

NYMTC's New Coordinated Plan

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What is NYMTC?

- Metropolitan Planning Organization for New York City, suburban Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley
- Regional council comprised of nine voting and seven advisory members
- Required for federal funding of transportation improvement projects
- Three geographically-based Transportation Coordinating Committees

NYMTC's Planning Area

Image - Map of NYMTC Planning Area including counties and TCCs including: Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau, Suffolk, Bronx, Manhattan (New York County), Queens, Brooklyn (Kings County), and Staten Island (Richmond County). Three TCCs listed include: Mid Hudson South (Putnam, Rockland, Westchester), Nassau-Suffolk TCC, and New York City TCC (Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond)

NYMTC Membership

- Nassau County
- Suffolk County
- Westchester County
- Rockland County
- Putnam County
- New York State Department of Transportation
- New York City Department of Transportation
- New York City Department of City Planning
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority State of New York
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

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

The Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan)

- All projects selected for federal funding must be “drawn from a Coordinated Plan”

- To do this, the Coordinated Plan will:
 - Create an inventory of community transportation services
 - Identify where “the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting needs”
 - Develop and prioritize strategies and actions

Key Inputs into the Plan

- Previous NYMTC Coordinated Plans (2004, 2009 and 2013)
- NYMTC Regional Transportation Plans (current and next)
- Other relevant resources:
 - OneNYC
 - NYCDOT Initiatives for People with Disabilities
 - NYCDOT Mobility Management Resource Guide (2015)

Example of Services To Be Considered

- Public transportation
 - NYC Subways and buses
 - Commuter rail services
 - County transit systems
 - ADA Paratransit services
 - Ferries
- Privately-owned transportation
 - Taxi cabs, livery services, Uber/Lyft, etc.
 - Private shuttles
 - Commuter vans
- Medicaid medical transportation (non-emergency)
- Other human services transportation

Other Human Services Transportation

- Agencies that provide specialized transportation typically targeted to meet specific client needs, such as:
 - Transporting program participants to and from agency programming or services
 - Provided transportation for food shopping and other shopping needs
- Examples include:
 - Hospitals
 - Senior centers
 - Community centers
 - Day programs and residential facilities

Unmet Needs

- Service Delivery Gaps
 - Longer distance and inter-jurisdictional trips, service frequency, and span issues
- Spatial Gaps
 - Service area coverage gaps
 - Cross jurisdictional service gaps
- Temporal Gaps

- Limitations due to schedules and operating hours
- Institutional Gaps
- Lack of coordination between varying agencies and a lack of coordination with regard to messaging the general public, particularly for paratransit
- Funding and administrative structure of transit providers often leads to distinct service breaks at municipal borders
- Knowledge and Information Gaps
 - Limited coordination of information transfer between service providers
- Technology Gaps
 - Limitations in use of cross-cutting technology across geographic boundaries
- Accessibility Gaps
 - Accessibility issues at transit facilities, linkages, and physical access to transit

Targeted Populations

Image - Census tracts in the NYMTC region that are highlighted based on the percentages of targeted populations (older adults & people with disabilities)

Federal Funding – Enhanced Section 5310

- 49 C.F.R. Section 5310
 - Meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs.
 - Recipients can include states or local government authorities, private non-profit organizations, and/or operators of public transportation.
 - For 2016, New York State DOT has announced the availability of approximately \$10 million in funding for the NYMTC planning area
- Programmatic changes from previous federal legislation
 - The program was modified to include projects eligible under the former Section 5317 New Freedom program, described as capital and operating expenses for new public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by the ADA, designed to assist individuals with disabilities and seniors.

Eligible projects

TRADITIONAL (55% of Funding)

- Buses and vans
- Vehicle access improvements (Wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices)
- Transit-related IT systems (Scheduling/routing/one-call)
- Mobility management programs
- Acquisition of transportation services

NON-TRADITIONAL (45% of Funding)

- Accessible paths of travel to transit (curb ramps, sidewalk improvements, APS, etc.)
- Improved signage / way-finding technologies

- Travel training / volunteer driver programs

Notes - Stand Alone Plan: Federal share is 80 percent for capital projects (20 percent local match). Federal share is 50 percent for operating assistance (50 percent local match).

Examples of Funded Projects from Previous Plans

- Vehicle replacements
- Mobility management activities, such as:
 - Travel training
 - Centralized transportation information
 - Volunteer driver networks
 - Transportation voucher programs
- Operating assistance
- Expansion of ADA paratransit services
- Sidewalk extensions for accessible bus stops
- Street and sidewalk accessibility improvements

Plan Development Milestones

- **October / November 2016** – in-person and on-line public workshops; stakeholders survey
- **May 2017** – draft Coordinated Plan released for public review
- **June / July 2017** – NYMTC adopts Plan 2045, which includes the new Coordinated Plan
- **October / November 2017** – selection of the next round of Section 5310-funded projects

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