Meeting the Challenges of Growth

Elliot G. Sander
NY Metropolitan Transportation Council
March 15, 2007
Past/Existing Growth

Ridership up 38% since 1996

- Up over 3 million a day from to 5.2 million to 8.2 million
- Up over half a billion a year from 1.8 billion to 2.4 billion
- 30+/-% of all transit rides in U.S.
- More than next 10 systems combined
- In 3 days as many as Amtrak in one year
- In 10 weeks as many as domestic airlines/yr

Subway, Bus and Rail Service levels up across the Board

16% increase in bridge and tunnel crossings

- 900 k cars - 1.4 million people a day!
Causes/Reasons

• Changing demographics

• Introduction of MetroCard and EZ-Pass
  – Today’s avg. fare $1.30 is lower than $1.50 in ‘95

• Dramatically Improved Service Reliability
  – LIRR up 70%
  – NYCT up 45%
  – MNR up 35%

• Significant Drop in Customer & Employee Injuries

• Creation of MTA Bus Co. (10th largest in nation)

Bottom Line: MTA is a major driver of both past and future regional growth
Where is the Region Heading?

A broad consensus on growth

- Population and jobs will continue to grow
- Immigration will continue to fuel growth
- The population will continue to age
Where is the Region Heading?

Past Travel Trends will continue and intensify

- Travel to Manhattan CBD
- Intra-borough travel
- Reverse commutation
- Intra-suburban travel
- Longer suburban to city trips
- More off-peak trips – travel peaks are spreading
What are we doing to address the next round of growth?
Continue to Invest in Core Infrastructure

- 959 Subway Cars
- 299 Rail Cars
- 1,360 Buses
- 79 Station Rehabilitations
- 380 Miles of Track Renewal
- Power, Pumps and Signal Replacements
- Rehab/Replace Decks on 5 Bridges
Capacity Expansion Projects
Second Avenue Subway
Capacity Expansion Projects
East Side Access
Capacity Expansion Projects
#7 Extension

Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Capacity Expansion Projects
South Ferry Station
Capacity Expansion Projects
Fulton Street Transit Center

Rendering
Changing Business Practices to Gird TODAY for Growth

• **Re-Assess** policies, procedures and practices

• **Re-Focus** existing strategies to address the changing regional dynamics

• **Re-Align** existing physical and financial resources to address needs

• **Re-Energize** one of the finest workforces in the nation to carry out these initiatives.
Changing Business Practices to Gird TODAY for Growth

- Shared Services Initiative
  - Human resources
  - Payroll
  - Financial

- Blue Ribbon Construction Panel

- Organizational Assessment
Changing Business Practices to Gird TODAY for Growth

- Regional Transit Interoperability
- Regional Fares/Fare Collection
- Regional Bus Service
- Transit Oriented Development
- Employ New Technologies
- Aggressively Pursue BRT
- Improve Access to the Region’s Airports
Meeting the Challenges of Growth

Elliot G. Sander
NY Metropolitan Transportation Council
March 15, 2007