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NYMTC RELEASES DRAFT PLAN 2045 – ITS NEXT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE

NYMTC Announces Public Comment Period and Various Public Review Meetings for Plan 2045

NEW YORK – With a focus on sustainability and innovation for the future of its transportation network, **New York Metropolitan Transportation Council** (NYMTC) Executive Director **José M. Rivera** announced the release of Draft *Plan 2045* – the next Regional Transportation Plan for NYMTC’s planning area, which is now available for public review.

Themed “Maintaining the Vision for a Sustainable Region,” [Draft Plan 2045](#) covers overall transportation planning in NYMTC’s planning area over the next quarter century. *Plan 2045* builds on the progress made in the past Regional Transportation Plan, *Plan 2040*, and covers all facets of transportation - including roads, bridges, mass transit facilities, bicycle and pedestrian networks, goods movement and transportation for those with special needs.

“Plan 2045 is our future roadmap for focused investments in overall infrastructure that will maintain and improve our regional transportation system,” said **NYMTC Executive Director Rivera**. “Our next Regional Transportation Plan is the collective vision of the NYMTC Council and our Advisory Members that will achieve sustainability for our transportation network. Plan 2045 covers the long-range goals, objectives and needs for the transportation system that connects us across New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley.”

The comment period, which begins May 1 and concludes May 30, will offer an opportunity for the public to comment on Draft *Plan 2045* and the two accompanying planning processes that are required to qualify for federal transportation funding. The first, the **2017 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Status Report**, forecasts future traffic congestion and considers strategies that reduce overall congestion in the region going forward. Also, the **Transportation Conformity Determination** quantitatively demonstrates how *Plan 2045* and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which helps to define specific transportation projects over a five-year period, can impact future mobile source emissions. **Please click here to review Draft Plan 2045, the 2017 Congestion Management Process Status Report and the Transportation Conformity Determination:** <http://bit.ly/2pA73nB>

Also, NYMTC will host 10 public review meetings across its planning area - including Putnam County, Westchester County, New York City, Suffolk County and Nassau County. The New York City meetings will be available as webinars. **For more information on the public comment period and public review meeting schedule, please click here:** <http://bit.ly/2pts7Mf>

Draft *Plan 2045* will be voted on by members of NYMTC’s Program, Finance, and Administration Committee and Council on June 27 and June 29, respectively.

NYMTC’s Council Members include **Matthew J. Driscoll**, NYMTC Co-Chair and Commissioner of New York State Department of Transportation; **MaryEllen Odell**, Putnam County Executive and NYMTC Co-Chair; **Polly Trottenberg**, Commissioner of New York City Department of Transportation; **Marisa Lago**, New York City Department of City Planning

Director; **Fernando Ferrer**, Acting Chairman at Metropolitan Transportation Authority; **Veronique Hakim**, Interim Chief Executive Officer at Metropolitan Transportation Authority; **Edward P. Mangano**, Nassau County Executive; **Ed Day**, Rockland County Executive; **Steve Bellone**, Suffolk County Executive and **Robert Astorino**, Westchester County Executive.

NYMTC Advisory Members include **Patrick Foye**, Executive Director of Port Authority of New York & New Jersey; **Steven H. Santoro**, Executive Director of New Jersey Transit; **Mary K. Murphy**, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Executive Director; **Basil Seggos**, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner; **Stephen Goodman**, Regional Administrator of Federal Transit Administration; **Peter Osborn**, Division Administrator of Federal Highway Administration and **Catherine McCabe**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Acting Regional Administrator.

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is a regional council of governments that is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley. NYMTC provides a collaborative planning forum to address transportation-related issues, develop regional plans and make decisions on the use of federal transportation funds for its planning area. NYMTC is comprised of nine voting members and seven advisory members who develop plans, goals and a shared vision for the region's transportation network, which includes a planning area that covers 2,440 square miles and includes a population of 12.4 million, which was approximately 64% of New York State's population, based on the 2010 Census.