

Summer 2014

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Calendar of Events

 9/4 – PFAC Meeting with Special Presentation on *Regional Operations In a Multi-Agency Environment* by Matt Edelman, Executive Director, TRANSCOM

 1:15 p.m.
 NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. Will be webcast. To attend in person RSVP to Andrea.Miles-Cole@dot.ny.gov or call 212.383.7200.

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Upcoming Meetings

Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) Meeting. September 4, 2014, 1:15 p.m.

Special presentation by Matt Edelman, Executive Director, TRANSCOM NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.

This meeting will be webcast.

A number of actions will be taken at this quarterly meeting of NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee, including recommendation of Transportation Alternatives Program projects, UPWP amendments and a quarterly TIP action update. In addition, Matt Edelman, Executive Director of TRANSCOM will speak on **Regional Operations in a Multi-Agency Environment.** TRANSCOM is the Transportation Operations Coordinating Committee, based in Jersey City, NJ, which is a coalition of the 16 major traffic, transit and public safety agencies in the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut metropolitan region. On a 24/7 basis, TRANSCOM ensures a coordinated, multi-agency response to major incidents, coordinates construction among its member agencies to minimize reductions in capacity in parallel corridors and implements intelligent transportation systems on a coordinated, regional basis.

RSVP to Andrea Miles-Cole or 212.383.7200

Transportation Coordinating Committees Executive Committee Meetings

Each of NYMTC's three Transportation Coordinating Committees (TCCs) will hold its Annual Executive Committee Meeting in the coming months. More information, including agendas and actions items, will be posted on www.NYMTC.org two weeks in advance of the meeting.

New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee (NYCTCC) Annual Executive Committee Meeting

September 18, 2014; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, first floor, NYC Contact: **Carlos Delpozo**

Mid-Hudson South Transportation Coordinating Committee (MHSTCC) Annual Executive Committee Meeting

October 2, 2014; 6:30 pm – 8 pm Palisades Mall, 1000 Palisades Center Dr, West Nyack, NY Contact: Darrin Moret

Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee (N/STCC) Annual Executive Committee Meeting

October 9, 2014; 6:30 pm – 8 pm Republic Airport, 7150 Republic Airport, East Farmingdale, NY Contact: **Howie Mann**

• 9/17 – Brown Bag: September 11th Memorial Program Student Presentations -12 noon NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. To attend in person RSVP to lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov. To register for the webinar go http://tinyurl.com/NYMTC91 1-Program-2014. 9/18 – NYCTCC Annual **Executive Committee** Meeting -6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, 1st floor, NYC. RSVP to Carlos.Delpozo@dot.ny.gov • 9/23 - Public Meeting/Listening Session - 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Nassau County Theodore Roosevelt Legislative and Executive Building, 1550 Franklin Ave, Mineola, NY. RSVP to Karen.Rosenberger@dot.gov • 9/30 - Public Meeting/Listening Session - 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Westchester County Center, 198 N Central Ave, White Plains, NY. RSVP to

• 10/2 - MHSTCC Annual **Executive Committee** Meeting - 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Palisades Mall, 1000 Palisades Center Dr., West Nyack, NY. RSVP to Darrin.Moret@dot.ny.gov

• 10/9 – N/S/TCC Annual **Executive Committee** Meetina - 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Republic Airport, 7150 Republic Airport, East Farmingdale, NY. RSVP to Howard.Mann@dot.ny.gov

Upcoming Public Meetings/Listening Sessions for Federal Certification Review of NYMTC

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will hold two Public Meetings/Listening Sessions



regarding the New York metropolitan transportation planning process: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Nassau County Theodore Roosevelt Legislative and Executive Building, 1st floor legislative chamber, 1550 Franklin Ave, Mineola, NY; and Tuesday, September 30, 2014 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Westchester County Center, 198 N Central Ave, White Plains, NY. Please RSVP to Karen Rosenberger at 212-668-6091 or karen.rosenberger@dot.gov.

These Public Meetings/Listening Sessions are part of the federal transportation planning certification review which includes evaluating the planning process and documenting the process on a periodic basis. The primary purpose of the certification review is to ensure that the federallyrequired planning activities are being satisfactorily implemented by NYMTC. A Public Meeting/Listening Session was previously held in New York City on July 17, 2014.

Section 23 USC §134 requires every urbanized area with a population over 50,000 to have а designated metropolitan planning organization



(MPO) to carry out continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning. NYMTC is the MPO for New York City and the surrounding counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam.

In order to continue receiving federal aid for all transportation providers in these areas, FHWA and FTA must certify NYMTC's compliance with the federal transportation planning regulations not less than once every four years (reference 23 USC §134(k)(5)). Previously, NYMTC was certified compliant on June 24, 2011.

