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NYMTC COUNCIL ADOPTS PLAN 2045

NEW YORK – The **New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC)** adopted Plan 2045 – its next Regional Transportation Plan and shared vision for the future. With a focus on sustainability, Plan 2045 covers the long-range goals, objectives and needs for the transportation system that connects New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley.

Why is Plan 2045 needed? NYMTC's planning area is projected to grow in population from 12 million to 14.3 million by 2045, which will increase overall usage of our transportation system. The current transportation system already bears the load of millions of daily passenger trips by bus, rail rapid transit, commuter rail, ferries and private vehicles, as well as millions of tons of freight moving by truck, rail and water. As a result, the Regional Transportation Plan contains numerous system preservation and system enhancements such as the Lower Hudson Transit Link, the Moynihan Station in New York City and the Nassau Hub Transit Initiative.

"More than ever before, the resiliency and sustainability of our transportation system is needed to help with the overall growth and strain we see every day in our planning region. Plan 2045 will allow us to maintain and develop a transportation system for tomorrow," said NYMTC Executive Director José M. Rivera. **"I would like to thank the Council, members of the Program, Finance, and Administration Committee and NYMTC staff for their hard work and collaboration in creating Plan 2045 – a blueprint that is truly the shared vision for our regional transportation system."**

Themed "Maintaining the Vision for a Sustainable Region," Plan 2045 covers overall transportation planning in NYMTC's planning area over the next quarter century. Plan 2045 encompasses all facets of transportation - including roads, bridges, mass transit facilities, bicycle and pedestrian networks, goods movement and transportation for those with special needs.

Adoption of Plan 2045 includes approval of its accompanying planning processes that are required to qualify for federal transportation funding. These include the 2017 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Status Report and the Transportation Conformity Determination. The CMP 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.

For information regarding Plan 2045, the 2017 CMP Status Report and the Transportation Conformity Determination, please click here: <http://bit.ly/2sHZ1rM>

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; **Joseph J. Lhota**, 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.