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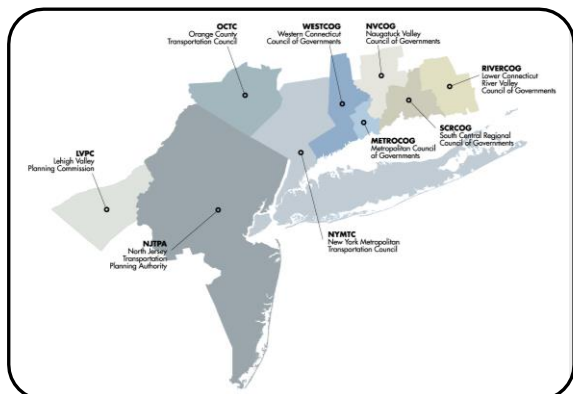
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NYMTC'S PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET NOVEMBER 16

In its last meeting of 2017, NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) will meet on November 16 at 12:15 pm to act on resolutions related to amendments to the vision/constrained element of Plan 2045, as well as technical corrections to Plan 2045 and the 2017 Congestion Management Process Status Report. PFAC members will also vote on amendments to the SFY 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). For more information, [please click here](#).



NYMTC TO HOST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING FORUM



The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum will be held at NYMTC on December 7 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. The MAP Forum is a consortium of MPOs and councils of government in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut-Pennsylvania region. Collectively, they work together to better coordinate planning activities in the multi-state metropolitan region. For more information or to RSVP, please visit www.2017mapforum.eventbrite.com.

NYMTC Council Members:

- Paul A. Karas, NYMTC Co-Chair and Acting 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, Director of New York City Department of City Planning
- Joseph J. Lhota, Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Chairman
- Edward P. Mangano, Nassau County Executive
- Ed Day, Rockland County Executive
- Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive
- Robert Astorino, Westchester County Executive



NEW YORK – As thousands of families walk to school this October as part of International Walk to School Month, new data from the [New York Metropolitan Transportation Council \(NYMTC\)](#) finds that streets are now safer in New York City and its surrounding counties.

Offering a very interesting picture into the overall safety of the New York metropolitan area’s transportation system, the [2015 Regional Transportation Statistical Report](#) dives into key figures related to accidents involving pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles over a 10-year period that concluded in 2015.

Within New York City, fatal pedestrian crashes continued to decrease to approximately 130 accidents in 2014 after recording an all-time high in 2013 for the period. Also, motor vehicle crashes continued to trend downward in the five boroughs. For instance, in 2015, there were 61,106 crashes, which was approximately 18,000 below the reported crashes in 2007 and nearly 5,000 below the reported crashes in 2014. Additionally, from 2013 to 2015, New York City experienced a decline of approximately 800 fatal and injury crashes that involved bicycle riders and motor vehicles.

Meanwhile, New York’s suburban counties (Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties) saw fatal crashes involving pedestrians and motor vehicle crashes increase. However, fatal and injury crashes involving bicyclists and motor vehicles experienced a steady decline over the 10-year period prior to 2015’s low of 965 reported incidents.

Efforts have been in place at the local and state level to implement safety improvements and raise community awareness

within NYMTC’s planning region. Previously, New York City launched “[Vision Zero](#)” in 2014 to eliminate traffic fatalities. Also, there are programs like “[Safety City](#)” that work to teach New York City school children about traffic safety. Other similar programs include the New York City Department of Transportation’s (NYC DOT) “[We’re Walking Here](#)” initiative, which invites students to discuss ways to change our behavior on the streets in order to lower traffic fatalities and injuries. Additionally, the [Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\) program](#) – a federal, state and local effort supported by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and other NYMTC member agencies – seeks to assist New York communities in developing and implementing projects and programs that encourage walking and bicycling to school while enhancing overall safety.

