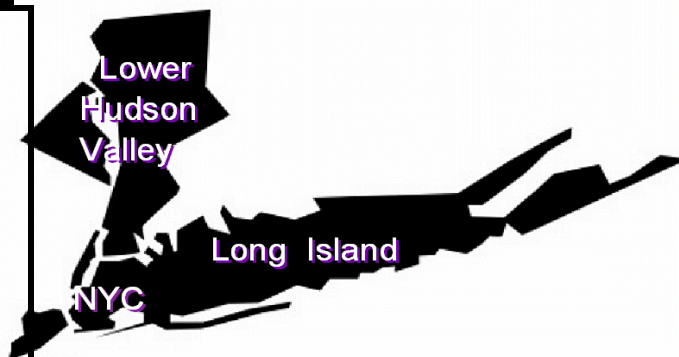


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**\* TIP Comment Period Begins** by Chris Hardej

As part of the process to update the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), NYMTC is announcing the start of the 30-day comment period for the Transportation Coordinating Committees (TCCs) preliminary project listings. You are invited to participate in the comment period which will begin on February 7<sup>th</sup> and close on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of the TIP is to outline transportation improvements scheduled to receive federal funding. Projects funded through other sources are also identified to provide a more comprehensive picture of proposed transportation improvements in the region. As part of this public review, the TCCs will hold public meetings as noted in the Calendar of Events, below.

The project listings can be downloaded from the NYMTC website( [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org)) or directly at <http://www.nymtc.org/abouttip-down.cfm>. Copies can also be obtained.

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**\* NYMTC Restarts Brown Bag Lunches** by Judith Wilson

NYMTC is reinstating its Brown Bag Lunch Series on topics of interest in the region. Come join us every third Wednesday of the month for a lunch time presentation in our offices at 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor in lower Manhattan.

Our first guest on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, will be Professor Laxmi Ramasubramanian of the University Transportation Research Center, who will do a presentation on Visualizing Alternative Urban Futures: Creating Opportunities for Conversation, Communication and Policymaking.

Bring a lunch from home, or stop by one of the many great take-out restaurants in our area on your way. Anyone interested is welcome. Come every month or just once in a while! If you have ideas for topics, let us know in person or by e-mail. See the Calendar of Events, below.

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**\* CATS Track II Reaches Out** by Aizaz Ahmed

Canal Area Transportation Study (CATS) Track II, the second phase of a study to identify and address medium and long-term transportation issues in the Canal Street area, was a major topic of discussion at a meeting of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC)



Chinatown Working Group on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Group consists of representatives of elected officials in the Chinatown area, community groups, and interest and advocacy groups. It meets monthly to discuss issues relevant to the revitalization of Chinatown, with an emphasis on business improvement and marketing.

At this meeting, the CATS II Project Team (NYMTC Staff and members of the Consultant Team) provided a brief presentation on CATS II, including an overview of the CATS process that detailed the short-term focus and long-term focus of the two-phase study, and information about CATS II technical analysis and public outreach. The results of CATS II will be used to help shape the upcoming NYCDOT Canal Street reconstruction project. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period that led to discussion about public involvement and CATS II Stakeholder Committee of local business and community groups. Members of the LMDC Chinatown Working Group expressed interest in how information would be disseminated to the public and volunteered to serve on the Stakeholder Committee, while others offered to help publicize CATS II activities. CATS Track II, which started in November 2004, will develop recommendations for medium, and long term transportation investments for the Canal Street Corridor through the collaborative effort of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, the consultant, a Steering Committee, a Stakeholders Committee and a robust public outreach program. The multi-modal, multi-agency study involves the Canal Street corridor within a study area approximately bounded by Houston Street in the north and Chambers Street to the south. The study will attempt to respond to and balance concerns about the continued viability of the Canal Street Corridor as a critical regional transportation link and also about the local transportation and mobility issues in the area. Contact: Aizaz Ahmed at 212.383.7283 or [AAhmed@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:AAhmed@dot.state.ny.us).

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**\* Bicycle Education Comes to NYC** by Howard J. Mann

The Bicycle Education Leaders' Conference is the only national conference dedicated to the critical topic of bicycle safety and education. If you teach bicycle safety, you need to be in New York City, May 2-4, to network with and learn from your peers. The program includes informative workshops on marketing bicycle education, developing youth education programs, and reaching educators in your community. Make sure you come a day earlier to ride Bike New York, a unique opportunity to see the city from the saddle of a bike with 30,000 other riders! Registration for BELC 2005 includes participation in Bike New York, the Five Boro Bike Tour on Sunday, May 1. Upon registration for the conference you will be given the option to sign up for this wonderful cycling opportunity. To ensure that you are pre-registered for the ride, please be sure to sign up for the conference by April 1, no fooling.

Contact: Howard J. Mann at 212.383.2530 or [HMann@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:HMann@dot.state.ny.us) or League of American Bicyclists at 202.822.1333 or [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org).

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**\* What is PortSide New York?** by Mary Hrabowska

PortSide New York is a new maritime center coming to Red Hook, Brooklyn: a wharf servicing

work-boats, a museum about contemporary maritime issues, and a place where people can see and appreciate workboats from a public access esplanade. The Red Hook area is changing dramatically. PortSide New York is part of that revitalization. The complex will include a new waterside Fairway Market that will open Fall 2005, next to the 11 buoy. There will also be a café and steakhouse overlooking the water. Workboats will tie up in front of Fairway on a spud barge. Transportation from the city is provided by ferry served by New York Water Taxi, which stops in front of Fairway, so that crews will have a one-boat ride to Manhattan and Sunset Park, and be able to reach Staten Island and New Jersey via one transfer in lower Manhattan. PortSide New York will also operate inside a historical warehouse pier built during the Civil War, where a variety of services is being considered. It will include a chandlery, newsstand, a bait and tackle shop, and other enterprises that will help fund the non-profit programs, such as training center, youth programs and maritime reference library. The PortSide museum will be the only museum in New York City that focuses on contemporary maritime life and issues. It will install a maritime trail through Red Hook and ultimately around the harbor. It will also collect oral histories and host fireside chats with working mariners so the public can hear that the working waterfront is alive.



