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*** Tomorrow's Annual Council Meeting** by Alan Borenstein



**USDOT Deputy Secretary
Thomas Barrett**

Do not miss NYMTC's Annual Council Meeting, tomorrow (March 19) from 10am to noon. The meeting's special guest speaker will be the Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Vice Admiral Thomas J. Barrett. Deputy Secretary Barrett serves as the Department's chief operating officer, responsible for the day-to-day management of DOT's \$61.1 billion budget, 10 modal administrations, and approximately 60,000 employees. Secretary LaHood was asked to accompany the Vice President on a trip and is unable, unfortunately, to participate in the meeting. In addition, Timothy Gilchrist, Governor Paterson's Senior Advisor for Infrastructure and Transportation, will make a presentation on implementation of stimulus projects in New York State.

Also on the agenda will be the announcement of a set of strategic transportation investments to support the regional vision announced at last year's Annual Meeting of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. The Council Members will welcome New York City's Chair of the City Planning Commission and Director of the Department of City Planning, Amanda Burden, as this year's rotating co-chair and will adopt the \$43 million Unified Planning Work Program for NYMTC's staff and its members.

As in previous years, the meeting will be at New York University's Kimmel Center, due to the size of the anticipated audience.

Please reserve your space and see the Calendar below for details.

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Amanda Burden

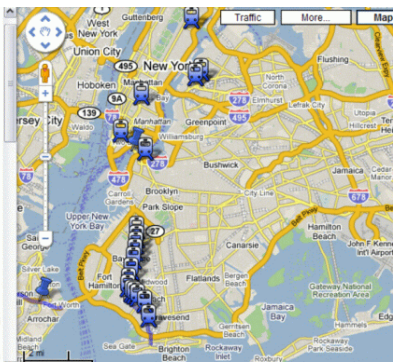
* ARRA Candidate Projects on the Web by Gerry Bogacz

New York City

This map of the New York City area has been developed to provide information on the actions that NYMTC has taken to amend or modify its five-year Transportation Improvement Program to enable funding for candidate projects through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The icons presented on the map indicate the locations and types of the candidate projects for which actions have been taken to date. More detail about each candidate project can be obtained by clicking on an individual icon. For more information, contact Uchenna Madu at umadu@dot.state.ny.us

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Lower Hudson Valley

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Long Island

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possible funding through the Recovery Act for 89 projects throughout its region, totaling just over \$1.2 billion. Actions on additional candidate projects and/or changes to candidate projects already listed are likely as the process moves forward. The information in the lists and maps will be updated as necessary. The next step for these candidate projects is inclusion on the Statewide TIP.

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* \$12 Million JARC/New Freedom- March 27 by Nancy O'Connell

New York State Department of Transportation and NYMTC are currently soliciting proposals from the New York metropolitan area for possible funding under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs. The deadline for applications is **March 27, 2009**. These programs are intended to fund innovative and flexible programs and projects which

identify and address the transportation needs of individuals with limited incomes and persons with disabilities. Eligible applicants include private not-for-profit organizations, state and local government authorities and operators of public transportation services. This year's solicitation in the NYMTC Region makes available \$12 million in federal funds. Applications and information on these grant programs are available through the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org/project/access/jarcindex.html.

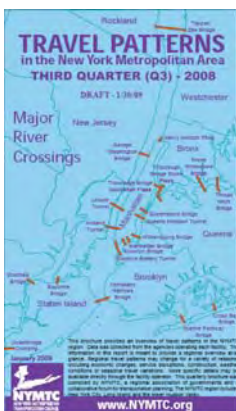
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*** Statistics Analysis Seminars** by John T. Murray, CCNY

The City College of New York/CUNY is offering two seminars in the practical science of Statistics, to be held at their new facility on Bowling Green in lower Manhattan. Statistics and Statistical Analysis will be an overview for the working professional on May 6 and May 7, and will include a comprehensive introduction for anyone who uses or encounters Statistics in the business environment. An advanced course in Regression Analysis and Model Building will be given May 13 and May 14, and will provide a scientific framework for carrying out and understanding predictive models. Both courses include lecture, written material, software and consultation. Full information is available at www.caissny.org and click Events. Contact: John T. Murray at 212.650.5466 or jmurray@ccny.cuny.edu.

