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September 11th Memorial Program Student Presentations



NEW YORK – As part of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council’s (NYMTC’s) Regional Trends Series, two recipients of the September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning internships presented the results of their year-long research efforts. Established by NYMTC to honor the memory of three employees lost during the attacks on the World Trade Center, the September 11th Memorial Program is designed to foster the academic and professional development of students by providing them with opportunities to participate in innovative research and planning projects. It is administered by the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC).

The following presentations were made by the 2017-2018 Program recipients.

Shirin Najafabadi is a Ph.D. candidate at the Grove School of Engineering at The City College of New York. Her presentation, titled Vertical Integration of Land Use and Transportation Planning, discussed her work while interning at NYMTC. Using the I-287 corridor as a case study, she

demonstrated her methodology to model opportunities to link regional transportation improvements with local land use plans.

Siddharth Shah is a recent graduate of the Masters of Urban Planning program at New York University's Wagner School of Public Service. He presented preliminary results of his work at New York City's Department of Transportation to update the Vision Zero Borough Pedestrian Safety Action Plans. He reviewed the agency's efforts to track progress on commitments to implement safety improvements in priority locations, and to assess the efficacy of these improvement in reducing pedestrian fatalities.

These presentations took place at a gathering at NYMTC's Manhattan offices over a "brown-bag" lunch.

NYMTC's Regional Trends Series provides the public with access to key industry leaders and offers information about trends and developments that are shaping the future of the transportation system.

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