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**MAYOR ROACH NAMES STAKEHOLDER TASK FORCE FOR
RE-DEVELOPMENT OF WHITE PLAINS TRANSCENTER
Group to Assist in Planning for Revitalized TransCenter Area**

WHITE PLAINS, NY – October 29, 2015. White Plains Mayor Tom Roach today announced the members of the White Plains Multimodal Transportation Center Redevelopment Project Stakeholder Task Force. “I am excited to introduce this very capable group, who will help the City in its planning efforts for a revitalized, reimagined White Plains TransCenter, and surrounding area” said the Mayor.

The planning process is well underway for the redevelopment of the TransCenter area, with support from Governor Cuomo’s Cleaner, Greener Communities program, which is administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The goal is to complete this process within one year with a visionary, yet realistic, strategy for redevelopment. This will include:

- ❖ Re-assessing the White Plains Metro-North station so that it functions more efficiently for all users and integrates the myriad of transit services while also creating a more welcoming and dynamic place;
- ❖ Re-establishing the area immediately surrounding the station, through the creation of more pedestrian-scale streets, transit-supportive land uses (commercial and residential), and engaging public spaces;
- ❖ Strengthening the linkages and connections between the multimodal transcenter and the downtown core; and

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- ❖ Strategic planning which will help identify early opportunities that will have an immediate impact on specific conditions and which is also comprehensive, including identifying potential funding streams.

The Stakeholder Task Force is an important component of the project. The Task Force represents the perspective of the following stakeholder groups:

- City of White Plains
- Metro-North Railroad
- Westchester County
- New York State
- Residents
- Landowners
- Businesses, and
- Special Interest/Community Groups (e.g. – pedestrian and/or bike advocates, commuters, environmental groups, neighborhood associations, etc.).

The purpose of the Task Force is to:

- Serve as a forum for collaboration among all interested stakeholders
- Serve as a liaison with various constituency groups
- Provide input on project vision and plan
- Participate in public meetings

TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Roach, Chair	City of White Plains
Michael Shiffer	V.P. Planning, MTA Metro-North Railroad
Ed Buroughs	Westchester County Planning Commissioner
Todd Westhuis	NYS Dept. of Transportation, Division of Operations and Asset Management
Justin Brasch	Metro-North Commuter; resident
Larry Salley	Chair, White Plains Housing Authority; Former Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Transportation; resident
Mary Cavallero	Former Chair, White Plains Planning Board; resident
Patty Cantu	Co-President, Battle Hill Neighborhood Association; resident
Peter Mosbacher	Senior V.P., Community Development, Webster Bank; placemaking advocate
Richard Payne	Cycling advocate; resident
Robert Weisz	CEO, RPW Group
Susan Fox	President & CEO, White Plains Hospital
Tim Jones	Managing Member, Robert Martin Company, LLC
William Cuddy	Executive V.P., CBRE Brokerage Services

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“The Multimodal Transportation Center Redevelopment project will help to accelerate community revitalization in White Plains by improving livability and providing more efficient transportation options,” said John B. Rhodes, President and CEO, NYSERDA. “Under Governor Cuomo’s Reforming the Energy Vision strategy to build a cleaner, more resilient and affordable energy system, communities across the State are implementing local, sustainable growth strategies to ensure a healthier environment for their citizens.”

The Cleaner, Greener Communities Program is a statewide initiative that encourages communities to incorporate sustainability goals and principles into local decision-making, and then form partnerships to transform markets, leading to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and economic development benefits.

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