*** DATA CORNER: Travel Patterns Show Changes** by Adam Schildge



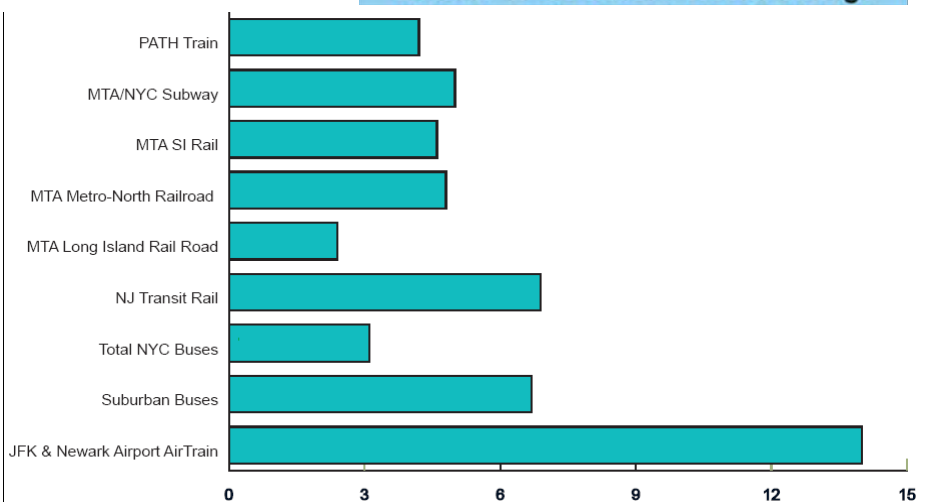
NYMTC's Regional Travel Patterns brochure for the third quarter of 2008, recently released, shows a 2.8% year-on-year decrease in the average number of vehicles crossing each day at the region's major tolled bridges and tunnels. This decrease averaged 3% for all tolled East River, Hudson River and Arthur Kill crossings. Additional decreases were seen at the Henry Hudson Bridge over the Harlem River (-6%), on the Verrazano Bridge (-1.9%), and on the three South Shore/Jamaica Bay crossings (-0.5%).

In contrast to the decline in tolled vehicle river crossings, bus and rail ridership on services monitored by this study increased by a total of 4.6%. This net increase comes from a 6.9% increase in NJ Transit's rail service ridership, a 6.7% increase in suburban bus ridership, and a 4.9% increase in MTA-operated suburban rail ridership. Additional increases were seen on the PATH train (4.2%), and on New York City-based bus services (3.1%).

This information is based on ridership counts submitted by multiple regional transportation providers, including the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New Jersey Transit, the Port Authority of NY & NJ, and state and county bridge facility operators. Data on bus services is also provided by the counties of Westchester, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess, and Suffolk, as well as the city of Long Beach. Ferry ridership data is provided by New York Waterway, New York Water Taxi, the Bridgeport-Port Jefferson Steamboat Co., and the Staten Island Ferry. Together, this information paints a broad picture of regional travel patterns and can provide a consistent source for tracking regional transportation trends on a monthly and quarterly basis over a period of multiple years. This report, with previous reports back to 2002, is available at: www.NYMTC.org/files/Travel_Patterns_3Q_2008.pdf.

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Average Weekday Bus and Rail Ridership
by Service Operator
Q3-2007 to Q3-2008: Percent Change



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

3/19/09, 10am, NYMTC Annual Council Meeting, (webcast). New York University, Kimmel Center. Reservations required. Andrea Miles-Cole, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.7200.

3/20/09, 10am, Mid-Hudson South Mobility Advisory Forum: Access to the Region's Core-An Update. Rockland Cty Department of Planning & Public Transportation, 50 Sanatorium Rd, Bldg T, Pomona, NY. Naomi Klein, 914.813.7758, nkk3@westchestergov.com.

4/1/09, 6:30pm, Bus Rapid Transit: Getting New York's Buses Moving. Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Avenue at 104th Street, Reservations required. \$9 General admission, \$5 discount. www.mcny.org/public-programs/, 212.534.1672, ext. 3395.

4/7/09, 3pm, Westchester/East Coast Greenway Bicycle Summit, Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave, White Plains, NY. Howie Mann, 212.383.2530, HMann@dot.state.ny.us.

4/9/09, 9:30am to 12:30pm, ITS Working Group Meeting. NYMTC, 199 Water Street, NYC. Sal Mamone, 212.383.7228, SMamone@dot.state.ny.us.

4/16/09, 1:15pm, NYMTC Program, Finance & Administration Committee Meeting (webcast). Guest- Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner Joseph Marie. 199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

4/17/09, 8am to 3pm, Regional Plan Association 2009 Regional Assembly: America 2050- Building the Next Economy. Waldorf Astoria, 301 Park Avenue, NYC. www.rpa.org/, rivanova@rpa.org, 212.253.5492.

5/6-7/09, 5/13-14/09, Statistics Analysis Seminars. John T. Murray, 212.650.5466, jmurray@ccny.cuny.edu.

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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