15 am. Check nymtc.org for additional information.

A few of the many studies in the draft State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 UPWP include:

*** Nassau County Lido Beach Multi-Use Trail Planning Study:**

Designing a 2.7-mile multi-use trail on Lido Boulevard to bridge infrastructure gaps and enhance safety for cyclists and pedestrians on Long Beach Barrier Island.

*** Rockland County Clarkstown Safety and Sustainability Study for Route 303 & Route 304:**

Studying Routes 303 & 304 in Clarkstown to address safety concerns and enhance bike, pedestrian, and transit access.

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*** Northern Westchester East-West Corridor Study:**

Evaluating multimodal transportation improvements along Bear Mountain Parkway, Route 6, and Route 35.

*** Palisades Shared Use Path Feasibility Study:**

Exploring the feasibility of a Shared Use Path connecting the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge SUP to the George Washington Bridge, enhancing access for cyclists, walkers, and hikers along the Hudson River.

*** Coney Island Alternative Access – Congestion Study:**

Tackling congestion and enhancing safety with a multimodal approach to support the area’s revitalization.

*** York Avenue Transportation Study:**

Developing strategies to reduce congestion, improve safety, and enhance mobility near York Avenue and the FDR Drive in Manhattan.

“The UPWP is a federally required planning product that helps shape the mobility, sustainability, and connectivity of transportation in our region through the planning studies it supports,” said Adam S. Levine, executive director of NYMTC. “We look forward to public reviews and comments on the draft work program to help improve the work of the agency.”

ABOUT NYMTC:

NYMTC is the federally mandated council of governments that directs the use of billions of dollars in federal transportation funds for New York City, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley. As the area’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), NYMTC provides a collaborative planning forum that addresses transportation-related issues and develops regional plans and goals through a shared vision for its regional transportation network. NYMTC has nine voting members and seven advisory members representing 2,440 square miles and serving a population of 13 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.

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