These meetings will be your opportunity to talk directly with staff from FHWA and FTA about the transportation planning process in the NYMTC area. Please note that written comments received no later than October 31, 2014 will also be considered for the review. Your comments should be sent or emailed to the following recipients: Karen Rosenberger, FHWA - NY Division, New York Metropolitan Office, One Bowling Green, Room 428, New York, NY 10004 or Karen.Rosenberger@dot.gov or to Nina Chung, FTA – Region 2, One Bowling Green, Room 429, New York, NY 10004 or Nina.Chung@dot.gov.

TIP Comment Period Open Through August 20th

A public comment period for a proposed amendment to the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is open through Wednesday, August 20, 2014. The proposed amendment programs funding for projects throughout the NYMTC region. Details are available at http://www.nymtc.org/abouttip-down.cfm.

> Please submit comments by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 to chris.hardej@dot.ny.gov.

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- Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
- Joseph Martens, Commissioner, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Marilyn G. Shazor, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Region 2

NYMTC's Regional Establishment Survey Underway: Pre-Test Complete

NYMTC has begun a three year Regional Establishment Survey (RES) to learn more about how customers, employees and commercial deliveries get around the 28 county three state region to all types of businesses. The information obtained from this study will be used to develop regional plans and make recommendations on the use of federal transportation funds in order to help plan the region's transportation future.

In anticipation of the main survey launch in fall 2014, a small pilot pre-test was used to determine how well the survey questionnaire and outreach methodology works. The pretest was completed at the end of June, with a total of 18 establishments of varying size and location returning completed questionnaires.



The next important milestone of this project is the Main Survey, or actual data collection,

which will be conducted beginning in October of 2014. Survey data from the RES will contribute to a better understanding of regional travel behavior and be used in NYMTC's transportation modeling efforts. Ultimately, this project will help in the development of federally-required long-range Regional Transportation Plans that seek to forecast and address the region's future transportation needs, benefiting establishments, customers, visitors and employees throughout the region.

For more information about NYMTC's Regional Establishment Survey, go to the RES website at www.nymtc-res.org.

Updated Freight Data Wheel Available

An updated freight data wheel has been produced and is now available.



This new version includes new data for all categories. The bulk of the freight data is derived from updated commodity flow information, which can also be found in the Interim Regional Freight Plan, which NYMTC undertook as part of its 2014 – 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. One side of the wheel contains freight information, while the reverse contains demographic information. The wheel is available upon request by calling 212-383-7200.

Learn More About NYMTC's Plan 2040

NYMTC is offering presentations on its 2014-2040 Regional Transportation

Plan, entitled *A Shared Vision for a Sustainable Region*, to relevant entities and organizations throughout the planning area. To-date, presentations have been made to organizations around the region to help to establish linkages between different governmental levels; improve overall planning coordination; and raise the visibility of the planning process.



If your organization would like to have a speaker discuss *Plan 2040*, please contact Gerry Bogacz at

Gerry.Bogacz@dot.ny.gov. Go to http://www.nymtc.org/aboutrtp.cfm for more information about the Plan.

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

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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.

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 lowincome groups throughout the region.

NY-CT Sustainable Communities Grant Ends

On May 30, 2014, the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium approved its Implementation Plan for Regional Sustainable Development. The bi-state partnership brought together seventeen cities, counties, and regional organizations from Long Island, New York City, the Hudson Valley and southern Connecticut to

support local and regional planning that leverages the region's robust transit network and promotes economic opportunity. Eight place-specific projects, two corridor-level studies and four regional-scale programs were completed.



Consortium activities have already influenced policy in cities. Host SCI communities, in key

locations along the Metro-North and Long Island Rail Road transit network, have advanced plans for jobs, mixed-income housing, improved transit connections and quality of life improvements. Consortium work played a role in developing recent policy initiatives such as the Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR), the New York City housing plan, and the federal Rebuild by Design effort.

Outreach activities included two rounds of regional workshops as well as sessions focused on the Consortium's local projects. An advisory committee that included representatives from fair housing and community development non-profit organizations, housing developers, community foundations, planning organizations and housing coalitions from New York and Connecticut was convened as part of the Fair Housing and Equity Analysis that resulted in a broad range of recommendations contained in the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development.

For more information and to view the documents and materials produced by the Consortium go to www.sustainablenyct.org.

Brown Bag: September 11th Memorial Program Student Presentations

September 17, 2014, 12 noon NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC



IGNATIUS ADANGA CHARLES LESPERANCE SEE WONG SHUM The September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning honors 3 NYMTC staff members who died in the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001: Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance, and See Wong Shum. The Program provides assistance to students and organizations for projects in both academic and public policy arenas as a way to educate and motivate those who are interested in transportation technology and planning. This Brown Bag presentation will highlight the work of the two 2013-14

academic year participants: Emily Heard, Columbia University, MS in Urban Planning, on **Community Planning On Long Island**; and Homer Hill, Hunter College, CUNY, Masters in Urban Planning, **on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Implementation Planning**.

This meeting may be attended in person or via webinar. RSVP to lisa.daglian@dot.ny.gov to attend in person. Register for the webinar at http://tinyurl.com/NYMTC911-Program-2014. Password: 9112014BB