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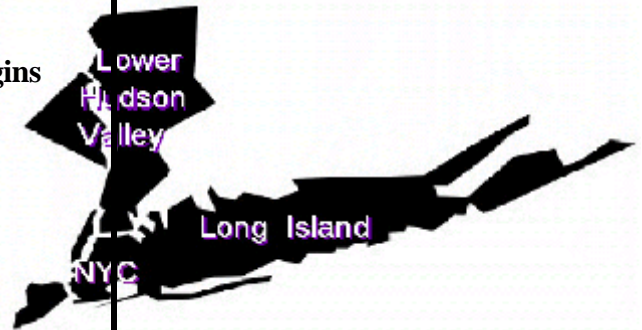
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\* **Commissioner Boardman Goes to Washington** by Alan Borenstein

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Joseph Boardman announced this week that he will be taking over the reins of the Federal Railroad Administration, pending Senate confirmation. Commissioner Boardman will be missed as he has been a good friend to NYMTC over his 10 years with NYSDOT.

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\* **RTP, TIP, Emissions Analysis Comment Period Begins** by Gerry Bogacz

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, NYMTC will release the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Regional Emissions Analysis (EA) as well as a consolidated draft of the 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and begin a 30-day public comment period. The Plan includes transportation programs and studies for the region through 2030, while the TIP is the listing of transportation improvement projects spanning the next five years. The Regional Emissions Analysis is required to assess how the Plan and TIP meet regional clean air “budgets” established by the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality under the Federal Clean Air Act. Members of the public are invited to attend meetings to review these draft products (see the Calendar of Events).

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the documents will be available from the NYMTC website, [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org), or copies may be obtained by calling the following staff: **RTP**, Jan Khan at 212.383.7251; **TIP**, Stephen Hausch at 212.383.7282; **Regional Emissions Analysis**, Larry McAuliffe at 212.383.7281.

Comments on the three draft documents are due in writing or e-mail no later than May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. Comments will also be recorded at the scheduled public review meetings. Following the public review, the Regional Emissions Analysis will be used to determine the region’s conformity to air quality budgets in the State Implementation Plan. That Conformity Determination will be available for public review during May, with a congestion management status report and an environmental justice assessment.

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\* **Application Deadline Extended to April 15** by Colleen R. Brathwaite

The deadline for submitting applications for the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning has been extended to April 15, 2005. Interested graduate students in transportation planning, civil engineering or information technology now have an additional month to apply for internships at NYMTC or other transportation agencies in the



New York metro area or to work on innovative research or planning projects. Students will receive up to \$10,000 in tuition assistance and \$2,000 per month stipends.

Students at the 10 colleges and universities of the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC) in this region are eligible for the program. Those selected will be engaged in activities aimed at promoting their development as transportation professionals, particularly in areas of interest to the three NYMTC employees who were killed in the World Trade Center disaster, and whom the program seeks to honor. Applications may be mailed to: September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10038-3534; Attn: Emma Gaitan.

Contact: Emma Gaitan at 212.383.7236 or [www.nymtc.org/911memorial](http://www.nymtc.org/911memorial).

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**\* NYMTC's Annual Meeting A Big Success** by Alan Borenstein



The Annual Meeting of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council was a big success with 200 people attending including most of the Council Principals and NYMTC's new Executive Director, Joel P. Ettinger. Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi became the new Co-Chair of NYMTC.

Among those talking about air quality and transportation plans were Nassau County Executive Suozzi, Westchester County Executive Spano and NYS Transportation Commissioner Boardman.

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**\* ITS Incident Management Workshop Held At NYMTC** by Salvatore Mamone

NYMTC hosted an all-day ITS Traffic Incident Management workshop on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Sixty-five participants at NYMTC's New York City offices were joined by many others at 7 video conference sites across New York State.

The guest presenter was Mr. John Corbin (pictured on right) from Wisconsin DOT. Topics discussed at the forum included: The Business Case for Traffic Incident Management, Traffic Incident Management Experiences at the State Level, Planning for Traffic Incident Management, Best Practices, and National Traffic Incident Management.

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**\* Public Weighs In on Preliminary Project Listings** by Gerry Bogacz

Nearly 150 people attended recent public meetings in New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley to offer their opinions about the preliminary project listings which NYMTC recently released as a first step toward updating the Transportation Improvement Program. At the Hudson Valley meeting, Mayor Francis J. Wassmer of the Village of Haverstraw offered comments about critical transportation projects and development plans in his village. Technical Services Director Ed Vergano of the Town of Cortlandt spoke on transportation projects related to the Route 6/35/202/Bear Mountain Parkway Sustainable Development Study. Other comments were on the I-287/Tappan Zee Bridge Environmental Assessment.

On Long Island, commentators spoke about the Glen Cove ferry service, the





Nassau Hub Major Investment Study, elimination of railroad grade crossings and the redevelopment of the Pilgrim State site.



In New York City, several residents of East Harlem spoke out on the East River Drive flyover project, questions were asked about



air quality analysis at the community level, and comments were offered on projects in Downtown Brooklyn.

