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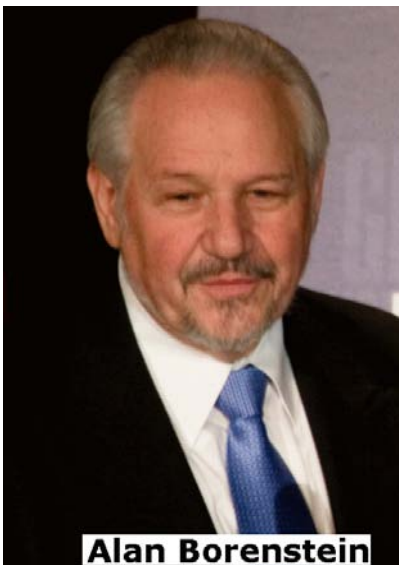
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*** Not April's Fool- My Last NYMTC-Notes** by Alan Borenstein

I hope that the 4,000 readers of NYMTC-Notes have found it as useful as I have found it enjoyable to produce. I sincerely thank all of the contributors and all that found it worth opening every two weeks. I hope that the tradition of this fine newsletter that I began almost 12 years ago continues.



Alan Borenstein

I will be retiring at the end of April from New York State after 32 years, with 26 years of those with NYMTC. As the Deputy Director of NYMTC since 1993, I have assisted Executive Directors manage the 100 staff positions of the nation's largest Metropolitan Planning Organization for New York City and surrounding five counties, including having served as Acting Director at various times between Executive Directors.

I directly supervised a wonderful Administrative Group of 20 positions to provide accounting functions, graphics support, purchasing, personnel and computer operations. Some recent highlights, in addition to producing NYMTC-Notes, have included: -Developed Web-based Unified Planning Work Program Tool for interactive participation by members to annually produce the \$45 million program; -Managed relocation to Queens and then to Manhattan into outstanding space after losing offices on September 11, 2001 in World Trade Center and worked with staff to restart the planning process; -Originated and developed the September 11 Memorial Academic Program.

I started New York State service in 1977 and before coming to NYMTC, served as an auditor and accountant for Labor, Housing and Education and progressed in more senior positions to Downstate Audit Manager. I also served in the United States Air Force as Staff Sergeant, Precision Measurement Equipment Specialist from 1969 to 1973. My wife, Alice and two sons, Michael (37 and single), and Jason (39) with two grandchildren; Skylar, eight and Logan, four years old will keep me busy for a little while at home in Monroe Township in Middlesex County, New Jersey, before the next step in my career. Contact: Alan Borenstein at 212.383.7200 or ABorenstein@dot.state.ny.us or AlanB19@aol.com.



Joseph Marie

*** PFAC Tomorrow Welcomes ConnDOT** by Alan Borenstein

Join NYMTC at the April 16, Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) when we welcome Joseph Marie, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (see Calendar below). The Commissioner will discuss the state of transportation in Connecticut, including his vision for the agency, its connection with the metropolitan area, and ConnDOT's long-term regional transportation plans.

Other items on the agenda of the bimonthly meeting include: Designation of the West-of-Hudson Transit Access Study as a Major Metropolitan Transportation Investment/Major Investment Study and Recommendation of Marine Highway Corridors.

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*** Comment Period on Transit Projects** by Gerry Bogacz

On behalf of the MTA and Nassau, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties, NYMTC announces a public comment period and three hearings on a combined program of transit projects proposed to be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The comment period begins on April 16 and will close on April 29. The program of projects will be available on NYMTC's home page (www.NYMTC.org) or upon request beginning on April 16. Public hearings on the program of projects will be held in White Plains on April 21, in Islip on April 22, and at NYMTC in New York City on April 28. Speaker registration will be from 4:30pm and to 6pm and all speakers who have registered will be heard. Please see the calendar of events. Comments may be submitted in person at the hearings, or by mail, e-mail or fax through the close of the period.

