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Calendar of Events

- 4/24 – Brown Bag Presentation April 24th: Visualizing MTA Data: The Importance of Trend Lines
- 12 noon.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. May be attended in person or as a webinar. To attend in person RSVP to lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov. To register for the webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/PCAC-data-viz>

Draft Conformity Comment Period and Meeting

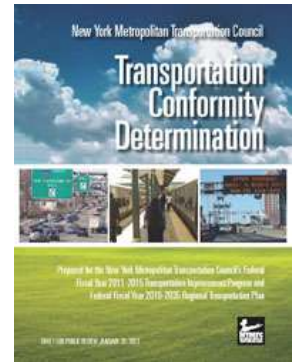
A comment period for NYMTC's next draft Transportation Conformity Determination will run from May 1st through May 30th. This Conformity Determination has been undertaken to demonstrate compliance of the current FFY 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the FFY2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program with new air quality standards issued by the US Environmental Protection Agency for ground-level ozone pollution. The draft Conformity Determination will be available on www.NYMTC.org on May 1, 2013.

A public meeting will be held on May 15th at 6:30 p.m. in NYMTC's offices at 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. It may be attended in person or as a webinar. To attend in person RSVP to Tarrina Weaver at 212-383-7201 or tarrina.weaver@dot.ny.gov. To register for the webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/May-2013-Conformity>.

Written comments may be sent by mail or e-mail by **4 pm on May 30, 2013 to:**

New York Metropolitan Transportation Council
Attn: David Drits
199 Water Street, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10038
david.drits@dot.ny.gov

(Please include *Public Comment for Draft Transportation Conformity Determination, May 1, 2013 - May 30, 2013* in the subject line)



Brown Bag Presentation April 24th: Visualizing MTA Data: The Importance of Trend Lines

April 24, 2013 at 12:00 noon. NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.

This meeting may be attended in person or as a webinar. To attend in person RSVP to lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov or call 212-383-7200. For more information and to register for the webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/PCAC-data-viz>



This presentation will highlight the findings of the March 19th report issued by the Permanent Citizen's Advisory Committee to the MTA, and be followed by a discussion of the most pressing trend lines including ridership, on-time performance, train frequency, mean distance between failures, staffing levels, debt and funding levels, all of which can help to tell the MTA story.

- 5/15 – Freight Transportation Working Group
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. May be attended in person or as a webinar. To attend in person RSVP to Howie Mann at howard.mann@dot.ny.gov. To register for the webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/FTWG-5-15-13>

- 5/15 – Draft Conformity Public Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. -
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. May be attended in person or as a webinar. To attend in person RSVP to Tarrina Weaver at tarrina.weaver@dot.ny.gov. To register for the webinar go to <http://tinyurl.com/May-2013-Conformity>

- 6/20 – PFAC Meeting
- 1:15 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. RSVP to 212.383.7200 or Andrea Mile-Cole at andrea.miles-cole@dot.ny.gov. This meeting will also be webcast. More information will be available shortly on www.NYMTC.org

NYMTC is a regional council of governments that provides a collaborative transportation planning forum as the metropolitan planning organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley.

Complete Streets Fact Sheet Available

Key information about the New York State Complete Streets Act is available in a fact sheet developed by the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSMPO) at www.NYSMPOS.org



New York State passed the Complete Streets Act in August, 2011; it took effect on February 15, 2012. It states that “the transportation plans of New York State should consider the needs of all users of our roadways including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders, motorists and citizens of all ages and abilities, including children, the elderly and the disabled...Therefore, it shall be the policy of the state to consider people of all ages and abilities and all appropriate forms of transportation when planning roadway projects.”

On the local level, a number of municipalities in the metropolitan area have also passed complete streets laws, which apply to locally funded transportation improvements. Suffolk County recently joined the growing list, which includes New York City and numerous towns throughout the metropolitan area including the towns of Babylon, Brookhaven, North Hempstead, and the villages of East Hampton, Islip, and Great Neck Plaza on Long Island, and Dobbs Ferry in Westchester County.

NYSMPO also notes that the National Complete Streets Coalition is an excellent source of information on the design and benefits of Complete Streets. For more information go to

<http://www.completestreets.org/complete-streets-fundamentals/factsheets/>

JARC & New Freedom Solicitation Open Through May 3rd

NYMTC invites not-for-profit organizations, state and local government agencies, public authorities, public and private operators of public transportation services and federally-recognized tribal governments to apply for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funding administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

Federal Fiscal Year 2012 funds will be used for this solicitation, with \$9,033,890 available for JARC projects, and \$4,900,686 available for New Freedom projects. Applications and guidance are available on www.nymtc.org. Applications must be received electronically by Carl.King@dot.ny.gov by 4PM on **Friday, May 3, 2013**. Applications from eligible applicants will be reviewed and evaluated by NYMTC’s member agencies.