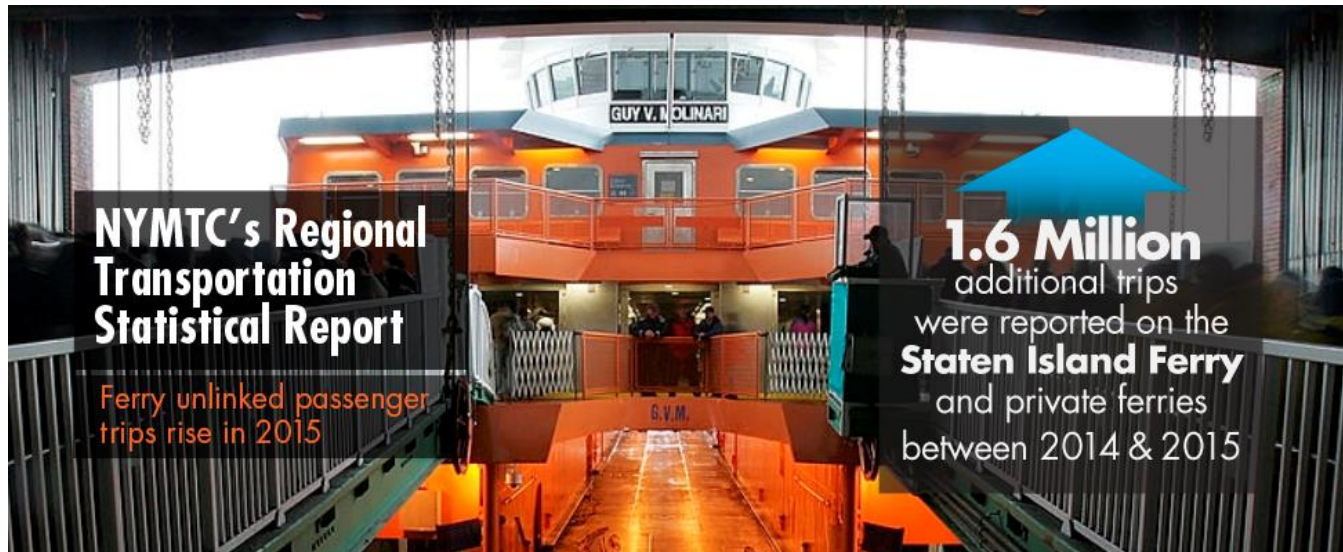
As listed in NYMTC’s [Regional Transportation Plan](#), pedestrian safety efforts – led by its member agencies – have focused on all age groups and populations. For instance, New York City’s “Safe-Streets-for-Seniors” program – a pedestrian safety initiative for New York City’s older residents – and NYSDOT’s “Safe Seniors” pilot program in Long Island seek to educate and inform our region’s seniors. Within NYMTC’s 10-county planning region, there are similar programs that aim to encourage the safe travel of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists (See [Chapter 5: Transportation System Management & Operations](#)). Also, information regarding initiatives to enhance the region’s pedestrian and bicycle transportation system can be found in the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Element of Plan 2045](#).

NYMTC Advisory Members:

- Richard Cotton, 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 - Region 2
- Peter Osborn, Division Administrator of Federal Highway Administration - NYS Division
- Pete Lopez, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator

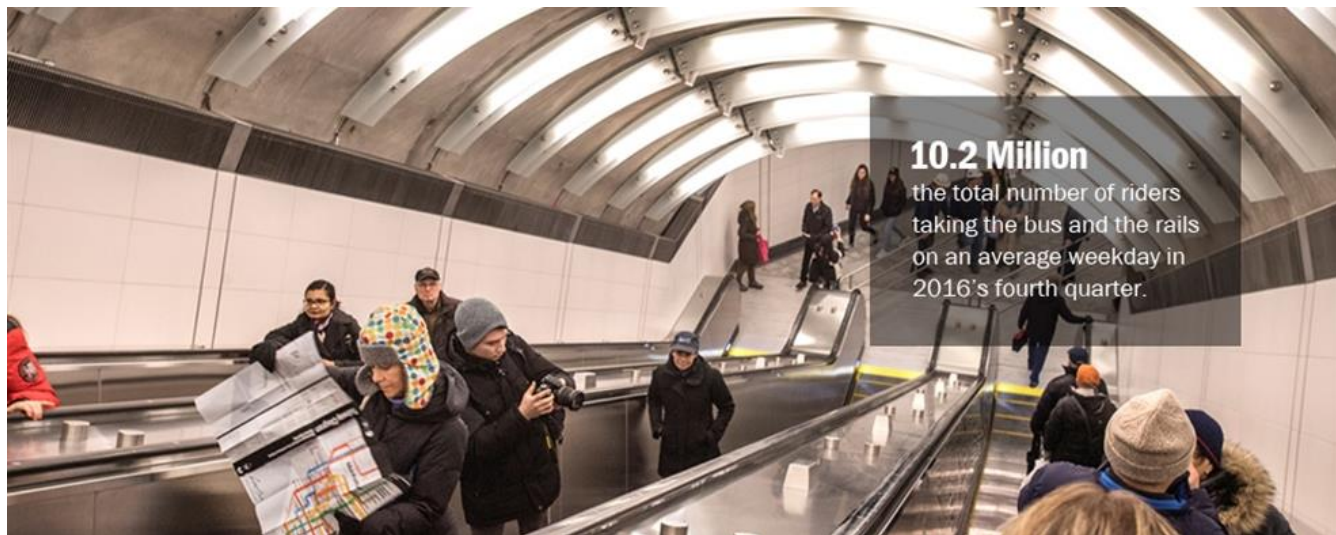
NYMTC'S DATA CORNER

Have you visited the Transportation Information Gateway yet?



- ➔ Unlinked passenger trips for the Staten Island Ferry and private ferries showed a continued uptick in usage in New York and New Jersey between 2014 and 2015. Specifically, there were nearly 1.6 million more trips reported on the Staten Island Ferry and private ferries in 2015, with each service reporting an 800,000 increase in annual unlinked passenger trips when compared to the prior year.

Source: [NYMTC's 2015 Regional Transportation Statistical Report](#)



- ➔ Approximately 10.2 million people utilized the bus and/or the rails to get to where they need to go on an average weekday in the New York metropolitan area during 2016's fourth quarter.

Source: [Travel Patterns in the New York Metropolitan Area Fourth Quarter \(Q4\) - 2016](#)

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Mike Giardina, NYMTC-Notes Editor



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017

Dear NYMTC Stakeholder:

This month, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) will ask you to weigh in on our new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the State Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The UPWP identifies the planning priorities and activities to be carried out throughout the year, in this case between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019. The [current UPWP](#) was adopted in February 2017.

NYMTC's current Regional Transportation Plan, [Plan 2045](#), serves as the foundation for the annually-developed work program. It defines planning goals, priorities and opportunities for the region's transportation system. Each year, the work program helps to outline recommendations and principles for NYMTC's 10-county planning area and provides the opportunity for federal funding assistance for planning activities by NYMTC's staff and its members.

For NYMTC, our required planning products include the [Regional Transportation Plan](#), the [Transportation Improvement Program](#) and the UPWP, and two planning processes (i.e. the [Congestion Management Process Status Report](#) and [Transportation Conformity](#)). The UPWP is essential to NYMTC's ability to fulfill its members shared goals and vision. These goals include:

- ➔ Enhancing the regional environment;
- ➔ Improving the regional economy;
- ➔ Improving the regional quality of life;
- ➔ Providing convenient, flexible transportation access within the region;
- ➔ Enhancing the safety and security of the transportation system;
- ➔ Building the case for obtaining resources to implement regional investments;
- ➔ Improving the resiliency of the regional transportation system;
- ➔ Preserving the existing transportation system.

I look forward to your input today, as we work together to ensure our regional transportation system is prepared for tomorrow. Please check our [website](#) for updates regarding our upcoming UPWP public comment period.

As the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for New York City, Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley, NYMTC always wants to hear from you, which is why we have made it easier for you to get in contact with us. If you have a question, comment or a tip for NYMTC, contact us [here](#) or message us directly on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#).

Sincerely,

José M. Rivera, P.E., Executive Director
New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

LANGUAGE ACCESS NOW AVAILABLE AT NYMTC

NYMTC's Language Access Program is now available to provide a more inclusive planning process and further enhance NYMTC's public involvement efforts to increase access to information. The 2010 Census identifies a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population of roughly 2.2 million people in the NYMTC planning area, with just over 70% of the total LEP population speaks one of three languages – **Spanish, Chinese and Russian**. These three languages are considered as primary LEP languages in NYMTC's planning area. For more information on the program and how to access services, go to <https://www.nymtc.org/Get-Involved/Language-Access-Program>.



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The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is a regional council of governments that is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 5 boroughs of New York City, plus Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties.