

**MEETING SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 12, 2025
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 Debra Nelson, representing the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and PFAC Chair. She 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 the roll call of the PFAC members, she declared that there was a quorum as per NYMTC's Operating Procedures.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adam Levine, NYMTC's Executive Director provided the following report:

The public comment period for NYMTC's draft Transportation Improvement Program, (TIP) is proceeding. The draft 2026-2030 TIP includes over 900 projects and studies, with total funding of \$38.8 billion, including federal, state and local funding sources. Paired with the TIP is the draft Transportation Conformity Determination, which is a required document by the Clean Air Act to ensure that federal funding and approval are given to highway and transit projects that are consistent with air quality goals. The comment period for both the TIP and the Conformity Determination is June 2 through July 1st. Two virtual public meetings will be held on June 17.

NYMTC's draft Regional Transportation Plan, Moving Forward 2055, is nearing completion. This long-range transportation plan will include both the near-term needs addressed in the TIP and longer-term "vision" projects that members hope to advance should funding become available. The comment period for Moving Forward 2055 and for 2025 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Status Report will begin on June 30 through July 30. The CMP report forecasts regional traffic congestion and outlines strategies to reduce it, utilizing demand management, system operation, and multimodal investments. Two virtual public meetings for both Moving Forward 2055 and the congestion management report will be held on July 15.

Applications are being accepted for the NYMTC September 11th Memorial Fellowship Program for the 2025-2026 academic year. With assistance from the Rutgers University Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation, NYMTC awards these Regional Transportation Planning fellowships annually. Selected candidates work on research projects with NYMTC member agencies and present findings to members and the public each September. These fellowships honor the memory of Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance, and See Wong Shum, the three NYMTC employees we lost during the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. The program was established to educate and motivate people interested in transportation technology and planning, and to encourage innovations in planning activities throughout the NYMTC region. Up to 6 graduate students at colleges and universities in New York and New Jersey will be selected for this year's program, with each receiving financial support up to \$35,000. Applications are due June 24. More information can be found at www.nymtc.org.

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NYMTC's Regional Waste Movement Study is complete and available on www.NYMTC.org. The study came out of the work to prepare our current Regional Transportation Plan, *Moving Forward*, and it evaluated the challenges and opportunities associated with the movement of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris across the region. The study, which identified the current and future dynamics of waste generation, movement, and disposal from eastern Pennsylvania through central Connecticut, also includes a forecast of future waste-related transportation needs of the region, and seeks to help planners and policy makers prepare effective approaches that meet the region's future waste transportation needs.

NYMTC's New York Best Practice Model (NYBPM) is an activity-based travel model covering the 28-county metropolitan area. The model includes 21.5 million households and over 60 million daily trips across 36,000 miles of roadways and nearly 7,400 transit routes. It is used to project traffic and air quality conditions both for the conformity determination mentioned earlier, and for our member agencies to assist in studies related to major projects. The results of the model runs were also used for the long-range plan and congestion management analysis. The updated NYBPM truck component is nearly complete, with the model results currently being validated.

The Survey Community of Practice team met with the full Community of Practice, with about 25 representatives from member agencies in attendance. The Community of Practice brings our members together to share best practices and harmonize our approaches to travel surveys. The meeting featured a presentation from Cambridge Systematics on how big data can be used in travel surveys.

NYMTC released the Travel Patterns report for the first quarter of 2024. The report summarizes, both annually and by each quarter of the year, the average weekday ridership on buses, rail, subways, and ferries, along with vehicular traffic crossing waterway bridges in the NYMTC planning area. The report for the first quarter of 2024 can be found on www.NYMTC.org. The second quarter report will be available by July 2025.

The following NYMTC Brown Bags webinars were held. Westchester County and the New York City Department of Social Services gave a presentation on Navigating Free and Reduced Transit Fares in the New York Metro Area. Mary Byrne, NYMTC's Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee Staff Director spoke about our safety study, Coordinated Safety Action for Suburban Communities. New York City Department of Transportation presented on the Journey to Implementing Freight Microhubs in NYC. The next Brown Bag webinar will resume in the fall.

Several NYMTC staff attended the biannual conference of the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, or NYSAMPO. This conference, hosted by the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council, brought together over 250 transportation planning professionals to share and learn about the latest in transportation planning across all 14 metropolitan planning organizations in New York State. NYMTC staff presented several sessions, and September 11 Memorial Fellowship awardees presented at a poster session.

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

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING GREAT KILLS TRANSPORTATION STUDY

A presentation of New York City Department of City Planning's Great Kills Transportation Study was given by Rasika Doesthali, Vincent Mackey, Olga Olovyanikov, and Oliver Vega. The Great Kills Transportation Study, is led by NYCDP's Staten Island office with funding support from NYMTC under its Unified Planning Work Program, focuses on identifying challenges and opportunities in the transportation network and public realm of the Great Kills neighborhood. The goal of the study focused on promoting pedestrian friendly streets, enhancing transit ridership, revitalizing retail corridors, and supporting the long-term growth of the Great

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Kills area. The study aims to inform future planning and land use decisions for Great Kills.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no registered speakers.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. ACCEPT: APRIL 17, 2025 MEETING SYNOPSIS

A motion to accept the April 17, 2025 Meeting Synopsis was made by Barbara Barosa, 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 #599 – REVISION OF THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS OPERATING PROCEDURES

John Simpson of NYMTC staff noted that NYMTC is responsible for conducting a Congestion Management Process (CMP) and that Section 3 in the current CMP Operating Procedures have been revised to reflect the changes made to the Performance Measures used in the CMP.

A motion to adopt Resolution #599, Revision of the Congestion Management Process Operating Procedures, was made by Patrick Gerdin, 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 unanimously passed.

F. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PFAC MEETING

NYMTC's next PFAC Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday August 21, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

G. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Criag Lader, representing the Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee and seconded by Douglas Rose, representing the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTENDANCE

Voting Members/Alternatives

Barbara Barosa, Putnam County Department of Planning, Development & Public Transportation
Christopher Chatterton, Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Patrick Gerdin, Rockland County Department of Planning & Public Transportation
Craig Lader, Westchester County Department of Planning
Debra Nelson, New York State Department of Transportation
Paul Ochoa, New York City Department of Transportation
Douglas Rose, New York City Department of City Planning
Julia Seltzer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members

Gautam Mani, Federal Highway Administration
Ted Ritter, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Jay Shuffield, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Lily Black, United States Environmental Protection Agency

NYMTC Staff and (Contractors*)

Adam Levine	Niloofar Ghahramani *	Ali Mohseni
Ali Afshar *	Chester Gross	Larisa Morozovskaya
Olayinka Alamu *	German Hernandez	Robert Mortell
Leonidas Alexandropoulos	Husong Han	Munnesh Patel
Seitu Allen	Jessie Ho	Maniza Pritila
Allyce Braddy	Carl King	Sandeep Puppala *
Joy Britton	David Lake	Sam Sadik
Stephanie Brooks *	Joomee Lee	Abdus Salam
Mary Byrne	John Lopez	Manish Shah
Michael Chiume	Jack Ma	John Simpson
David Drits	Mark Maglienti	Sherry Southe
Maura Fitzpatrick *	Amaury Medina-Milford	Lynne Thisse
Merrill Frank	Arin Melikian *	Rossana Weitekamp
Leslie Fordjour	Emily McGhee	
Fidel Garcia *	Andrea Miles-Cole	

OTHERS

Kendra Armstead, Suffolk County	Vincent Marciano, NYCDOT
Alec Bardey, NYCDOT	Alice Menis, NYSDEC
Kari Bailey, NYCDOT	Abraham Mitchel, Nassau County
Sean Bennet, Putnam County	Michael Monteleone, NYCDOT
Yana Bolotina, NYCDOT	Jasmine Padilla, NYCDOT
Esteban Carvajal, NYCDOT	Vallon Parsons, MTA
Olga Chernat, MTA	Renee Peters-Smith, NYCDOT
Chris Cook, NYSDEC	Stephane Pierre, NYCDOT
Lise Dorestant, NYCDOT	Joseph Raguzin, Rockland County
Ray Dwarka, NYCDOT	Geoffrey Rick, NYSDOT
Tiffany Duran, NYCDOT	John Rinaudo, Rep. Malliotakis Office
Oluseye Folarin, MTA	Justin Rivera, NYCDOT
Jorlen Garcia, NYCDOT	Cheryl Rose, NYSDOT
Sam Kraus, NYCDOT	Adeleke Seidi-Gbamuse, NYCDOT
Lawrence Lennon, MTA	Stephen Scaduto, NYSDOT

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George Todorovic, NYCDP
Hiep Tran, USEPA
Raymond Tomczak, FTA
Babatunde Tugbobo, FTA
Eric VanDeWall, Rockland County
Nataliya Zhmiyevskaya, NYCDOT

Respectfully Submitted,

Andréa Miles-Cole

**Administrative Specialist 1
Council & PFAC Liaison & MPO Coordinator**

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