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Executive Director

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 15, 2023
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 Ian Francis, representing the New York State Department of Transportation and PFAC Chair. 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 a roll call of the PFAC members, he declared that there was a quorum under NYMTC's Operating Procedures.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adam Levine, NYMTC's Executive Director reported that community planning workshops were held in Mount Pleasant, Westchester County and in Carmel, Putnam County. He said that the workshops were successful in bringing together community members, local officials to focus on specific transportation opportunities and challenges in these towns. He said that community workshops for Cold Spring, Putnam County and Valley Stream, Nassau County were in the planning phase. He noted that NYMTC's regional long-range plan, Plan 2055, was underway and the outreach plan would include in-person and virtual events. He reported that updates to NYMTC's Best Practice Model were complete and that the model would be used to complete a new Transportation Conformity Determination by August 2023. He reported that on June 2nd, the Spring Meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum was held virtually. Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto provided opening remarks and attendees were informed about community initiatives and were provided updates from various transportation working groups and committees. On May 3rd, the Metropolitan Mobility Network hosted a public meeting that featured a presentation titled, "Mileage-Based User Fees" from Virginia Smith Reeder of the Eastern Transportation Coalition. Mr. Levine announced that NYMTC's next Brown Bag Virtual Lunch, scheduled on June 29, 2023, will host a presentation from Joy Gardner, Executive Director of Empire Clean Cities and Rita Ebert, Coalition Director of the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition. Presentation participants will be eligible for one certification maintenance credit from the American Planning Association. Additional information on all activities can be found on www.NYMTC.org and its social media outlets. Mr. Levine wished former NYMTC staff employee Leokadia Glogowski, who retired on May 30 after 30 years of service a happy retirement.

C. PRESENTATION –

GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE PEDESTRAIN AND CYCLIST IMPROVEMENTS

- Alexander Levi, AIA NCARB, Principal Architect at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

Jay Shuffield of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ) provided an overview of the regional significant, \$2 billion, authority funded George Washington Bridge project. The George Washington Bridge is a double-decked suspension bridge that spans the Hudson River and connects Fort Lee in Bergen County, New Jersey with Manhattan in New York City. Mr. Shuffield noted that physical improvements were needed and that the PANYNJ invested significantly in concrete and infrastructure. Mr. Shuffield introduced Alexander Levi, AIA NCARB, Principal Architect at the PANYNJ to give the presentation titled "George Washington Bridge Pedestrian and Cyclist Improvements". The presentation featured work that is underway by the PANYNJ to add safety improvements to the north and south shared use paths on the George Washington Bridge and to improve accessibility by replacing stairs with ramps. Although the century-old bridge has always included walk and bicycle paths, access to them was a challenge due to the height of the bridge and its short approaches. The

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project addresses these issues and has improved walk and bicycle paths by including viewing stands. The north path opened in February 2023 and work continues on the south path. The project is expected to be completed by 2027.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Neile Weissman of Complete George provided prepared remarks accessible on the following two links below:
<https://tinyurl.com/yeyu5b2s>
<https://tinyurl.com/559bcryz>

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: APRIL 20, 2023 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the April 20, 2023 meeting synopsis was made by Kelly Sheehan, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by David Viana, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. REPORT: RESOLUTION #560 – DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2023 FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING

As per NYMTC's Operating Procedures, Ian Francis, PFAC Chair, reported that on May 15, 2023, the voting members of PFAC adopted Resolution #560, Distribution of Federal Fiscal Years 2023 Federal Transit Funding that made funds available to the designated recipients of federal transit funding in its planning area in a timely manner consistent with the requirements of federal authorizing legislation. He noted that there was a need to accelerate the transit funding to the transit providers in NYMTC's planning area and therefore, the PFAC members voted on Resolution #560 by mail ballot and was unanimously passed.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #561 – AMENDMENT TO THE RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADDENDUM TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2022-2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Gerry Bogacz of NYMTC staff noted that the Resilience Improvement Plan Addendum to the Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan was adopted by PFAC on April 20, 2023 and was incorporated into the metropolitan transportation plan which amends the listing of resilience-specific and resilience-related projects in the adopted Resilience Improvement Plan Addendum.

A motion to adopt Resolution #561, Amendment to the Resilience Improvement Plan Addendum to the FFYs 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, was made by Christopher Chatterton, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Yogesh Sanghvi, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #562 – AMENDMENT TO THE MAJOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS SECTION OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2022-2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Larisa Morozovskaya of NYMTC Staff noted that Cross Bronx Expressway bridges and the Van Wyck Expressway Viaduct projects would be added to the Appendix A, Major Metropolitan Transportation investments, NYMTC's Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, entitled *Moving Forward*. The projects are fiscally constrained within the long-range System Preservation forecast in chapter 5 of *Moving Forward*.

A motion to adopt Resolution #562, Amendments to the Major Metropolitan Transportation Investments Section of the Federal Years 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, was made by Patrick Gerdin,

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representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Christopher Chatterton, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #563 – SUPPORT OF STATEWIDE TARGETS UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT

John Simpson of NYMTC staff noted the purpose of Resolution #563 is to commit NYMTC to programming projects which support statewide performance targets established in December 2022.

A motion to adopt Resolution #563, Support of Statewide Targets Under the Federal Transportation Performance Management Requirements, was made by Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Barbara Barosa, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution passed unanimously.

6. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #564 – AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2023-2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Seitu Allen of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of this resolution is to add the awarded Federal Highway Administration bridge investment program planning grant for New York City's East River Bridges Capital Program Development into the SFY 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program.

A motion to adopt Resolution #564, Amendments to the State Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program, was made by David Viana, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution passed unanimously.

E. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

NYMTC's next PFAC Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday September 21, 2023. Details will be provided two week prior to the meeting date.

G. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Schmidt, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee and second by Kelly Sheehan, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Barbara Barosa, Putnam County Planning Department
Christopher Chatterton, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Stephanie DeLisle, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Ian Francis, New York State Department of Transportation
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Department of Planning & Public Transportation
Yogesh Sanghvi, New York City Department of Transportation
Jack Schmidt, New York City Department of City Planning
Kelly Sheehan, Westchester County Department of Planning
David Viana, Nassau County Department of Public Works

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Lily Black, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Johnathan Binder, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Gautam Mani, Federal Highway Administration
Ted Ritter, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Jay Shuffield, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

NYMTC Staff and (Contractors*)

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Seitu Allen
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Stephanie Brooks *
Mary Byrne
Michael Chiume
David Drita
Merrill Frank

Maura Fitzpatrick *
Yevgeniy Galinski
Fidel Garcia *
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Alexander Levi, PANYNJ
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Emily Provonsha, MTA

Joseph Raguzin, Rockland County
Geoffrey Rick, NYSDOT
Julia Seltzer, MTA
Renee Smith, NYCDOT
Neile Weissman, Complete George
Chris Wichman, Airsage