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*** NYMTC Prepares for Economic Recovery** by Alan Borenstein
NYMTC, along with other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the nation, is preparing in advance for the passage of the federal economic recovery stimulus legislation. As the bills have advanced and changed tremendously over the past few weeks, NYMTC staff and members have worked hard to develop processes to move potential projects forward with a minimum of time. The Federal agencies have been very helpful in assisting in this effort and have even set up websites with online questions and answers. In the end, all is being done to take full advantage of economic recovery funding which will come to our region.

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*** Save the Date for March 19 Annual Meeting** by Alan Borenstein

NYMTC's Annual Council Meeting on March 19 will be held, as in previous years, at New York University's Kimmel Center. Special Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meetings will be held on February 19 and March 5 to adopt resolutions affecting NYMTC's major products to prepare for the economic recovery legislation and to adopt a new Air Quality Conformity determination. It is expected that these will be short meetings and there are no speakers scheduled.

At the next regular PFAC meeting on April 16, we will be welcoming Joseph Marie, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

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*** Economic Recovery Comment Periods** by Gerry Bogacz

Currently, we are in a second comment period for a supplemental list of potential projects for national economic recovery legislation funding. If funded, these potential projects will require amendments to NYMTC's 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period will end on February 20. The details on these proposed amendments will be available on request and can also be accessed on the NYMTC website at: www.NYMTC.org/aboutTIP.cfm. Comments will be accepted by e-mail or mail by February 20, 2009. Contact: Chris Hardej at 212.383.7253 or CHardej@dot.state.ny.us.



*** Last Call for Comments on Conformity** by Chris Hardej

This is a reminder that the comment period for NYMTC's draft Air Quality Conformity Determination ends February 24, 2009. Several projects in the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program are being amended, requiring a new Air Quality Conformity Determination. Draft documents can be viewed or downloaded from our website at: www.NYMTC.org/project/conformity/conformity.html. Public meetings are also scheduled on the Conformity Determination for February 10 at 3pm and 6pm (see the Calendar of Events).

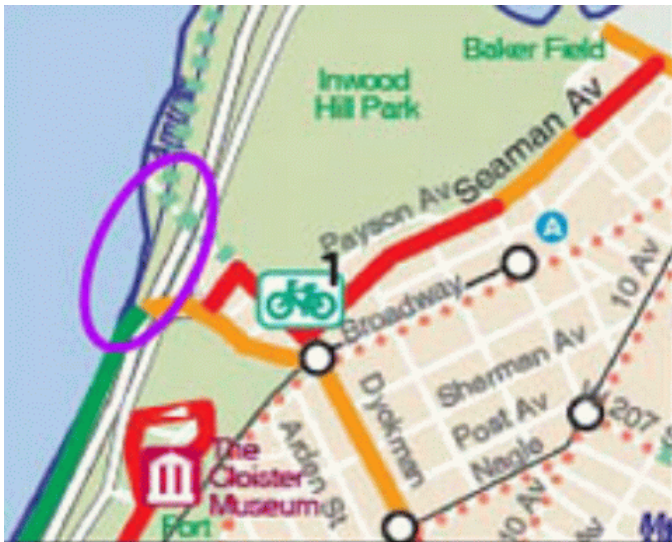
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*** Hudson Greenway Workshop Scheduled** by Howie Mann

NYMTC is leading a planning study for a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail along the eastern shore of the Hudson River, connecting the northern reaches of Manhattan to the City of Yonkers. The purpose of this Greenway Link study is to plan for a facility that will link communities across the region, provide access to important destinations and bring trail users closer to nature.

As part of the study, a workshop on February 26 (see calendar of events) will provide a forum to learn about the project and to provide input and discuss concerns. It will include facilitated discussion, interactive exercises, and a presentation by the project team.

For information about the Hudson River Valley Greenway Link study, please visit the project's website at www.NYMTC.org/project/bike_walk/Greenways.html. There, you will find the scope of work, the project schedule and summaries of previous Technical Advisory



Committee meetings. If you plan to attend please reserve by email to rwalsh@hshassoc.com.

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*** Unique Transit at March Brown Bag** by Gerry Bogacz

The Roosevelt Island Tramway has been a unique and significant component of New York City's mass transit landscape for the past 32 years. At NYMTC's next Brown Bag presentation on March 18, Rosina Abramson, Vice President of Planning and Inter-Governmental Affairs for the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, will discuss the Tramway, its operating history, and the major \$25 million overhaul planned for July of 2009. Please see the calendar of events for details.

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*** Speakers Sought for HiDaC** by Michael Fay, NYSDOT



The 2009 Highway Data Workshop and Conference will be held September 22-24 in Oakland, California. This will be the third in this biennial series of highway data conferences. This year it will be hosted by the California Department of Transportation. The target audience for HiDaC is the highway data analysts and managers involved with the day-to-day activities associated with highway data collection, processing and analysis from the States, Federal government, and local planning agencies throughout the country. Vendors, students, and other interested parties are also welcome. The

program is still under development and potential speakers are being sought to cover many of the varied topics to be addressed. More information is at: www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hidacconf.htm.

