

Executive Summary
State Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Unified Planning Work Program

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The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is a regional council of governments that is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for New York City (NYC), Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley. Every urban area in the United States with at least 50,000 residents has a MPO under federal law.

NYMTC provides its region with a collaborative planning forum to address transportation-related issues from a regional perspective and to plan for and make decisions on using federal transportation funds. As a requirement for the receipt of federal transportation funding, MPOs in urbanized regions must maintain a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process, considering all modes in a coordinated manner.

One of NYMTC's responsibilities is developing and adopting an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The work program proposed for April 1, 2025, through March 30, 2026, identifies planning activities, such as transportation planning studies and technical analyses, proposed for federal and other funding.

NYMTC's Shared Goals, and Strategic Framework

NYMTC developed *Moving Forward*, its Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), to cover all modes of surface transportation from a regional perspective, including highways, streets, public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, goods movement, and special needs transportation.

Moving Forward is built around the member agencies' Shared Vision for Regional Mobility, which recognizes the critical importance of mobility to people's lives and aspires to:

Ensure that the mobility provided through our transportation systems reaches everyone in a sustainable, healthy, and equitable manner;

Invest efficiently for these transportation needs; and,

Respond effectively to the transportation challenges of tomorrow.

Moving Forward's Shared Vision for Regional Mobility is built around five vision goals developed jointly by NYMTC's members:



SAFETY AND SECURITY

A transportation system that ensures the safety and security of people and goods across all uses and modes.



RELIABLE AND EASY TRAVEL

A transportation system that is maintained, operated, and coordinated to better enable inclusive, reliable, easy, accessible, and seamless travel across the region while striving to enhance equity in the services provided.



PLANNING FOR CHANGING DEMAND

A transportation system that efficiently serves today's population and plans for the growing number of residents, workers, and increasing amount of goods.



REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

A transportation system that minimizes its greenhouse gas emissions and other impacts on the environment, especially the effects of climate change.



RESILIENCY

A transportation system that is resilient and can mitigate, adapt to, and respond to chronic and acute stresses and disruptions.

This Shared Vision provides a strategic framework and a blueprint for federal transportation investments in projects and planning activities, including the programs, projects and studies proposed for funding within NYMTC's work program.

Developing the Work Program

NYMTC Staff and NYMTC member agencies develop the work program by coordinating and integrating transportation planning activities to the greatest extent possible. Federal requirements, national performance goals, and *Moving Forward*, provide the context for the work program's development. NYMTC's work program comprises two main parts: the Core Program and the Discretionary Programs.

Core Program

Under federal regulations, NYMTC must produce the following planning products:

- A long-range RTP
- A medium-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- An annual UPWP
- A Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- A Transportation Conformity Determination, containing a regional emissions analysis;
- A periodically updated Public Involvement Plan.

Completing the individual planning projects that develop and maintain these required products and analyses is NYMTC's highest priority in the planning process, and it comprises its core planning program, as described in the work program.

In addition, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to use at least 2.5 percent of their Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds on activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities as part of transportation planning processes.

Discretionary Program

The work program's Discretionary Program includes the planning activities proposed to help NYMTC member agencies address issues related to:

- Near-term and other planning activities identified in Moving Forward.
- Supplemental financing strategies.
- Congested links, corridors, or bottlenecks in the 2021 CMP Status Report

NYMTC's Work Program

The NYMTC's draft work program for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025-2026 presents the planning activities proposed for federal funding. Highlights from the Core Program include:

- Development and adoption of NYMTC's next Regional Transportation Plan, "Moving Forward 2055".
- Development and adoption of NYMTC's FFYs 2026-2030 TIP.
- The anticipated start of the next Regional Household Travel Survey.
- Adoption of a Transportation Conformity Determination for Moving Forward 2055 and the FFYs 2026-2030 TIP.
- Release of the 2024 Hub Bound Report.
- Adoption of a new annual work program.

A summary of all discretionary projects is available at the start of the work program's Discretionary Program section. In addition, NYMTC provides a web map showing the location of those projects, which can be accessed through the link below.

<https://nymtc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=7b3faa1adf5a4c10bac56868567df44c>

This year's work program identifies \$67 million in federal and non-federal funding for these efforts.