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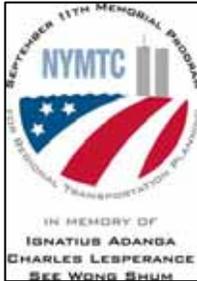
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- 10/7 – UTRC Visiting Scholar Seminar: State of Good Repair: Can We Really Achieve It In Today's Environment? - 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Baruch College, Conference Center, 7th floor, 151 East. 25th Street, NYC. For more information and to register go to <http://tinyurl.com/UTRC-2-SOGR>

Special Retrospective of September 11th Memorial Program Presented at September 15th PFAC Meeting

Days after the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, NYMTC commemorated the lives of the three NYMTC staffers killed in the terrorist attacks – Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance and See Wong Shum – at the September 15th PFAC meeting.



The meeting began with a special presentation by Alice Greenwald, Director of the September 11 Memorial Museum, slated to open next year. It continued with a Five Year Retrospective of the September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning, a living tribute to Ignatius, Charles and Shum and their passion for learning and dedication to regional planning. Family members of Charles, Ignatius and Shum spoke about their roles in

helping create the Program, and how proud they are to be a part of this effort.

The September 11th Memorial Program provides assistance to students and organizations as a way to educate and motivate those who are interested in transportation technology and planning. There are two elements: the Planning Initiative and the Academic Initiative.

The Academic Initiative is co-sponsored by NYMTC and UTRC. Twenty two students participated in the Academic Initiative during its first five years. Past and present student participants spoke at the meeting about how the Program provides opportunities they may not otherwise have had. For information on the students' projects visit UTRC at <http://utrc2.org/education/911memorial.php>.



The Planning Initiative solicited planning project ideas from municipalities, not for-profit organizations, academic institutions, government agencies, and community and civic groups located within NYMTC's planning area. To date, three planning projects have been awarded and completed. For more information on the September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning, and to download the special Five Year Retrospective book prepared for the occasion, go to www.NYMTC.org.



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front: Rebecca Shum, Affiong Adanga, Renee Alexander **back:** Penny Eickemeyer, Li Chen, Cyrus Naheedy, Sandra Rothbard, Richard Barone, Peter Feroe, Judd Schechtman, Shuai Ren, Maxwell Sokol, Davsi Manzano

- 10/12 - Suffolk County: Autumn Planning and Zoning Conference
- 3 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.
Brookhaven National Labs, Berkner Hall, Upton NY. For more information and to register go to <http://tinyurl.com/Suffolk-Co-Planning-Federation>
- 10/19 – Brown Bag: Active Design 101: An Introduction to NYC’s Active Design Guidelines
- 12:00 noon
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.
RSVP to 212.383.7258 or griederer@dot.state.ny.us
This meeting will be available as a webinar. For more information and to register go to www.nymtc.org, Calendar of Events.
- 10/26 – The Waterfront – A Brooklyn Model for Preservation and Change.
- 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon.
Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon St, BK.
For more information and to register go to <http://tinyurl.com/BK-Waterfront>
- 11/7 – Public Information Session: Would Freight Villages Work Here?: Results from a NYMTC Feasibility Study of Freight Transportation and Land Use
- 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC.
This meeting will be available as a webinar. For more information and to register go to www.nymtc.org, Calendar of Events.

TIP Comment Period Now Open



A public comment period opened on Monday, October 3rd, for a proposed amendment to the 2011 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program funding for a new project: Harold Interlocking – Northeast Corridor Congestion Relief Project, in Queens. Comments are due by 4PM on October 13th to Chris Hardej at chardej@dot.state.ny.us.

The TIP listing of the proposed change is available at: www.nymtc.org/abouttip-down.cfm

Comment Period Opens October 11th for Draft Conformity Determination

A comment period opens Tuesday, October 11th for NYMTC’s draft Transportation Conformity Determination for the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, to reflect the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council and the Orange County Transportation Council Metropolitan Transportation Plan Updates.

NYMTC must consider the air quality impacts of its planned and programmed transportation investments within each of its air quality non-attainment areas. This conformity determination addresses all non-attainment areas which impact the NYMTC planning area, including the five boroughs of the City of New York, the lower Hudson Valley counties of Putnam, Rockland and Westchester, and Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island.



The comment period closes at 4PM on Tuesday, November 8th and comments may be sent to David Drits at ddrits@dot.state.ny.us.

At the beginning of the public comment, information will be available at <http://www.nymtc.org/project/conformity/conformity.html>.

October 19th Brown Bag: Active Design 101: An Intro to NYC’s Active Design Guidelines

Can transformations in the built environment inspire people to be more physically active, and make our communities healthier? According to a growing body of research, the answer is yes. New York City’s *Active Design Guidelines* translates this knowledge into concrete strategies for a healthier, more sustainable future.



The October 19th Brown Bag session will include a presentation by Suzanne Nienaber, Training Coordinator, Active Design Program, City of New York, that will explore the relationship between health and the built environment; provide an overview of the Guidelines and its list of urban design and building design strategies; examine synergies between Active Design, environmental sustainability, and universal design; and highlight current NYC policy initiatives.

This Brown Bag presentation will be available in person or via webinar. Go to www.NYMTC.org Calendar of Events for more information and to register.