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*** Comment Period on TIP Amendments** by Chris Hardej

One comment period for proposed changes to the NYMTC 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is ending while another one begins. The first comment period is closing April 17, while the second began on April 13 and will close April 24. The proposed changes impact projects in NYMTC's three subregions: Lower Hudson Valley, New York City, and Long Island, and include several additional projects proposed for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Details of these changes can be accessed on the NYMTC website: www.NYMTC.org/aboutTIP.cfm.

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*** NYMTC Co-Sponsors Parking Workshops** by Brian Kennedy

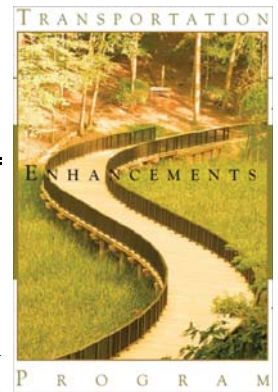
The Town of Greenburgh and the Westchester County Department of Transportation (WCDOT) will co-host a Parking Management Workshop on April 27 that will study parking issues on Central Avenue in conjunction with a Bus Rapid Transit line currently under study. On April 28, the City of Mount Vernon will co-host a workshop with WCDOT. This workshop will include a discussion and walking tour of the newly renovated Petrillo Plaza area, including Gramatan Avenue. The first workshop on April 6 in Riverhead, resulted in 20 stakeholders developing recommendations needed to progress development plans. These stakeholders' workshops are by invitation only. Please see the Calendar for details.

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New York City 2
This map of the New York City area has been developed to provide information on the actions that NYMTC has taken to amend or modify its five-year Transportation Improvement Program to enable funding for candidate projects through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The icons presented on the map indicate the locations and types of the candidate projects for which access have been taken to date. More detail about each candidate project can be obtained by clicking on an individual icon. For more information, contact Call King at ckking@dot.state.ny.us
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*** TEP Funds Awarded for NYMTC Region** by Nancy O'Connell

A total of \$31.9 million in Federal Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) funds has been awarded to 16 projects in the NYMTC Region in the latest round of the program, including one project funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These are community-based projects, intended to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our intermodal transportation system, including facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, safety and educational activities, landscaping and other scenic beautification and historic preservation projects. For a complete list of TEP projects awarded in this region, visit the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org/project/TEP/tep.html.

Activities funded under TEP must be accessible to the general public or targeted to a broad segment of the general public. The Federal funding share is generally 80%. For more information about TEP visit the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration website at www.fhwa.dot.gov or the New York State Department of Transportation website at www.dot.state.ny.us.

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*** Long Island 2035 Visioning Workshop** by Chris Jones, RPA

On March 26, nearly 150 elected officials, civic, business and environmental leaders from Nassau and Suffolk Counties rolled up their sleeves and took their best shot at projecting how Long Island should develop over the next 25 years. Part of the Long Island 2035 Visioning Initiative, a project funded by NYMTC to help forge greater consensus on land use and transportation policy, the workshop was a centerpiece of the Long Island Regional Planning Council's first annual Planning Summit. With guidance from the LI 2035 study team, this diverse group worked side by side to allocate projected population and employment growth through an interactive planning exercise. The study team consists of the Regional Plan Association, Vision Long

Island, Sustainable Long Island and the University Transportation Research Center.

Participants were distributed among 13 tables and armed with a set of maps outlining economic, environmental and social opportunities and constraints. The results included 13 distinct, whole-island growth strategies with common themes such as intensification of existing downtowns, protection of open space on the East End, and improved transit infrastructure to accommodate sustainable growth. Variations included groups that pushed more aggressively for large-scale development in places like the Nassau Hub or the Pilgrim State property. Others emphasized infill and modest redevelopment of downtowns throughout the Island. Some drew a bright green line to preserve all remaining open space and others recommended a combination of preservation and development. Transportation proposals included reopening some unused LIRR stations, developing north-south light rail or bus rapid transit lines, building a third track on the LIRR main line and starting ferry or water taxi service between the North and South forks.

