



County of Rockland
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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOW OPEN FOR TRANSIT PROJECTS
PROPOSED FOR RECOVERY ACT FUNDS**

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN WESTCHESTER, LONG ISLAND AND NYC

The public will have the opportunity to review and comment on a program of transit projects proposed for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) has announced on behalf of its members. Projects proposed are for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Nassau, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties. The comment period opened on Thursday, April 16 and ends on Wednesday, April 29. In addition, public hearings will be held in the Lower Hudson Valley, Long Island and New York City.

Information on the proposed projects is available at www.NYMTC.org. Comments are due to NYMTC in writing via mail, e-mail or fax by 4 pm on April 29 to NYMTC-Public-Info@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.7266 (fax). All projects being considered for ARRA funds must be on the fiscally-constrained Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Previously reviewed projects that have been or will be added to the TIP can be viewed at www.NYMTC.org. There may be overlap on projects previously reviewed and those currently under review due to separate federal requirements.

Potential projects in the region that may benefit Rockland commuters include a \$42 million project to improve Tarrytown Rail Station platforms and canopies, an \$8.2 million project to improve passenger elevators at Grand Central Terminal and several projects to improve the NYC Transit subway system. Locally, Rockland County plans to utilize \$5.5 million in ARRA funds to help purchase six hybrid buses for its Transport of Rockland (TOR) bus service and three hybrid buses for its TAPPAN ZExpress (TZx) bus service.

Public hearings will be held as follows:

Lower Hudson Valley:

Tuesday April 21, 2009: Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY

Long Island:

Wednesday, April 22, 2009: Town of Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY

New York City:

Tuesday, April 28, 2009: NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, New York (webcast on www.NYMTC.org)

**Speaker registration will open at 4:30pm for each location, and will close at 6pm; presentations are limited to three minutes.

For more information, contact NYMTC-Public-Info@dot.state.ny.us or 212-383-7241.

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