- 11/11 – UTRC Events:
The Real Time City
– 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Baruch College, 151 East
25th Street, NYC. For
more information and to
register go to
<http://tinyurl.com/UTRC-2-Real-Time>
- 11/15 – Zoning the City:
Addressing NYC's 21st
Century Challenges
– 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
McGraw-Hill Conference
Center, 1221 Avenue of
the Americas, 2nd floor,
NYC. For more
information and to
register go to
<http://tinyurl.com/Zoning-the-City>
- 11/17 – PFAC Meeting
1:15 p.m.
NYMTC, 199 Water Street,
22nd floor, NYC. Meeting
will be webcast.
Agenda and resolutions
will be available in
Calendar of Events on
website in advance of
meeting. RSVP to
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New Planning Approach in Coney Island

The Coney Island/Gravesend Sustainable Development Transportation Study was the topic of NYMTC's September 21st Brown Bag Lunch presentation. This unique study was one of four pilot sustainable development studies funded by NYMTC to test a new approach to coordinated land use and transportation planning. Michael Griffith, who managed the study for the New York City DOT along with Carren Simpson, provided an overview of the study's approach and results. The study area encompassed Coney Island, an area that was recently rezoned and is now set for major redevelopment.



The presentation touched on the unique aspects of this approach to the land use and transportation issues in the study area. Through community visioning techniques, potential future land use scenarios and possible transportation improvements were defined. Simulation modeling was then employed to help determine the combination of land use scenarios and transportation solutions which best met the various goals of the study, through various performance measures forecast for two specific horizon years. Qualitative factors were also considered in the scenario evaluation. Beyond the community visioning, community review and input were also sought throughout the study process.



The unique seasonal aspects of the Coney Island area also had to be accounted for due to the amusement and recreational activities present and projected in the future. The study also had to accommodate very significant development potentials that can result from a rezoning that has been undertaken on the peninsula. Thus, the most significant development scenario was assumed as the study evaluated transportation solutions in the context of future conditions.

The presentation is available at <http://tinyurl.com/9-21-BB-CIG-Presentation>. The study can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/NYCDOT-CIG-Study>

NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium Holds Second Steering Committee Meeting

More than a dozen members of the public – along with relevant agencies and Advisory members – participated in the second Steering Committee Meeting of the NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium on September 16th in Stamford CT. The meeting included a panel discussion of Connecticut projects that will be undertaken as part of the initiative, and action items on draft goals and milestones, terms of office for Steering Committee officers, and procedures for consultant selection committees.



This unprecedented bi-state collaboration is made possible by a \$3.5 million HUD Sustainable Communities grant. For more information visit www.SustainableNYCT.org or www.Facebook.com/SustainableNYCT.

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Freight Movement in the NYMTC Region

It's been an eventful time on Long Island and in the region for freight developments, with several tours and openings, along with preparations to update the Regional Freight Plan and plans for a November 7th Public Information session on Freight Villages.

Enterprise Park in Calverton, Long Island is now a rail-served industrial park located in the Town of Riverhead. On May 7, 2011 the Riverhead Town Board broke ground on construction of a new rail spur that will serve several customers who had located in the 492 acre industrial park with the intent of being served by rail. That goal is being realized. The New York and Atlantic Railway is the serving railroad.



On September 14th, NYMTC staff participated in the grand opening and ribbon cutting of **Metro Energy** at its state-of-the-art Biodiesel/Bioheat Blending and Distribution facility Enterprise Park in Calverton, Long Island. Metro is a family owned energy company that supplies and delivers bioheat, biodiesel, heating fuel, ultra low sulfur diesel fuel, natural gas and gasoline throughout the New York metropolitan region, and will be receiving rail tank cars of bio fuel, replacing 2,500 truck trips.



In advance of its September 27th ribbon cutting, on September 16th NYMTC and NYSDOT visited the site of **Brookhaven Rail Terminal**, a major new rail facility located on 28 acres on Long Island. This privately built and privately financed freight rail facility will initially handle stone and sand, but in the future it is expected it will handle intermodal, bulk transload



commodities such as construction and building materials and, possibly automobiles as well.

The ribbon cutting was attended by elected officials, civic organization representatives, and public officials. The terminal's owners and partners are looking forward to playing a regional role in the movement of freight by rail.



Regional Freight Plan Update

NYMTC is currently gearing up for the update of the Council's regional freight plan. Since the time that the current freight plan was adopted in June of 2004, the world and the region have changed substantially. Determining the nature and extent of those changes and making specific recommendations will be key components of the new update.

November 7th Public Info Session: Freight Villages – Moving toward the next RTP

Join us as we kick off a new series of Public Information sessions as we move toward the Region's next Regional Transportation Plan. This session will look at results from NYMTC's Feasibility Study of Freight Transportation and Land Use for the region, as it relates to the Regional Freight Plan component of the next RTP.



The meeting will be held on Monday, November 7th from 6:30PM – 8PM in NYMTC's offices, 199 Water Street, 22nd floor NYC. This meeting will also be available as a webinar. Visit www.NYMTC.org Calendar of Events to register. For more info contact Howie Mann at hmann@dot.state.ny.us.