



## The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council's September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning

*A Tribute to Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance and See Wong Shum*

### Five Year Retrospective Fact Sheet, September 2011

- The September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning honors three New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) staff members who died in the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001: Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance and See Wong Shum.
- The September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program was announced on November 18, 2004, during ceremonies to commemorate the return of NYMTC's headquarters to lower Manhattan. It provides assistance to students and organizations for projects in both academic and public policy arenas as a way to educate and motivate those who are interested in transportation technology and planning. It is comprised of two elements: the Planning Initiative and the Academic Initiative.
- The Academic Initiative began on January 28, 2005, and awards were announced later that year. Twenty two students participated in the Academic Initiative during its first five years. The Planning Initiative launched on February 22, 2005, and to-date, three planning projects have been awarded and completed.
- The **Planning Initiative** of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning solicited innovative planning project ideas from municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, academic institutions, government agencies, and community and civic groups located within NYMTC's planning area. The project proposals were to address issues relevant to the guiding principles and goals of NYMTC's Regional Transportation Plan and were ranked on the basis of technical merit and potential for broader application within the region.

Three planning projects were selected through a competitive process. Descriptions and findings of these projects can be found on [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org) under Programs and Projects, September 11 Memorial Program:

- *Air Quality and Transportation in the New York Metropolitan Area*, proposed by Manhattan College and sponsored by the Rockland County Planning Department;
- *Transportation and Land Use in the NYMTC Region: Strengthening Urban-Suburban Coordination*, proposed by the Rudin Center for Transportation Policy and Management at the NYU Wagner School in conjunction with the University Transportation Research Center and sponsored by NYMTC; and
- *Hunts Point Green Fleets Study*, proposed by the Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation (HPEDC) and sponsored by NYCDOT.

- The **Academic Initiative** of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning is co-sponsored by NYMTC and the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC). Through the Academic Initiative, internships have been available at NYMTC's office and with several NYMTC member agencies, including the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT); Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA); the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey; and the Department of Public Works and Transportation and Department of Planning in Westchester County. Independent research topics have also been available for students, who work with professional advisors from NYMTC staff, the New York State Department of Transportation, Westchester County, NYCDOT, and MTA. Each of the students also has an academic advisor from their respective schools. Topics to-date have included pedestrian safety; traffic studies and parking; freight logistics and delivery issues; fare policy and pricing; Transit-Oriented Development; and air quality and emissions.
  - ✦ Through the fifth year of the program, twenty two students have been selected to participate through a rigorous application process to perform internships or independent research, out of a total of sixty five applicants. Selected students receive a stipend through the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program and tuition reimbursement from UTRC.
  - ✦ Further detail on each student's project can be found on the UTRC website at <http://utrc2.org/education/911memorial.php>
- The September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning is made possible with support from and involvement of Affiong Adanga, Renee Alexander and Rebecca Shum, the families of Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance, and See Wong Shum.
- The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is a regional council of governments that is the metropolitan planning organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley. It provides a collaborative planning forum to address transportation-related issues from a regional perspective; undertakes studies for transportation improvements; forecasts future conditions and needs; pools the resources and expertise of its member agencies to plan for transportation and development in the region; and makes decisions on the use of federal transportation dollars. [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org)
- The University Transportation Research Center (UTRC), Region 2, is a US Department of Transportation Regional Transportation Center addressing surface transportation operations, management, design, economics, and planning. UTRC's primary focus is the stewardship, management, and future evolution of a mature transportation system in the face of emerging policy challenges. Located at the City College of New York, the Center is a consortium of 16 major academic consortiums in New York, New Jersey and Puerto Rico. Through support from a USDOT grant, UTRC's mission incorporates research, education and the transfer of technology in the field of transportation. [www.UTRC2.org](http://www.UTRC2.org)