

NYC DOT Mobility Management Fall Teleconference

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NYMTC

WHAT IS THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL?



- A “metropolitan planning organization” for downstate New York (New York City, Long Island & 3 Counties in the Lower Hudson Valley)
 - Regional council of governments
 - Nine voting & seven advisory members
- Required by Federal legislation which authorizes funding for transportation
- Responsible for the mandated metropolitan transportation planning process



Membership



Department of
Transportation



Advisory members: New Jersey Transit, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation



Planning Area



What is the Regional Transportation Plan

- Is a federally-required planning product
- Is THE basis for federal transportation funding in the NYMTC planning area
- Covers a minimum 20-year timeframe
- Is a blueprint that helps guide funding of investments in the NYMTC planning area
- Is based on Council members' vision for the region enshrined in the goals & outcomes outlined in the Plan
- Is multi-modal
- Is fiscally-constrained (needs cannot outweigh resources)
- Is developed collaboratively with members, agencies, other stakeholders and you the public

Updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)



Update due
Sept. 2017

Why the update?

Plan 2045

- Federal requirement for the RTP to be updated every 4 years in our region
- New information on population & employment growth – changing demands & trends
- Updated transportation funding sources
- New information on costs & other financial inputs
- Revised regional priorities as determined by NYMTC's Principals
- New air quality requirements
- New federal requirements & priorities
- Technological developments

Public Outreach for Plan 2045

- Previously relied on in-person meetings/workshops – attendance was poor and comments were few
- For (current)Plan 2040 decided to try something different – internet-based outreach in addition to in person open-houses
- For internet-based outreach we used crowd sourcing platform MindMixer which generated over 500 comments
- After reviewing a few options decided to go with mySidewalk which is an upgraded version of MindMixer for the new Plan (Plan 2045)
- We expect mySidewalk to go live in January 2016

How will mySidewalk Help Us?

- It is an interactive tool that will allow users to respond to our specific transportation questions
- Will allow participants to view public datasets including census information at the census block level (among other geographies) when responding to our questions
- We will be able to display interactive maps and charts and other visualizations
- Participants will not only be able to submit comments, but also be able to view and react to others' input
- Will provide us with various analytical capabilities to assist with our decisions
- Bottom line is that we feel that this platform will enable us to reach a greater number, and wider cross-section of people to assist us with the development of Plan 2045

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for additional information on NYMTC, and
mySidewalk when it goes live in January 2016