

New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, NY

Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan



The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) area, encompassing the five boroughs of New York City, Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, and Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties in the Lower Hudson Valley. Nelson\Nygaard was retained by NYMTC to produce a “Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan” that not only met the requirements set by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) but also to improve service quality and mobility for residents of the region. Nelson\Nygaard managed the overall plan as well as leading the planning effort for New York City’s five boroughs.

The goal of the plan was to identify and prioritize coordination strategies to improve the efficiencies of the region’s varied and complex services and, ultimately, to expand the funding that currently is supporting these community transportation services.

As overall project manager, Nelson\Nygaard facilitated Steering Committee meetings comprised of regional stakeholders and developed a plan that identified opportunities to coordinate regional services. As project manager for New York City, Nelson\Nygaard completed a SAFETEA-LU coordinated planning process that involved preparing an inventory, assessing unmet needs, and identifying and prioritizing strategies.

Nelson\Nygaard also conducted a series of focus groups and two rounds of community workshops across the NYMTC region as a way to understand local needs, verify findings and receive input on preliminary sets of strategies.

The Coordinated Plan was well received by stakeholders and community transportation planners. NYMTC’s most recent call was a highly competitive process that awarded funding for several projects and strategies recommended in the Plan. NYMTC’s Project Manager noted, “the community feedback I have received on the Coordinated Plan has been very positive. I would like to commend Nelson\Nygaard on a great job.”

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Nelson\Nygaard Budget: \$303,000

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