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* **Weinshall: Cooperation Key in Canal Street Study** by Gerry Bogacz

Through NYMTC's Canal Area Transportation Study (CATS), NYCDOT, the New York City Department of City Planning, NYSDOT, the MTA, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey are all participating in a study of Canal Street in Lower Manhattan. "We believed it was important to identify and incorporate community needs" said NYCDOT Commissioner Iris Weinshall. "This has been an outstanding opportunity for DOT staff to develop a cooperative relationship with the community and the other agencies involved in the study."

An Early Implementation Task Force, which was convened as part of CATS, has been meeting to define short-term improvements in the Canal Street corridor while considering issues and ideas offered in four public workshops. At a recent meeting held at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association offices,

the Task Force agreed to a series of initial recommendations that will take advantage of repaving work on Canal Street that the New York City DOT will undertake this Spring. The recommendations include a number of corridor wide improvements, such as the use of high visibility pavement marking for all crosswalks, reconsideration of signal timings, improved signage for pedestrian crossing signals, and an

assessment of street lighting. Specific locations are also identified through the recommendations for suggested improvements, such as improved pedestrian safety in the area of Canal Street's intersection with the Bowery, a Chinatown Marketplace to be established at the intersection of Canal Street, Baxter Street, and Walker Street and crosswalk improvements that would accompany the planned triangle park at the intersection of Canal Street, Avenue of the Americas and Varick Street. These three specific locations were also recommended for a pilot test of the use of textured or colorized pavement to delineate crosswalks and/or



intersection space.

NYMTC has been pursuing CATS as a two track process since last Spring. Track 1 has been focused on building consensus on short-term actions and improvements in the Canal Street corridor, while Track 2, which is under development, will be a more formal study that will result in medium- and long-term improvement recommendations. Track 1's Early Implementation Task Force consists of agency and community representatives nominated by NYMTC's members agencies, three local community boards, and local elected officials whose districts coincide with the CATS study area.



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*** NYMTC Annual Council Meeting to Be in Lower Manhattan** by Chapin Fay

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is excited to announce its Annual Council Meeting. All of the Council Principals have been invited, and Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi will be presenting Nassau County's Transportation Vision. Other highlights include speakers Joseph H. Boardman, NYSDOT Commissioner and Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney and a roundtable discussion of inter-agency coordination in the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan's transportation infrastructure.

The meeting will take place on March 20, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at the U.S. Custom House in Lower Manhattan. Be sure to mark your calendar!

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*** Towards a Regional Commuter Choice Program** by Jan Khan

Reconvening on March 25, 2003 (for the first time since September 11, 2001), the Metropolitan Mobility Network will focus on the development of a regional commuter choice program. This program is an essential element of NYMTC's strategies towards emissions reduction in the region. The US Environmental Protection Agency's Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative will also be part of the discussions. The Metropolitan Mobility Network is a consortium of agencies and organizations involved in Transportation Demand Management programs in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The meeting will be held at the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office, 290 Broadway, Room 27D, Manhattan at 10:00 a.m.

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*** Penn Station and Walkable NYC at Working Group Meetings** by Howard J. Mann

The next meeting of the Freight Working Group will cover Penn Station Redevelopment and the next meeting of the Ped-Bike Working Group will feature Walkable New York City and a presentation by the New York Bicycling Coalition.

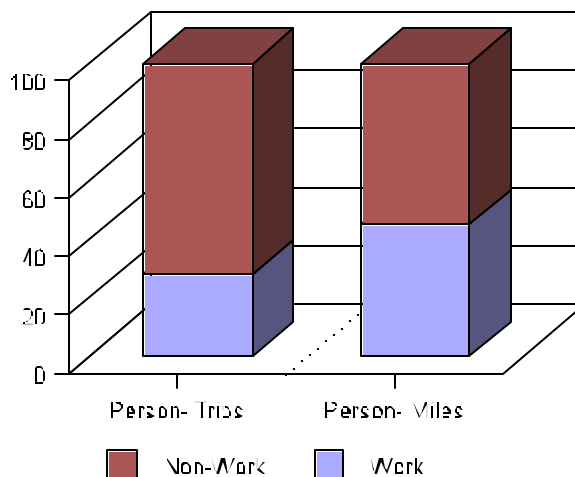
The Freight Working Group meeting is March 26 at 1:15 pm and the Ped-Bike Working Group Meeting is March 28 at 1:30 pm. Both meetings will be held at the U.S. Custom House in Lower Manhattan. Contact: Howard J. Mann at 631.952.6343 or HMann@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Regional Travel Facts - NYMTC Survey Results (Continued)** by Charles Henry

