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THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (NYMTC) HOSTS ITS ANNUAL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

NEW YORK, February 29, 2024 – The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council ([NYMTC](#)) held its Annual Council Meeting today, adopting its 2024-2025 State Fiscal Year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and featuring addresses from key government officials who highlighted transportation's vital role in connecting communities throughout downstate New York. The meeting was held at the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House in Manhattan and was open to the public.

The [UPWP](#) defines NYMTC's transportation planning priorities and describes all federally funded transportation-related planning activities anticipated within a given program year. NYMTC members voted unanimously to adopt the UPWP during the annual meeting. Among the many projects that will be funded through the 2024-2025 UPWP include:

- The Palisades Shared Use Path Study (**NYMTC**)
- Second Ave Subway West Expansion Study (**Metropolitan Transportation Authority**)
- Improving Mobility for the Aging Population Study (**Westchester County**)
- Clarkstown Safety and Sustainability Study for Route 303 & Route 304 (**Rockland County**)
- Putnam County Complete Streets Initiative (**Putnam County**)
- Electric Vehicle Fleet Conversion and Electric Charging Station Masterplan (**Nassau County**)
- Secure Bike Parking Program Planning Activities (**New York City Department of Transportation**)
- Planning for Land Use and Transportation (**New York City Department of City Planning**)

The event's two keynote speakers – Federal Highway Administration Administrator Shailen Bhatt and the Federal Transit Administration's Acting Administrator, Veronica Vanterpool - addressed the audience, recounting the federal government's steadfast support of many high visibility transportation planning projects happening throughout New York City, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley.

Additionally, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez and Westchester County Executive George Latimer also spoke, focusing on transportation's evolving role in defining seamless, accessible, and equitable mobility to all residents. Commissioner Dominguez is NYMTC's Chair and County Executive Latimer, who spent the past year as NYMTC's co-chair, was recognized by the Council for his service, which ended today. During the meeting, the Council confirmed that Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman would become NYMTC's new co-chair for 2024-25.

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The Council also gave service recognitions to former Federal Transit Administration Regional Administrator Stephen Goodman for his role as a principal advisory member of NYMTC. Former Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone was also recognized for his service as a principal member and former NYMTC co-chair.

The meeting's attendees included federal, state, regional, and local transportation officials, community stakeholders, and the public. A recording of NYMTC's annual meeting will be available on its [YouTube](#) channel shortly.

"This was our first in-person meeting since the Covid shutdown, so we are delighted to see the high level of face-to-face engagement and interest in our members' diverse, collaborative approaches to connect communities throughout our planning area," said Adam S. Levine, executive director of NYMTC. "We're looking forward to helping our members implement the many projects they have moving forward."

ABOUT NYMTC

NYMTC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley which 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. Its planning area covers 2,440 square miles and a 2020 population of 13.17 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.

*** Event photos available upon request.**

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