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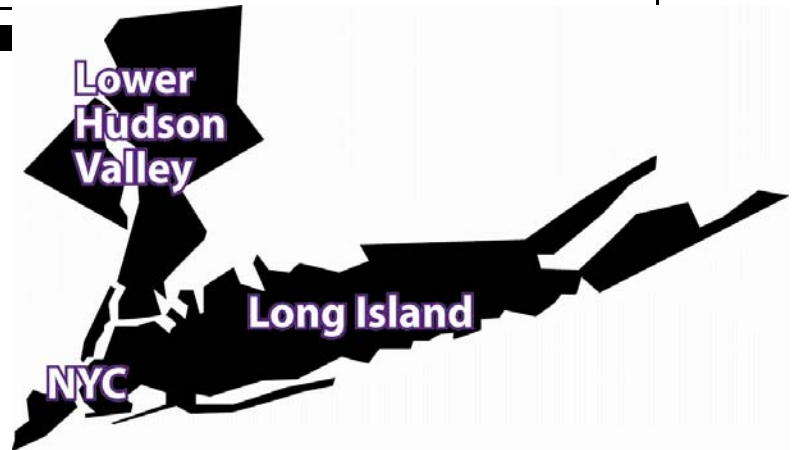
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## \* Sustainable Studies at Brown Bag by Gerry Bogacz

NYMTC's Brown Bag session on February 20 will focus on the lessons learned from the four pilot sustainable development studies sponsored by NYMTC around the region. Practical suggestions for incorporating sustainability and consensus-building into regional transportation planning practice will also be discussed. Valerie Scopaz, former Planning Director for the Town of Southold on Long Island will present the results of her program evaluation for NYMTC of the pilot studies.



The pilot studies broke new ground in more ways than one. Along with the focus on sustainability, they were consensus-driven, offering citizens as well as local and regional levels of government an extraordinary opportunity to reshape the way land use and transportation decisions were being made. Through these pilot studies, NYMTC has participated in a nationwide exploration of integrated land use and transportation planning.

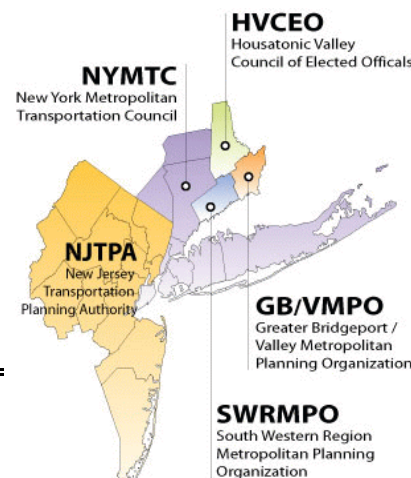
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## \* Update on MPO MOU by Alan Borenstein

Four other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) adjacent to NYMTC have now officially adopted a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to voluntarily coordinate, cooperate and consult in each others' transportation planning processes. The MOU was adopted by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Greater Bridgeport/Valley MPO and the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials. NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee adopted the agreement at its January 17 meeting. The MOU can be viewed at: [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org).

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**\* TEP Applications Available** by Nancy O'Connell

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has just announced the availability of applications for the 2008 Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP). Application forms and a Guidebook for the program are available on the NYMTC website at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org) and at [www.nysdot.gov](http://www.nysdot.gov).

The purpose of TEP is to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the intermodal transportation system. This unique community-oriented program helps finance non-traditional transportation projects. There are 12 types of projects eligible for TEP funding, including improvements to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, scenic and historic preservation, archeological planning and research, and environmental mitigation. For a complete listing of all eligible activities, consult the TEP Guidebook.

TEP project selection is a competitive process. Applications for funding may be developed by any municipality or nonprofit incorporated group, but must be sponsored either by a municipality, state agency or eligible public entity. Activities funded under the program must be accessible to the general public or targeted to a broad segment of the general public. The Federal funding share is generally 80%. The deadline for submitting applications is June 27, 2008.

NYSDOT and NYMTC will be conducting TEP workshops in March 2008. The workshops will also be webcast to facilitate those who are unable to attend in person. Watch NYMTC Notes for further information on the workshops.

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**\* LI Ferry Coalition to Meet** by Fatai Adekoya

The next meeting of the Long Island Sound Ferry Coalition has been scheduled for April 9, 2008 in Bridgeport, Connecticut (see the Calendar for details). The meeting will feature presentations on regional ferry planning and discussion of ferry issues. Representatives of transportation agencies, coastal communities and ferry operators in Connecticut, the lower Hudson Valley, and on Long Island will participate in the meeting.

The Long Island Sound Ferry Coalition was established to provide a forum for agencies and municipalities on both the Connecticut and New York sides of the Long Island Sound. The Coalition has been exploring ferry transportation issues on the Sound through presentations and discussions between attendees and participants in the group.

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**\* Town Hall Meeting Webcast Online** by Jan Khan

An archived copy of the January 24 Town Hall meeting webcast on the Overarching Issues section of NYMTC's 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, is now accessible via the NYMTC website ([www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org)) using the webcast link. Comments received to date can be viewed at: [www.NYMTC.org/abouttrtp-down.cfm](http://www.NYMTC.org/abouttrtp-down.cfm). Additional comments on the Overarching Issues section will be accepted through February 25 by email to the contact below or via fax at 212.383.2418 or mail to 199 Water Street, 22 Floor, NY, NY 10038. More public meetings will be scheduled as other sections of the Plan are drafted. The final Plan must be adopted by October 2009.

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**Hutchinson Bikeway/Walkway, NYC**





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**\* Survey Workshop Held at NYMTC** by Salvatore Mamone

On January 9 and 10, NYMTC and the University Transportation Research Center held a two half-day workshop entitled: *Contemporary Issues in Household Travel Behavior Survey Design and Management: Best Practices and Pitfalls to Avoid*. The well-attended workshop included topics such as: Key Issues in Survey Design, Household Travel Survey Methods, GPS Technologies in Surveys and Sampling Practices.

Speakers from around the country gave their insights and experiences on these topics. As NYMTC prepares for the upcoming Regional Household Travel Survey, the workshop helped to inform NYMTC members and partners of the key issues in household travel surveys. The slides from the workshop are posted at: [www.utrc2.org/events/events.php?viewid=188](http://www.utrc2.org/events/events.php?viewid=188).

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**\* ITS World Congress Papers Deadline Extended** by Alan Borenstein

The deadline for papers for the 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) has been extended to February 15, 2008. Transport executives and ITS professionals from around the globe will come together at the World Congress & Annual Meeting in New York City in November, 2008. The event is expected to attract 10,000 delegates from more than 40 countries. Papers are sought on recent significant and substantial achievements and results, reflecting the theme, "ITS Connections: Saving Time, Saving Lives."

Contact: <http://itswc2008.ntpsshowsites.com/about-world-congress.html>.

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**\* Sustainable Freight in NYC** by Howard J. Mann

New York City is home to 230,000 industrial jobs. Industrial jobs in the NYMTC region have been on the decline for decades. There has been a resurgence in industrial firms and a tiny vacancy rate for these types of businesses in southwest Brooklyn. What has contributed to these changes and what is being done to preserve and to protect business, especially those businesses that depend on good reliable and sustainable freight transportation? Phaedra Thomas, Executive Director of the Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Business Zone and Adam Friedman, Executive Director of the New York Industrial Retention Network spoke about their efforts to revitalize and renew commitments to economic development at the January 16 NYMTC Brown Bag session.

Phaedra Thomas linked the health of these areas to concepts such as Freight Villages (being examined by NYMTC) saying a freight village could reduce origin and destination distances and help to reduce New York City's carbon footprint. Phaedra pointed out that Southwest Brooklyn meets many of the criteria that define a freight village such as direct freight services and indirect services ancillary to a freight village, such as restaurants, transit service, banking, employment and training. In addition, this area has mixed-use communities, is zoned for manufacturing, is located on the waterfront, and has access to highways and rail freight access in Sunset Park.

Adam Friedman revealed a very interesting profile of industrial and manufacturing employment. For example, Manhattan is still home to many manufacturing jobs. He went on to talk about linking sustainable technologies to the future of this kind of employment. He said there are opportunities for manufacturing solar systems and for creating bio fuels.

Both speakers' presentations can be downloaded at [www.NYMTC.org](http://www.NYMTC.org) and the webcast of the Brown Bag session is also available by clicking on Webcasts on the home page.

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**\* DATA CORNER: FHWA Ups Ped Safety** by Imran Ahmed

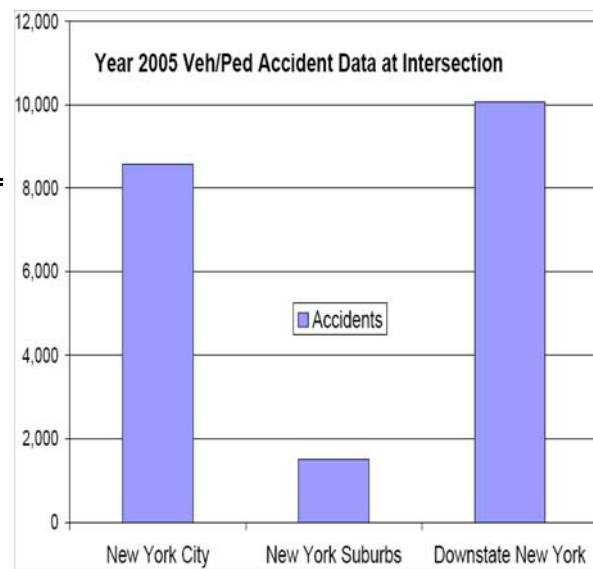
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The recent Notice of Proposed Amendments (Pedestrian Forum Volume. 41, Winter 2008) in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) published by the Federal Highway Administration is expected to enhance the safety of pedestrians at signalized intersections. The proposed amendment will reduce pedestrian speed from 4 feet per second to 3.5 feet per second. The reduced speed would provide a longer and more effective pedestrian walkable time. Encroachment of vehicles into intersections result in reducing pedestrians' walkable time, creating pedestrian and vehicular conflicts and decreasing safety.

NYMTC's Transportation Safety Report 2005 ([www.NYMTC.org/data\\_services/TS.html](http://www.NYMTC.org/data_services/TS.html)), estimated the vehicular/pedestrian crashes that occurred at intersections in the year 2005. It indicates that approximately 8,569, 1,502, and 10,071 vehicular/pedestrian accidents occurred in New York City, New York Suburbs, and Downstate New York respectively. It is expected that this proposed amendment to the MUTCD and implementation can potentially be effective in reducing the number of vehicular/pedestrian accidents that occurred at intersections.

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**2/13/08, 6-8pm, Sustainability Down Under, (webcast),** NYMTC, APA, AIA. 199 Water Street, NYC. Gerry Bogacz, 212.383.7260, [GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us).

**2/20/08, 12 noon, NYMTC Brown Bag Presentation, Sustainable Studies Evaluation,** 199 Water Street, NYC. Gerry Bogacz, 212.383.7260, [GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us).

**2/25/08, 10-12pm, Freight Transportation Working Group, (webcast),** NYMTC 199 Water Street, NYC. Howie Mann, 212.383.2530, [HMann@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:HMann@dot.state.ny.us).

**3/11/08, 10am, Metropolitan Mobility Network, (webcast),** NYMTC, 199 Water Street, NYC. Jan Khan, 212.383.7251, [JKhan@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:JKhan@dot.state.ny.us).

**3/13/08, NYMTC Annual Council Meeting,** New York University, Kimmel Center, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, [AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us).

**4/9/08, 10:30am, Long Island Sound Ferry Coalition Meeting,** City Hall Annex, Conf. Room "C", 999 Broad St, Bridgeport, CT. Fatai Adekoya, 212.383.7250, [FAdekoya@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:FAdekoya@dot.state.ny.us).

**4/17/08, 1:15- 3:15pm, NYMTC Program, Finance and Administration Committee.** 199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, [AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us).

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