This article continues the discussion of data from the NYMTC 1998 Survey. Weekday travel connected with “Work” (i.e., “to,” “from,” or “in any way connected with”) comprises about 28% of all weekday trips. However, when distance is considered, person-miles traveled (PMT) for work comprises 45% of all weekday travel. The chart below shows the work-related share of total trips by NYMTC residents, compared to the work-related share of “person-miles” of travel during a typical weekday, excluding Summer and “Christmas/New Year’s” holiday travel. It includes walking trips, and other non-motorized trips, as well as transit, taxi, and automobile trips. The table also shows the comparison between “trips” and “travel (PMT)” for the complementing category of “Non-Work” trips/travel.

Share of Trips Versus Travel

Purpose	Person-Trips	Person-Miles
Work	28%	45%
Non-Work	72%	55%
All Purposes (Total)	100%	100%



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*** New Additions to Downloadable File Area ***

-File Name: mpo_transportation_survey.htm; File Size:12 kb; File Area: Projects, Surveys; Charles Henry; File Description: *Executive Summary of MPO Transportation Survey.*

-File Name: report_final_revised_i.doc; File Size:1.44 mb; File Area: Projects, Surveys, Final Report; Person Responsible: Charles Henry; File Description: *Final Report for MPO Transportation Survey.*

-File Name: transp-at-a-glance.pdf; File Size: 236 kb; File Area: Transportation Statistics, 2002 Transportation Statistics; Person Responsible: Leokadia Glogowski; File Description: *Regional Transportation At A Glance, 2000.*

-File Name: 2002_04_2ndyr.pdf; File Size: 435 kb; File Area: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); Stephen Hausch; File Description: *2002-2004 UPWP DRAFT Program Digest Second Year: An overview and preliminary summary listing of activities. .*

*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

3/13/03, 10:30 am, NYMTC Access-to-Jobs Planning Group, Phipps Job Access Center. 1071AE. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY. 718.472.3029 or JKhan@dot.state.ny.us

3/18/03, 4:00 pm, Sheridan Expressway Scoping Hearing, Hunts Point Library, 877 Southern Boulevard & Tiffany Street, Bronx. 212.799.8803 ext. 22, 718.482.4526.

3/20/03, 11:00 AM - NYMTC's Annual Council Meeting, located at the U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, Auditorium, Lower Manhattan. Contact Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.472.3293 or AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us

3/25/03, 10:00 am, Metro Mobility Network Meeting. Environmental Protection Agency's Office, 290 Broadway, Room 27D, Manhattan. 718.472.3029 or JKhan@dot.state.ny.us

3/25/03, 6 pm-8 pm - Auto-Free New York: "Towards an Auto-Free Governors Island," Robert Pirani, Director, Environmental Programs, Regional Plan Association, Conference Room, NYPD Downtown Center, 104 Washington Street. 212.475.3394 or www.auto-free.org

3/26/03, 1:15 pm, NYMTC Freight Working Group Meeting, Penn Station Redevelopment, U.S. Custom House, Lower Manhattan, One Bowling Green. 631.952.6343 or HMann@dot.state.ny.us

3/28/03, 1:30 pm, NYMTC Ped-Bike Working Group Meeting. U.S. Custom House, Lower Manhattan, One Bowling Green, 631.952.6343 or HMann@dot.state.ny.us

4/7/03 - 4/9/03, TransAction 2003, Atlantic City, NJ. www.njcost.com/transaction.htm

4/24/03 - 4/25/03, Place Making Conference: How to Turn a Place Around, Project for Public Spaces, 153 Waverly Place, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10014. 212.620.5660 or www.pps.org

4/25/03, Regional Plan Association: Shaping the Region, Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London, T. Johnson, CEO Greenpoint Financial, Marriott Marquis Hotel, NYC 212.253.2727 www.rpa.org

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