The New NY WORKS Task Force

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Meeting of the New York Works Task Force

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August Public Forums

Transparent

- In August, the Task Force held four public forums across New York State
- Over 300 community stakeholders attended and provided input on the capital budget process that the Task Force is developing for New York State
Inclusive

• The forums were widely publicized and open to the community and the media

• Attendees included
  – Elected officials
  – Regional Economic Development Council members
  – Labor representatives
  – Contractors interested in State business
  – Engineers
  – Public policy experts
  – Community Advocates
  – Staff of capital spending State agencies and authorities
  – Members of the media
August Public Forums

Open and Interactive

• Presentation by the Division of the Budget on the current state of capital funding and financing and the existing State capital budget process

• Presentation by the Task Force on its proposed criteria for capital investment decisions and plan going forward

• Panel discussion followed by question and answer session with community stakeholders
August Public Forums

Buffalo – August 15

• Chaired by Mayor Byron W. Brown
  Task Force member and Western NY REDC Representative

• Discussion panel with
  – Andrew J. Rudnick
    President and CEO of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and
    Western NY REDC Representative
  – Howard A. Zemsky
    Managing Partner of the Larkin Development Group,
    Chairman of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, and
    Co-Chair of the Western NY REDC
August Public Forums

Syracuse – August 16

- Chaired by Mayor Stephanie A. Miner
  Task Force member and Central NY REDC Representative
- Discussion panel with
  - Andrew Fish
    Executive Director of the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce and
    Central NY REDC Representative
  - Greg Lancette
    President of the United Association Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local 267
  - Mark Lichtenstein
    Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Community Solutions
  - Ann Marie Taliercio
    President of the Central New York Area Labor Federation and
    Central NY REDC Representative
August Public Forums

Albany – August 20

- Chaired by Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell, Jr.
  Task Force member

- Discussion panel with
  - Assemblyman Ronald J. Canestrari
    Task Force member and Capital Region REDC Representative
  - Robert F. Mujica, Jr.
    Task Force member and Chief of Staff to the Senate Majority
  - Jeffrey Stark
    President of the Greater Capital Region Building Trades Council and
    Capital Region REDC Representative
  - F. Michael Tucker
    President and CEO of the Center for Economic Growth and
    Capital Region REDC Representative
August Public Forums

Farmingdale – August 29

• Chaired by John D. Cameron, Jr., P.E
  Task Force member

• Discussion panel with
  – John R. Durso
    President of the Long Island Federation of Labor and
    Long Island REDC Representative
  – Marc Herbst
    Executive Director of the Long Island Contractor's Association
  – Marianne Garvin
    President and CEO of the Community Development Corporation of Long
    Island and Long Island REDC Representative
Timely and Urgently Needed

- A statewide strategic approach focused on economic sectors, with local input, that maximizes the economic impact of the State’s limited resources is long overdue
- Focus on job creation
- There is tremendous interest at the local level on what is being planned for their communities:
  - At every meeting detailed questions were posed about local projects, from the Peace Bridge in Buffalo to sewage treatment in Northport
Statewide Themes

• Demographics matter:
  – The changing population alters the demands on infrastructure, including but not limited to health care and education
• Develop communities that are attractive to young people, both for work and play
• Extend broadband Internet access to underserved communities
• Consider social equity and improving the condition of those populations with the greatest need
• Societal benefits—whether environmental, public health, or other positive externalities—may be hard to measure, but need to be included
Communicate, Coordinate, Execute

- Effective communication is essential to developing community support (e.g., if a rail project will alleviate road congestion, educate drivers so they’ll appreciate the interconnectedness and support the plan)

- Continue to work closely with the REDCs to tap their knowledge of regional needs

- Delivery and implementation is just as critical as planning
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