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**\* CATS II Convenes First Stakeholder Meeting** by Aizaz Ahmed

Track II of the Canal Area Transportation Study (CATS), the second phase of an on-going planning study to identify and address medium and long-term transportation issues in the Canal Street area of Manhattan, convened its first Stakeholder Committee Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Study Team presented an overview of CATS II, including the background and a description of the process. Information was also presented on the technical analysis and public outreach that is planned to help identify improvements. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period that led to further discussion about public involvement and the role of the CATS II Stakeholder Committee.

Attendees supported the study team's community involvement efforts. Several suggested additional organizations to be represented, offered to assist the team in their outreach efforts, and provided input on how to ensure the upcoming visioning workshops in May are as productive as possible.

The CATS II Stakeholder Committee, a group that will provide input throughout the course of the study, is expected to meet up to six times at key milestones. The Stakeholder Committee will also be instrumental in the study's community involvement efforts. The Stakeholder Committee includes representatives of Community Boards in Manhattan and Brooklyn, elected officials, business improvement districts, transportation advocacy groups, neighborhood groups, and other organizations. Members from the CATS II Steering Committee, made up of representatives from transportation agencies who will guide the study, were also present.

CATS II is a multi-modal, multi-agency study that is focused on the Canal Street corridor within a study area approximately bounded by Houston Street to the north and Chambers Street to the south. The results of CATS II will be used to help shape a programmed, future Canal Street reconstruction project of the New York City Department of Transportation.

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**\* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \***

**3/24/05, 10 am, MHSTCC Executive Meeting to Endorse Preliminary Project Listings**, 143 Grand St, White Plains. Jean Shanahan, 845.431.7921, [JShanahan@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:JShanahan@dot.state.ny.us).

**3/29/05, 10:00 am, NYMTC 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).

**3/29/05, 7:00 pm, Joint Municipal Board Meeting for the Northern Westchester Sustainable Development Study**. Cortlandt Town Hall. Gerry Bogacz, 212.383.7260, [GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us).

**3/30/05, 5:00-6:15 pm, Innovations: Delivery of AirTrain to JFK International Airport**,

Women's Transportation Seminars, Greater NY Chapter.Club 101, 101 Park Avenue at 40<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Reservations: [rsvp@wtsgny.org](mailto:rsvp@wtsgny.org) or Kelly Fragapane 718.277.8100 Ext. 159.

**4/1/05**, 10:00 am-12 noon, **Express Bus Services: A Case Study of the San Francisco Bay Area**, Professor Elizabeth Deakin, University of California Transportation Center. UTRC Visiting Scholar Seminar. Graduate Center, CUNY, The Recital Hall, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NYC. Todd Goldman, [goldman@utrc2.org](mailto:goldman@utrc2.org) or [www.nyu.edu/wagner/rudincenter](http://www.nyu.edu/wagner/rudincenter).

**4/5/05**, 10:00 am, **NYMTC Access-to-Jobs Planning Group**, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, NYC. Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529 or [NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us).

**4/5/05**, **Regulations of the New York Areas Harbors and Waterways, Joint Meeting with Admiralty Committee**, ABCNY Transportation Committee, 42 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street, between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Aves, NYC. Jeff Potash, 646.256.0257, [potash@jpotashlaw.com](mailto:potash@jpotashlaw.com), [trlamia@lamialaw.com](mailto:trlamia@lamialaw.com)

**4/18/05**, 3:30-5:30 pm; 7:00-9:00 pm, **Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Emissions Analysis Public Meeting**, Westchester County Center, Rt. 119/Central Park Avenue, White Plains, NY. Jean Shanahan, 845.431.5768, [jshanahan@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:jshanahan@dot.state.ny.us).

**4/19/05**, 3:30-5:30 pm; 7:00-9:00 pm, **Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Emissions Analysis Meeting**, Suffolk Community College, Western Campus, Captree Commons, Rm 114,Crooked Hill Rd, Brentwood, NY. Kevin Wolford, 631.952.6112, [kwolford@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:kwolford@dot.state.ny.us).

**4/20/05**, 8:30 am -1:00 pm, **Planning and Design with Communities in Mind: Context Sensitive Solutions**, NYU Wagner Center, 212.998.7545.

**4/21/05**, 3:30-5:30 pm; 7:00-9:00 pm, **Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Emissions Analysis Public Meeting**, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, NYC. Uchenna Madu, 718.482.4559, [umadu@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:umadu@dot.state.ny.us).

**4/26/05**, 3:30-5:30 pm; 7:00-9:00 pm, **Draft TIP Public Meeting**, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, NYC. Stephen Hausch, 212.383.7282, [SHausch@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:SHausch@dot.state.ny.us).

**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.

**5/3/05**, 1:00 pm, **Panel on Mass Transit improvements & Funding for New York**, ABCNY Transportation Committee, 42 West 44<sup>th</sup> St, between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Aves. Jeff Potash, 646.256.0257, [potash@jpotashlaw.com](mailto:potash@jpotashlaw.com), Thomas R. Lamia 212.969.9472, [trlamia@lamialaw.com](mailto:trlamia@lamialaw.com).

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