

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 20, 2024
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 a roll call of the PFAC members, he declared that there was a quorum under NYMTC's Operating Procedures.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NYMTC's Executive Director reported the following:

The development of NYMTC's next Regional Transportation Plan, Moving Forward 2055, covering FFYs 2025-2055, continued to make progress. Four topical workshops were held and gathered feedback on Human Services Transportation, Safety & Micro Mobility, Alternative Energy Sources, and Curb & Parking Management. The last topical workshop will take place on June 25 on the subject of Transportation & Technology.

The process of the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program continues, and draft project lists are being assembled.

A full Survey Community of Practice (CoP) meeting was held that included a presentation on the MTA's Customers Count survey and an update from New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) on their 2024 Citywide Mobility Survey. The AVAIL team from SUNY Albany gave a presentation to introduce the group to the draft guiding principles for survey development; the mission and vision for the group; and the process for introducing new or updated survey concepts. The draft guidelines have been distributed to the CoP members for their review and input.

The New York Best Practice Model (NYBPM) enhancements to the 2019 base year model continues, with part 1 of the enhancements, (improvements to the model's bus & highway speed methodologies), to be completed by the end of the summer. Work began on the update of the NYBPM truck model component. NYMTC staff continue to support agency members' efforts to apply for federal grants, most recently working with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Region 8 to provide analytical support on a possible grant application for a project along Route 9 in Westchester County.

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Community Planning Workshops was held in the Village of Cold Spring on April 29. The survey and workshop were well received, with approximately 150 responses to the proposals floated by the Village and Putnam County for the public's consideration on a variety of issues, including parking, traffic calming, and transit. NYMTC's report with recommendations should be completed late summer.

The Spring Meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum was held on June 13. The MAP Forum is a consortium of 10 metropolitan planning organizations that stretches from eastern Pennsylvania to central Connecticut. The meeting included a presentation from the City of New Haven on Overcoming Barriers to Neighborhood Connectivity. Updates were given on studies underway by the MAP Forum members, including the Regional Waste Movement Study in progress here at NYMTC; a Regional Land-Use Data study being done by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA); and a Resilience Working Group Data effort taking place at the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments.

A MAP Forum event was held on May 14. The Metropolitan Mobility Network focused on issues of mobility across the quad-state area and presented efforts that were underway in New York and New Jersey on Integrated Corridor Management. NYSDOT discussed the work being done on the I-287/Cross Westchester Expressway corridor, and the New York Portion of the I-495 corridor. NJTPA gave updates on the New Jersey portion of that same I-495 corridor. Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration the US Environmental Protection Agency gave the federal perspective on mobility aspects of both the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act.

NYMTC recently hosted two brown bag events. On May 16, the City of Hoboken presented its implementation of a Vision Zero program, which garnered national attention for its success at improving safety in the Mile Square City. On June 12, the subject was Eastern Pennsylvania Freight Developments, and attendees heard about the transformation underway in the Lehigh Valley that is accompanying the tremendous growth in freight movement in the NYMTC area and throughout the country. The next scheduled brown bag event is planned for September 26, with a presentation from New York City Department of City Planning.

On June 5, NYMTC hosted a representative from the Jerusalem Metropolitan Network of Mobility to discuss modeling and forecasting. The representative was impressed at the openness with which federal, state and local agencies in our country and the NYMTC region share data and would share lessons learned to their team.

Adam thanked the NYMTC staff and agency members for their dedication and service to the people of New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley.

C. PRESENTATION

BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH DRIVING PROGRESS – Eric Teoh, Director of Statistical Services, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

Eric Teoh, Director of Statistical Services, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave a presentation titled, *Behavioral Research Driving Progress*, that reviewed the organization's efforts to reduce

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deaths, injuries, and property damage from motor vehicle crashes through research, evaluation and crash avoidance technologies such as automatic emergency braking, lane departure warning, blind spot detection, and rearview cameras. Using crash avoidance technologies have lowered vehicle crash rates. The presentation can be found at www.NYMTC.org.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no registered speakers.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: APRIL 18, 2024 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the April 18, 2024 Meeting Synopsis was made by Craig Lader, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Joseph Cuomo, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The meeting synopsis was unanimously accepted.

2. REPORT: RESOLUTION #579 – SELECTION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2022, 2023, AND 2024 SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS & INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

Adam Levine reported that on May 8, 2024, the voting members of PFAC unanimously adopted by mail ballot Resolution #579, Selection of Project proposals to be Funded Through the Federal Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program. He noted that NYMTC's Operating Procedures allow for PFAC action by mail ballot and require that action by mail ballot to be reported publicly during the next scheduled meeting.

3. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #580 – TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2023-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE FFYs 2022-2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AS AMENDED

Mark Maglienti of NYMTC said the purpose of the resolution is to adopt NYMTC's calendar year 2024 Transportation Conformity Determination. He noted that as per federal requirements under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, NYMTC's Transportation Conformity Determination demonstrates that the transportation improvements projects identified in the FFYs 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and the FFYs 2022-2055 Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, do not exceed the motor vehicle emissions budgets for future milestone years as specified in the New York State Implementation Plan for air quality and therefore conform to that plan. He noted that the addition of a brief Preface to the document to address the recent indefinite pause of the Central Business District Tolling Program that that New York State Governor Hochul announced on June 5, 2024. The Preface notes that in coordination with the Interagency Consultation Group, an evaluation was conducted to identify any potential regulatory implications due to the pause. At that time, the federal oversight agencies have confirmed that the conformity determination meets the requirements specified in 40 CFR Section 93.110 for the use of the planning assumptions. For the next transportation conformity determination during the 1st

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quarter of calendar year 2025, the planning assumptions will be revisited as part of that regional emissions analysis and will reflect the status of the Central Business District Tolling Program at that time.

