

## MPO Directory

### **Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council**

Washington County Municipal Center  
Room A-231, Fort Edward, NY 12828  
[www.agftc.org](http://www.agftc.org) or (518) 746-2199

### **Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study**

P.O. Box 1766 Government Plaza, Binghamton, NY 13902  
[www.bmtsonline.com](http://www.bmtsonline.com) or (607) 778-2443

### **Capital District Transportation Committee**

One Park Place, Albany, NY 12205  
[www.cdtcmpto.org](http://www.cdtcmpto.org) or (518) 458-2161

### **Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council**

400 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901  
[www.elmirampo.org](http://www.elmirampo.org) or (607) 737-5510

### **Genesee Transportation Council**

50 West Main Street, Suite 8112, Rochester, NY 14614  
[www.gtcmpo.org](http://www.gtcmpo.org) or (585) 232-6240

### **Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council**

438 Main Street, 5th Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202  
[www.gbnrtc.org](http://www.gbnrtc.org) or (716) 856-2026

### **Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study**

Union Station, 321 Main Street, Utica, NY 13501  
[www.hocts.org](http://www.hocts.org) or (315) 798-5710

### **Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council**

121 East Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850  
[www.tompkins-co.org/itctc/](http://www.tompkins-co.org/itctc/) or (607) 274-5570

### **Orange County Transportation Council**

124 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924  
[www.co.orange.ny.us/planning/](http://www.co.orange.ny.us/planning/) or (845) 291-2318

### **New York Metropolitan Transportation Council**

199 Water Street 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10038  
[www.nymtc.org](http://www.nymtc.org) or (212) 383-7200

### **Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council**

27 High Street, 2nd Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
[www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm](http://www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm) or (845) 486-3600

### **Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council**

126 North Salina Street, 100 Clinton Square, Suite 100,  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
[www.smtcmpto.org](http://www.smtcmpto.org) or (315) 422-5716

### **Ulster County Transportation Council**

244 Fair Street, PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402  
[www.co.ulster.ny.us/planning/tran.html](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/planning/tran.html) or (845) 340-3340



Renovated Metro-North Station  
Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council

## About NYSMPOs

The Association is a coalition of 13 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in New York State committed to working together toward common transportation goals. It is a diverse group, representing very large urban areas like New York City as well as small urban areas like Elmira. The MPOs have common interests and believe that collaborating on planning and research initiatives help the MPOs provide high-quality transportation planning expertise to the public throughout the state.

## Guiding Metropolitan Transportation Planning in New York State



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Pedestrian bridge near Utica.  
Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Study



## How Your MPO Benefits Your Community

Each MPO is a forum for plans and ideas as well as decisions about major capital investments. The entire community—businesses, government, and citizens—has a voice in the process. Whether the topic is a dangerous intersection or a long-term policy issue, the region's future is shaped by decisions made by the MPO.

### SAFETEA-LU

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was enacted in August 2005. Like preceding federal transportation legislation, SAFETEA-LU underscores the importance of a participatory, integrated, regional transportation planning process and re-affirms the MPO's central role. SAFETEA-LU also adds some new areas of emphasis, including: the importance of security in transportation planning, the linkage between transportation and economic development, and the need for efficient system management and operations.



The New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations includes all 13 MPOs in the state collaborating to enable individual MPOs to better serve their regions. Through information-sharing, research, and training programs the association helps the MPOs to address state and federal policies and programs. The MPO directors and their staffs meet throughout the year to discuss their activities and have established working groups on topics such as safety, air quality, transit, bicycle/pedestrian and geographic information systems. By pooling financial resources, the Association conducts research and training programs (Shared Cost Initiatives) that benefit all the MPOs. Recent research topics have included statewide data sharing, congestion management systems, and the future of travel behavior. Training varies from technical to policy topics, such as intelligent transportation systems and the new Safe Routes to School program.

## What is an MPO?

A metropolitan planning organization (MPO) is, by federal law, designated by the governor of each state for every urban area with at least 50,000 residents. The MPO develop solutions to regional transportation problems and addresses other important issues such as land use, air quality, energy, economic development, commerce and quality of life. Each MPO develops a long-range regional transportation plan to guide transportation decision making and activities. The MPO also develops a short-range program of projects to be implemented with federal transportation funds. For each project the MPO's responsibility is to engage many stakeholders, including the general public, in the planning process. By creating a vision for the region in the long-range plan and by identifying projects and investments that help achieve that vision, the MPO ensures that scarce federal transportation funds are wisely invested.