



**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs
TRANSIT WORKING GROUP
June 15, 2021
Teleconference
11:00 PM – 12:30 PM**

MEETING NOTES

1. Participating

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS – Scott Reigle
- DCTC – Mark Debald
- GTC – Alex Kone
- GTC – Robert Williams
- ITCTC – Jay Lambrix
- NYCTCC – Carl King
- NYSDOT – Harriet Lewis
- NYSDOT – Barbara Cadwell
- OCTC - Ashlee Long
- OCTC – Jessica Ridgeway
- SMTC – Mario Colone
- UCTC – Brian Slack
- RTS - Earl Pearson
- RTS - Chris Mahood
- RTS - Julie Boasi
- Planning4Places – James Levy

1. Introductions

M. Colone opened the meeting.

2. Approval of meeting notes.

The March meeting notes were approved.

3. Presentation: Reimagine RTS & the new Transit App.

Alex introduced Earl, Chris and Julie. A 2018 CMAQ grant was used to help fund the effort. The system now runs via an account-based ticketing system similar to EZ-Pass. This system helps to provide customers with more control over their money, among other things. The fare structure has not changed. The system uses a single app. that comes up automatically if within the geo-fence area.

4. NYSDOT Updates

No update.

5. MPO Updates

- a. Carl King discussed the Spring web meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum hosted by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. The agenda featured a presentation on population growth and freight related development in eastern Pennsylvania.
- b. Jay Lambrix noted that TCAT is in the 2nd phase of the public engagement effort for the Transit Development Plan. A draft of the Plan should be available later this year.
- c. Mario Colone provided an update on the SMTC Coordinated Plan update. The MPO contacted over 90 organizations and are awaiting feedback. In addition to modal forums, the MPO is pulling together a disability forum.

- d. Mario noted transit funding awards through the American Rescue Plan resulted in two projects in NYS being funded – a BRT corridor in Albany and the East Side Access Project which will bring the LIRR to Grand Central.

6. NYSAMPO SCI RFP

The project is moving forward. It is being managed by CDTC and a consultant has been selected. There is a Project Advisory Committee – if you are interested in participating, please contact Carrie Ward at cward@cdtcmpo.org.

7. Work Plan

- a. Fact Sheets are a task item in the 2021-2022 Work Plan. If you are interested in being part of a sub-committee to develop the Fact Sheet on Corridor transit and land use strategies, please contact Jim Levy at jlevy@planning4places.com.
- b. The Work Plan also calls for developing a repository of best practices information/links. If you have any information to include, please contact Jim Levy.

8. Other:

We want to thank Jen Hodge for her years as Transit Working Group Co-Chair. There is now an opening for Co-Chair. If you are interested, please contact Mario at mcolone@smtcmpo.org and Jim at jlevy@planning4places.com.

A question was raised regarding the potential for an in-person meeting. Jim will seek input from the Directors and let the Working Group know what was decided.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021 at 11:00am.