A motion to adopt Resolution #580, Transportation Conformity Determination for the FFYs 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and the FFYs 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan As Amended, was made by Yogesh Sanghvi, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Joseph Cuomo, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

4. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #581 – AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2022-2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO ADD THE INTERBOROUGH EXPRESS PROJECT AS A MAJOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

Tiana Grimes of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority explained that the resolution would amend the Interborough Express Project into NYMTC's "Moving Forward" fiscally constrained long-range plan. She noted that the amendment is critical for aligning the project with the MTA's long-term planning framework and ensuring it is incorporated into its financial planning processes.

A motion to adopt Resolution #581, Transportation Conformity Determination for the FFYs 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan to Add the Interborough Express Project as a Major Metropolitan Transportation Investment, was made by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Yogesh Sanghvi, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

5. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #582 – AMENDMENT TO THE FFYs 2023-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE INTERBOROUGH EXPRESS PROJECT

Tiana Grimes of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority noted that the resolution amends the Interborough Express Project into the Transportation Improvement Program which is necessary for securing the funding and moving the project forward through the various stages of development and implementation. The amendments are critical for the progress of the project.

A motion to adopt Resolution #582, Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to Include the Interborough Express Project was made by Joseph Cuomo, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Craig Lader, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

6. ADOPT: RESOLUTION #583 – ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SOCIOECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC FORECASTS

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Mark Maglienti of NYMTC staff said that the purpose of the resolution adjusts 2055 Socioeconomic and Demographic forecasts. The adjustment methodology and results were reviewed and evaluated by members of the Forecasting Working Group who have agreed and recommended the county level for employment and population through horizon year 2055.

A motion to adopt Resolution #583, Adjustments to the Socioeconomic Demographic Forecasts was made by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee, and seconded by Yogesh Sanghvi, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. There was no discussion. The resolution unanimously passed.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

NYMTC's next PFAC Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday September 19, 2024.

H. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joseph Cuomo, representing the Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee and second by Patrick Gerdin, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Adam Levine, NYMTC Executive Director (Acting Chair)

Voting Members/Alternatives

Barbara Barosa, Putnam County Planning Department
Lisa Cataldo, New York State Department of Transportation
Christopher Chatterton, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Joseph Cuomo, Nassau County Department of Public Works
Tiana Grimes, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Department of Planning & Public Transportation
Craig Lader, Westchester County Department of Planning
Yogesh Sanghvi, New York City Department of Transportation

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Lily Black, US Environmental Protection Agency
Gautam Mani, Federal Highway Administration
Ryan McGarry, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Daniel Moser, Federal Transit Administration
Ted Ritter, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Jay Shuffield, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

NYMTC Staff and (Contractors*)

Ali Afshar *	Yevgeniy Galinski	Arin Melikian *
Afolabi Aiyedun	Fidel Garcia *	Ali Mohseni
Olayinka Alamu *	Niloofar Ghahramani *	Larisa Morozovskaya
Leonidas Alexandropoulos	Chester Gross	Robert Mortell
Seitu Allen	German Hernandez	Munnesh Patel
Gerry Bogacz	Husong Han	Kwei Pinger
Allyce Braddy	Carl King	Sandeep Puppala *
Stephanie Brooks *	Kathy Lander	Dominique Queenie
Mary Byrne	John Lopez	Manish Shah
Michael Chiume	Jack Ma	Nam Ta
David Drits	Mark Maglienti	Lynne Thisse
Merrill Frank	Amaury Medina-Milford	Rossana Weitekamp
Maura Fitzpatrick *	Emily McGhee	
Leslie Fordjour	Andrea Miles-Cole	

OTHERS

Sean Bennett, Putnam County	Charles Gans, MTA	Jeffrey Otto, NYCDOT
Seth Berman, NYCDOT	Kenneth Garcia, PANYNJ	Joseph Raguzin, Rockland County
Laura Blumenfeld, HDR Inc	Jason Kelly, HDR Inc.	Adeleke Seidi-Gbamuse, NYCDOT
Jack Dean, NJ Transit	Edward Leimbach, Westchester	Julia Seltzer, MTA
Ray Dwarka, NYCDOT	County	Steve Scaduto, NYSDOT
Oliver Ernhof, WAP	Vincent Marciano, NYCDOT	Jordan Smith, MTA
Oluseye Folarin, MTA	Sean Moore, NYSDOT	Eric Teoh, IIHS

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Eric VanDeWall, Rockland County
Ilana Wagner, Westchester County

"I certify that this April 18, 2024 PFAC Meeting Synopsis was unanimously accepted by the voting members of the Program, Finance and Administration Committee during its June 20, 2024 PFAC Meeting."

Respectfully Submitted,

Andréa Miles-Cole

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Council/PFAC Liaison & MPO Coordinator