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*** DATA CORNER: Remarkable Growth in Transit** by Imran Ahmed

The region's transit systems carried a total of almost 3.6 billion passengers in 2006. This represents an increase of 3.2 percent over 2005's ridership volumes and a remarkable 49.6 percent growth in ridership over the prior ten year period. MTA Bus (formerly private buses) transported 99.3 million passengers in 2006, a 37.3 percent increase in volume over 2005. MTA New York City

Subway reported a 3.9 percent increase in rider ship from 2005 to 2006. Suffolk Transit showed an increase of 3.2 percent in 2006 over 2005, and New Jersey Transit buses showed an increase of 1.7 percent in 2006 over 2005. PATH ridership increased by 6.9 percent from 2005's volume. Connecticut Transit and MTA Long Island Rail Road ridership increased by 7.6 and 4.2 percent, respectively, from 2005.

The data discussed here and much more is from NYMTC's Regional Transportation Statistical Report 2006 available at: www.NYMTC.org/files/2006_RTSR.pdf. Contact: Imran Ahmed at 212.383.2403 or IAhmed@dot.state.ny.us.

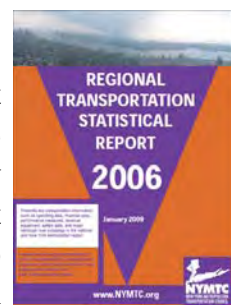
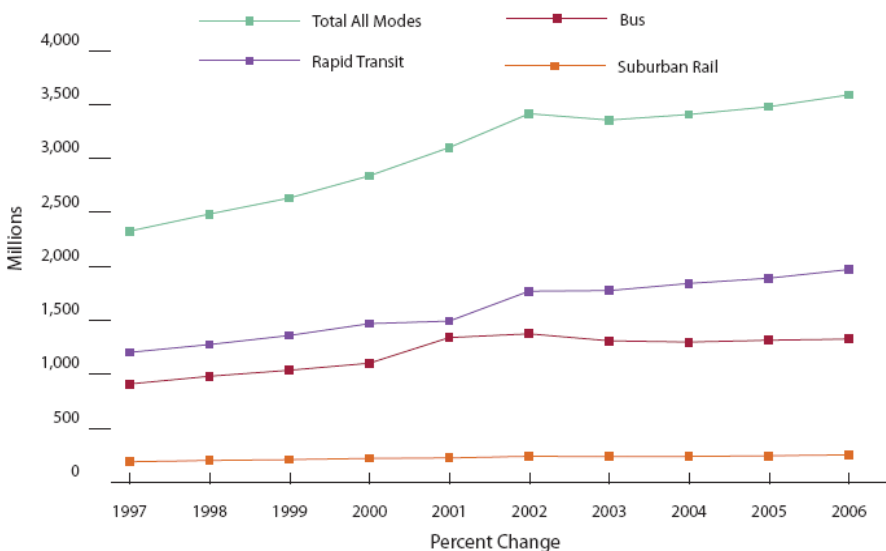


Figure 2
Annual Public Transportation Revenue Passengers
NY-NJ-CT Region 1997-2006



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

- 2/18/09, 11:30am, Institute of Transportation Engineers Meeting**, White Plains, NY.
Brian Dempsey, 914.592.4040, rdibiase@lkma.com.
- 2/19/09, 1:15pm, NYMTC Program, Finance & Administration Committee Meeting (webcast).**
199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.
- 2/24/09, 6pm, NYU Wagner Rudin Center Annual Leadership in Transportation Awards**,
60 Washington Square South. Lina Duran, 212.998.7545,
wagner.nyu.edu/transportation/conferences/.
- 2/25/09, 8:30am, NextGen: The Future of Aviation**, Port Authority of NY&NJ and University
Transportation Research Center. One Madison Ave., NYC.
www.utrc2.org, www.panynj.gov/nextgen.
- 2/26/09, 6pm-8pm, Hudson River Valley Greenway Link Public Workshop**, Lehman College,
Music Building, East Dining Room, 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West, Bronx, NY.
Howie Mann, 212.383.2530, HMann@dot.state.ny.us.
- 3/5/09, 1:15pm, NYMTC Program, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting (webcast).**
199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.
- 3/18/09, 12pm, NYMTC Brown Bag Presentation- Roosevelt Island Tramway (webcast).**
NYMTC, 199 Water Street, NYC. Gerry Bogacz, 212.383.7260, GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us.
- 3/19/09, NYMTC Annual Council Meeting**, New York University.
Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.
- 3/20/09, 10am, Mid-Hudson South Mobility Advisory Forum Meeting: Access to the Region's
Core- An Update.** Rockland County Department of Planning & Public Transportation,
50 Sanatorium Rd, Bldg T, Pomona, NY. Naomi Klein, 914.813.7758, nkk3@westchestergov.com.
- 4/16/09, 1:15pm, NYMTC Program, Finance & Administration Committee Meeting (webcast).**
199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

Bus Purchase Section 5310 Grant Workshops

- Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us.
- 3/19/09, 10am to 12pm**, Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains.
- 3/24/09, 11am to 1pm**, NYMTC (webcast), 199 Water Street, NYC, 22nd Floor.
- 3/25/09, 10am to 12pm**, H. Lee Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Highway, Hauppauge.



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