Over the next few months, the proceedings of the workshop will be consolidated into alternative growth scenarios that will be evaluated for the impact on traffic congestion, housing affordability, storm water runoff and other indicators. This information will help inform ongoing municipal, county and regional planning initiatives, and in particular, the LI2035 Sustainability Plan currently being developed by the Long Island Regional Planning Council.

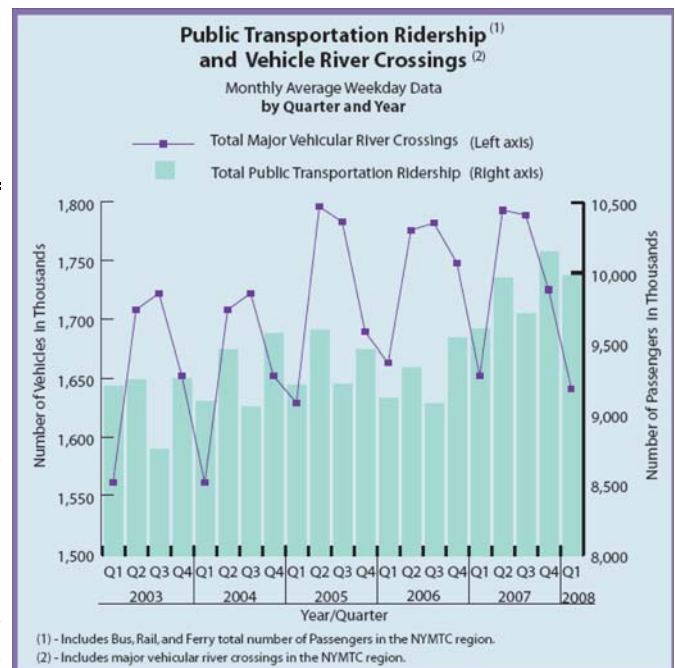
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*** DATA CORNER: New- Transportation and Economics** by Leokadia Glogowski

NYMTC just released a new brochure presenting *Transportation and Economic Highlights in the NYMTC Region and Surrounding New Jersey Counties*.

This statistical publication reflects average quarterly public transportation ridership, vehicular river crossings, and employment data for the years of 2003 to 2007. The brochure also includes the percent changes of average monthly earnings by quarter in the NYMTC region and surrounding New Jersey counties for 2003 to 2007. Total public transportation ridership figures show an increase of 4.1%, 7.7%, 11.0%, and 9.7% in the first, second, third and fourth quarter on quarter (QOQ) of 2003 and 2007, respectively. At the same time period, the major vehicular river crossings increased by 5.8%, 5.0%, 3.9%, and 4.4% QOQ, respectively. The brochure includes tables, maps and graphical presentations and can be found at: www.NYMTC.org/files/TEH_in_NYMTC_region.pdf. Contact: Leokadia Glogowski at 212.383.7223 or LGlogowski@dot.state.ny.us.



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

4/16/09, 1:15pm, NYMTC Program, Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

(webcast). Guest- Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner Joseph Marie.

199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

4/17/09, 8am to 3pm, Regional Plan Association 2009 Regional Assembly: America 2050.

Waldorf Astoria, 301 Park Avenue, NYC. www.rpa.org/, rivanova@rpa.org, 212.253.5492.

4/27/09, 9am to 1pm, Parking Management Workshop- Greenburgh.

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4/28/09, 8am to 12pm, Parking Management Workshop- Mount Vernon.

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Public Hearings on Combined Program of Transit Projects

4:30pm- Speaker registration closes at 6 pm. Lisa Daglian, 212.383.7241, LDaglian@dot.state.ny.us.

4/21/09, Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY.

4/22/09, Town of Islip Town Hall, Town Board Meeting Room, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY.

4/28/09, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.



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