PortSide New York is one of the successful current efforts to revitalize the city waterfronts and improve quality of life in general for residents and also for visitors. For more information on the PortSide New York, see <http://www.portsidenewyork.org/>.

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**\* Conformity Series #2: Major Milestones** by Gerry Bogacz

This is the second in a series of short articles about the air quality conformity situation in the New York region. Two major air quality milestones face the New York region in 2005. Under Federal legislation which waived certain requirements of the Clean Air Act in the region in the aftermath of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, NYMTC must issue draft Plan and TIP updates by April 1, 2005, as well as a preliminary emissions analysis of those documents. NYMTC's final Plan, TIP and conformity determination must be in place by September 30, 2005, which is the date that the waiver legislation expires. NYMTC must demonstrate conformity between its Plan and TIP and the air quality milestones set forth under the Clean Air Act in the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality. This demonstration is accomplished using sophisticated simulation models to forecast future travel and analyze the impacts of "non-exempt" transportation improvement projects on future emissions levels from mobile sources of pollution. If conformity cannot be demonstrated, "non-exempt" projects lose eligibility for Federal funding, meaning billions of dollars of Federal funding ride on the demonstration of air quality conformity. Future articles will discuss the emission reduction measures that have been planned over the past three years, as well as details on the analytical steps that must be undertaken.

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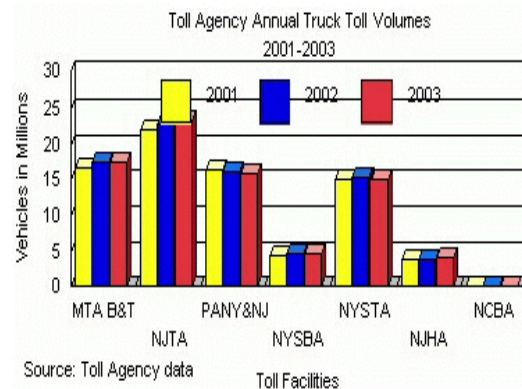
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**\* NYMTC DATA CORNER \***

**\* Who Manages the Most Truck Trips?** by Mary Hrabowska

The 2002-2003 Truck Toll Volumes report, which monitors freight vehicle movements in the New York metropolitan region, is now on the NYMTC website ([www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org)). The

purpose of the report is to track changes in truck usage and freight movement on toll facilities within the region. The chart shows truck volumes for the seven toll operating agencies in the region for the years 2001-2003. Notice that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority with 23.5 million annual truck trips has the highest number of trucks moving through toll barriers, followed by MTA B&T (17.5 million) and PANY&NJ (15.8 million).



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**\* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \***

- 2/16/05**, 12:00-1:00 pm, Visualizing Alternative Urban Futures: Creating Opportunities for Conversation, Communication and Policymaking. Professor Laxmi Ramasubramanian of UTRC. NYMTC, 199 Water St., 22<sup>nd</sup> Fl., NYC. Judith Wilson, 212.383.7256, [JWilson@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:JWilson@dot.state.ny.us).
- 2/28/05**, 4:00 pm, **NYCTCC TIP Preliminary Project Listings Public Meeting**, NYCDP 22 Reade Street, Spector Hall, NYC. Uchenna Madu, 718.482.4559, [UMadu@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:UMadu@dot.state.ny.us).
- 3/01/05**, 1:00 pm, **N/STCC TIP Preliminary Project Listings Public Meeting**, 250 Veterans Highway, Hauppauge, NY. Kevin Wolford, 631.952.6112, [KWolford@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:KWolford@dot.state.ny.us).
- 03/01/05**, 10:00 am, **Metropolitan Mobility Network Meeting**, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, NYC. Jan Khan, 212.383.7251, [JKhan@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:JKhan@dot.state.ny.us)
- 3/02/05**, 3:30 pm, **MHSTCC TIP Preliminary Project Listings Public Meeting**, Palisades Ctr, 4th Fl.- West Nyack, Rockland. Jean Shanahan, 845.431.7921, [JShanahan@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:JShanahan@dot.state.ny.us).
- 3/09/05**, 2:30 pm, **N/STCC Executive Meeting to Endorse the Preliminary Project Listings**, 250 Veterans Highway, Hauppauge, NY. Kevin Wolford, 631.952.6112, [KWolford@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:KWolford@dot.state.ny.us)
- 3/10/05**, 4:00 pm, **NYCTCC TIP Executive Meeting**, NYCDP, 22 Reade Street, Spector Hall, NYC. Uchenna Madu, 718.482.4559, [UMadu@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:UMadu@dot.state.ny.us).
- 03/15/05**, 11:00 am, **NYMTC's Annual Council Meeting**, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, [AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us).
- 3/21-23/05**, **Connecticut Maritime Association's Conference**, Stamford CT. CMA Shipping 2005, One Stamford Landing, Suite 214, 62 Southfield Ave, Stamford, CT 06902 or 203.406.0109 Ext 3717 or <http://www.shipping2005.com/>
- 4/29/05**, 8:30 am, **RPA's Annual Meeting Regional Assembly** Waldorf Astoria, NYC. Jeffrey Zupan, [jmzupan@optonline.net](mailto:jmzupan@optonline.net) or Petra, 212.253.2727 ext 322.

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