Two webinars were held to provide guidance and respond to questions. The presentation and a recording of the webinar, along with the application and guidance information are available on www.NYMTC.org

Both programs require that proposed projects be derived from a regional Coordinated Human Service and Public Transportation Plan; the Plan developed by NYMTC is available on www.NYMTC.org.

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- Joe Martens, Commissioner, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Marilyn G. Shazor, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region 2

Freight Transportation Working Group Meeting

May 15, 2013, 10:00 a.m. NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.

NYMTC's Freight Transportation Working Group was established to expand and enhance the freight planning process in the NYMTC region to meet the needs of shippers, receivers, and ultimately the general population through less congested roads, less pollution, and less expensive products and services.

The next meeting will include the following presentations:

- Presentation on New York City's JFK Air Cargo Study
- Presentation on New York City's and Other Regional Truck Impact Studies including the need for the use of technology for truck management



The Freight Transportation Working Group is composed of the Council's members, freight providers and receivers and their associations, other interested transportation agencies, business associations, neighboring metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) in the Tri-State region, interested parties such as civic groups, advocacy groups, and representatives of elected officials.

This meeting may be attended in person or as a webinar. To attend in person, RSVP to Howie Mann at 631-952-6115 or howard.mann@dot.ny.gov.

To attend as a webinar, go to <http://tinyurl.com/FTWG-5-15-13>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar, including the call in number.

Abu Dhabi Delegation Visits NYMTC

On January 23, 2013 a delegation from the Abu Dhabi Department of Integrated Transport Planning visited NYMTC to exchange information about travel demand forecasting. The delegation is undertaking an international benchmarking of transport modelling and assessment on behalf of its department, for the benefit of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. The delegation was headed by Abdulrahman Al Shizawi, Head of Transportation Studies Section.

To open the meeting, Sangeeta Bhowmick, the Acting Director of the Technical Group, gave an overview of NYMTC and its Planning Process. Ali Mohseni, the Acting Manager for Model Development Group, presented the NYMTC New York Best Practices Model. The delegation gave a presentation on "The Abu Dhabi DOT Strategic Transport Evaluation and Assessment Model (STEAM)," a transportation forecasting demand model.

The emirate of Abu Dhabi is investing heavily in infrastructure including new roads and public transport that encompass buses, regional rail, new metro and LRT/BRT. Central to planning for this growth is the development of Abu Dhabi transport model. The model is developed as a trip-based multi-modal model covering the entire day segmented into 5 time periods. The model is currently used by users around the world via remote access for transport projects in Abu Dhabi.



- Jonathan McDade, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
- Judith Enck, Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

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NYMTC's Title VI Policy

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or gender, as provided in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which NYMTC received Federal financial assistance.

Further, NYMTC incorporates the principles of environmental justice into its policies, planning and project development activities to ensure that there are no inequitable impacts on minority groups and low-income groups throughout the region.

Major Products Update

As the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley, NYMTC is required to produce three major products - the Regional Transportation Plan (Plan), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and two analyses - the Transportation Conformity Determination and Congestion Management Process - to comply with federal regulations. The Plan has a minimum 20 year span, and the TIP is a minimum four year program of projects; the UPWP is produced annually and is adopted at NYMTC's annual meeting.



This year, NYMTC is in the process of developing Plan 2040, the FFY2014 - 2018 TIP, and related Transportation Conformity Determination and Congestion Management Process Status Report. This tremendous undertaking includes the involvement of NYMTC's Principals and PFAC representatives, extensive public participation, and culminates with adoption by NYMTC's members, anticipated for early September 2013.

Public review meetings will be held throughout the region for these major projects to encourage public review and comment. Stay tuned to www.NYMTC.org for information about upcoming meetings and opportunities to provide comments and input to these important products.

Plan 2040: When completed, *Plan 2040* will lay out a long-range framework for maintaining and improving the region's federally-supported transportation system: its roads, bridges, freight and mass transit facilities, and its bicycle and pedestrian networks. It will identify the transportation improvement concepts, projects and policy recommendations that can address the region's long-term growth challenges and needs - an initial step to bringing federal transportation dollars into the area.



Congestion Management Process: The CMP is a systematic approach that is collaboratively developed and implemented throughout the region to provide for the safe and effective management and operation of new and existing transportation facilities through the use of demand reduction and operational management strategies.



FFY 2014 - 18 TIP: The TIP will outline all of the transportation projects proposed for federal funding in the NYMTC planning area over the TIP period. These improvements cover various transportation modes and facilities, including roadways and bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit equipment and services, safety improvements and demand management programs.



Transportation Conformity Determination: The Conformity Determination is a regional analysis of mobile source emissions required under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 for designated non-attainment areas. A Conformity Determination must be done for all Transportation Improvement Programs and Regional Transportation Plans in designated non-attainment areas, such as those in and around NYMTC's planning area.

