Transportation Advisory Panel – Thursday, September 17, 2020

The Transportation Advisory Panel held its inaugural meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The meeting started with brief introductions from chairs Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez (NYSDOT) and Deputy Commissioner Jared Snyder (NYSDEC) and the 15 members of the Panel comprising of representatives from the MTA, environmental NGOs, transportation associations and unions, private sector, and academia. After receiving an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Transportation Panel and a presentation on Deep Decarbonization Pathways with a focus on the transportation sector by E3, each Panel member raised issues important to them and that should be covered in the strategies and recommendations they put forward to the Climate Action Council. They discussed issues of electric vehicle infrastructure, incentives and affordability, mass transit and the need for electric buses, grid to vehicle connectivity, congestion pricing, smart growth and logistics, instituting a clean fuel standard, environmental justice considerations, the Transportation and Climate Initiative, funding, and engaging key stakeholders including utilities, among others. These topics will form the basis of the Panel’s work plan. The next meeting is expected to be held by the end of September 2020. Presentations from Advisory Panels and Working Groups meetings can be found here.