

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

TRANSIT, RIDESHARING, AND COMMUTING ALTERNATIVES

Goal:

- To identify concerns and problems and to identify affordable, effective and implementable strategies to increase the opportunities for transit use, ridesharing, and commuting alternatives.

Objectives:

- To review and incorporate strategies being developed by the Long Island Bus Study (1997-1998), designed to influence mode switch from single-occupant vehicles to transit. Consider new transit services and support actions such as intermodal terminals, park & ride lots and LIRR parking, and feeder, express and shuttle bus service.
- To review the transit systems and identify system-wide weaknesses that hinder accessibility to transit services.
- To identify strategies to reduce the number of vehicles arriving at major trip generators such as office parks and shopping malls. Consider off-site parking areas, people movers and improved pedestrian access.
- Recommend responsibilities that major employers should accept and actions they should undertake to reduce the number of single occupant vehicles arriving (during peak hours) at their worksites. Actions to consider include: employer-provided ridesharing and transit incentives, compressed work weeks and telecommuting.
- Recommend responsibilities that State and local government should accept and actions they should undertake to increase ridesharing and transit use on Long Island. Coordination with the Land Use, Zoning, and Funding Subcommittee may be required.
- Identify funding partnerships among federal, state, local and private sector entities to achieve the above.
- As appropriate, recommend potential legislation to support recommended strategies.
- Identify means of providing more transit news and information to the public.

Product: A prioritized list of improvement strategies for consideration by the TAC.

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SPECIAL TRAVEL
(BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, NON-MOTORIZED, AND SPECIAL TRAVEL NEEDS)

Goal:

- To identify concerns and problems and to identify affordable, effective and implementable strategies to provide real choices for alternative travel modes such as bicycling and walking, and to provide safe, efficient and convenient mobility for groups with special requirements, such as disadvantaged groups, the elderly, students and the disabled.

Objectives:

- Work with Department Regional Bicycle Coordinator to identify an appropriate Island-wide bikeway system that will provide improved bicycling opportunities.
- Recommend a policy statement that will encourage state and local governments and transit operators to promote, implement and accommodate programs and facilities for alternative modes of transportation.
- Recommend a policy statement that will encourage state and local governments to implement, as part of roadway improvement projects, treatments that will accommodate pedestrians and facilities for those with special travel needs. Consider such things as sidewalks, pedestrian bridges and standards for safe pedestrian access to worksites, shopping centers and other activity centers.
- Work with state, county and local governments to recommend policies and criteria for implementing ferry services that will reduce vehicle travel on Long Island.
- Review and incorporate, as appropriate, Long Island Bus Study strategies that will improve travel opportunities for groups with special requirements. Such groups would include students, the elderly and physically challenged individuals.
- Recommend policy statements for state and local governments and transit operators to adopt regarding implementation of treatments, as part of appropriate transportation improvements, that will facilitate travel by non-auto modes, including bicycles.
- Review and identify, as appropriate, the plans and policies of local governments that pertain to these issues.

Product: A prioritized list of improvement strategies for consideration by the TAC.

Facilitator:

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CARGO MOVEMENTS

Goal:

- To identify concerns and problems and to identify affordable, effective and implementable strategies to improve efficiency of cargo movements.

Objectives:

- Assess freight movements via the highway networks and identify bottleneck areas.
- Identify realistic improvements to the highway system that would reduce bottlenecks and improve cargo movements. (i.e. signalization, signage, ITS, structural)
- Assess feasibility of increasing intermodal freight movements as well as the use of rail and ferry services to move cargo. Identify current limitations and potential improvements.
- Review recommendations of the Long Range Plan and incorporate goals that appropriately support the objectives of the LITP Study.
- Review the LIRR Downstate Freight Study conducted by Mercer Management and incorporate goals as appropriate.
- Identify strategies that can lead to useful alternative options for moving cargo on Long Island.

Product: A prioritized list of improvement strategies for consideration by the TAC.

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AUTO TRAVEL, INCIDENT MANAGEMENT, HOV, AND ITS

Goal:

- To identify concerns and problems and to identify affordable, effective and implementable strategies for managing congestion, incidents, access for emergency services, and motorist information.

Objectives:

- Review the Department's Regional ITS Plan and incorporate strategies and measures aimed at reducing congestion. This should include incident detection and response techniques.
- Evaluate island-wide travel patterns and identify an appropriate interconnected HOV system for Long Island. Incorporate existing recommendations from other studies and plans where appropriate.
- Consider HOV support actions (i.e., park & ride lots, enforcement, etc.) and make recommendations as appropriate.
- Establish criteria for converting general-use lanes to HOV lanes.
- Identify responsibilities that State government and local governments should accept and actions they should undertake to accomplish the above.
- Identify funding partnerships among State and local entities to achieve the above.

Product: A prioritized list of improvement strategies for consideration by the TAC.

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LAND USE, ZONING, AND FUNDING

Goal:

- To identify regional and individual concerns and problems and to identify affordable, effective and implementable strategies to increase opportunities to manage land use development for more efficient use of Long Island's transportation system, and to identify public and private funding sources and mechanisms for implementing LITP plan elements.

Objectives:

- Review existing land use policies and zoning regulations (considering mixed land use and floor/area ratios) and evaluate how they relate to vehicle trip generation. Recommend changes and suggest new land use and zoning concepts to manage and distribute auto trips.
- Review access management techniques and consider possible implementation on arterials. Make recommendations as appropriate. Consider such things as driveway spacing and service/frontage road development, not only to manage access, but also to foster improved transit access to commercial sites.
- Review parking management strategies and identify those that support congestion reduction. (i.e., reduced spaces, parking fees, carpool incentives, reductions in parallel parking).
- Identify some existing examples of transit and pedestrian friendly developments and site plans.
- Identify opportunities for local public/private funding partnerships.

Product: A prioritized list of considerations and local public/private funding options for consideration by the TAC.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Goals:

- To oversee the Department's implementation of the Public Participation Program.
- To help develop lasting mechanisms for improved public participation between the NYSDOT and the community at large.

Objectives:

- Suggest appropriate and achievable modifications to the PPP as it is progressed that would improve its effectiveness.
- Develop general (congestion management) themes that could be included in various advertising campaigns.

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