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*** ConnDOT at PFAC April 16** by Alan Borenstein

Join NYMTC at the April 16, Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) when we welcome Joseph Marie, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Governor M. Jodi Rell selected Joseph Marie as the new Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, last year. Prior to that, Mr. Marie was the Director of Operations and Maintenance for METRO, the regional public transit system for Phoenix, Arizona and he brought to his new position more than 22 years of transit industry experience in both the public and private sectors. He is a native of Massachusetts and has held senior transit positions in the States of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

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*** NYMTC Officials Discuss Shared Vision** by Lisa Daglian

More than 300 people who attended NYMTC's Annual Meeting on March 19 heard U.S.D.O.T. Deputy Secretary Vice Admiral Thomas Barrett discuss the Obama Administration's key transportation priorities including the Recovery Act in the immediate term, and innovative programs





USDOT Deputy Secretary Barrett

such as the recently announced joint HUD/DOT Sustainable Communities initiative in the longer term. In addition, New York State's perspective on the stimulus program was detailed by Timothy Gilchrist, Governor Paterson's Senior Advisor for Infrastructure and Transportation, who updated the audience on the state's progress in advancing projects for Recovery Act funding. The audience also learned about the Council members' vision to maintain, upgrade and expand the regional transportation system now and into the future.



Tim Gilchrist

They announced the third and final component of their collaboration with *A Shared Vision for A Shared Future*, which identifies specific strategic transportation investments that will address anticipated growth, an uncertain economic situation, concerns about energy consumption and an aging transportation system.

A Shared Vision for A Shared Future, which includes both NYMTC's Annual Report and a video presentation, are now available at www.NYMTC.org along with a link to the webcast of the entire meeting. They highlight the importance of working together to advance the members' vision and meet the needs of the growing NYMTC region now, and into the future.

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Floyd Lapp

*** Roosevelt Island at Brown Bag** by Gerry Bogacz

What are the transportation issues facing the unique community of Roosevelt Island? On April 15 (see Calendar of Events), an old friend of NYMTC, Dr. Floyd Lapp, will lead a Brown Bag presentation exploring those issues. Dr. Lapp leads a studio class of eleven students from Columbia University's graduate Urban Planning Program. The studio is evaluating transportation options on Roosevelt Island in response to a request from the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation. This request was prompted by recent and anticipated future population growth on the island. The studio is considering a variety of transportation modes, including vehicular, bike, ped, tram, subway, ferry and future innovative and potentially visionary ideas. The Brown Bag presentation will be webcast live and can be

accessed through the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org.

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*** Comment on TIP Amendments** by Chris Hardej

The public comment period for proposed changes to the NYMTC 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be open until April 10. The proposed changes impact projects in all three of NYMTC's subregions: Lower Hudson Valley, New York City, and Long Island. The proposed changes for Lower Hudson Valley and New York City include several additional projects proposed for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Details of these changes can be accessed on the NYMTC website, www.NYMTC.org/aboutTIP.cfm.

Written comments will be accepted until 4pm on April 10, 2009.

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*** UPWP For You** by Alan Borenstein

The 2009-10 NYMTC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was approved and adopted by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council at its Annual Meeting on March 19. The \$44 million program is available on our website at www.NYMTC.org/aboutupwp.cfm in the form of the full document of 400 pages and the 100 page Management Summary. Both contain electronic bookmarks for easier access and maps showing the projects. Contact: Stephen Hausch at 212.383.7282 or SHausch@dot.state.ny.us.



*** Governors at RPA Regional Assembly** by Alan Borenstein

The Regional Plan Association (RPA) has announced that Governors Paterson of New York and Rendell of Pennsylvania will speak at this year's Regional Assembly, "America 2050: Building the Next Economy," on April 17 at the Waldorf Astoria. They round out a terrific program that will also include Mark Zandi, Moody's Chief Economist and cofounder of Economy.com, and five break out sessions featuring business and civic leaders from around the region and nation discussing the current economic crisis and essential recalibrations to build a stronger economic future.

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*** Museum Hosts PlaNYC: Innovations and Legacy** by Alan Borenstein

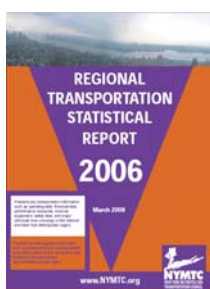
The Museum of the City of New York is hosting a discussion on April 15 with former Deputy Mayor Dan Doctoroff, the creator of PlaNYC, along with two urban planning historians, Hilary Ballon and Thomas Bender on the relationship of PlaNYC to the history of urban planning. PlaNYC, the Bloomberg administration's ambitious blueprint for preparing New York City for an environmentally sustainable future while accommodating an anticipated one million more residents by 2030, has pioneered new strategies in urban planning.

See the Calendar of Events below. Reservations required. Fees apply.
Contact: 212.534.1672, ext. 3395 or www.mcny.org/public-programs/.

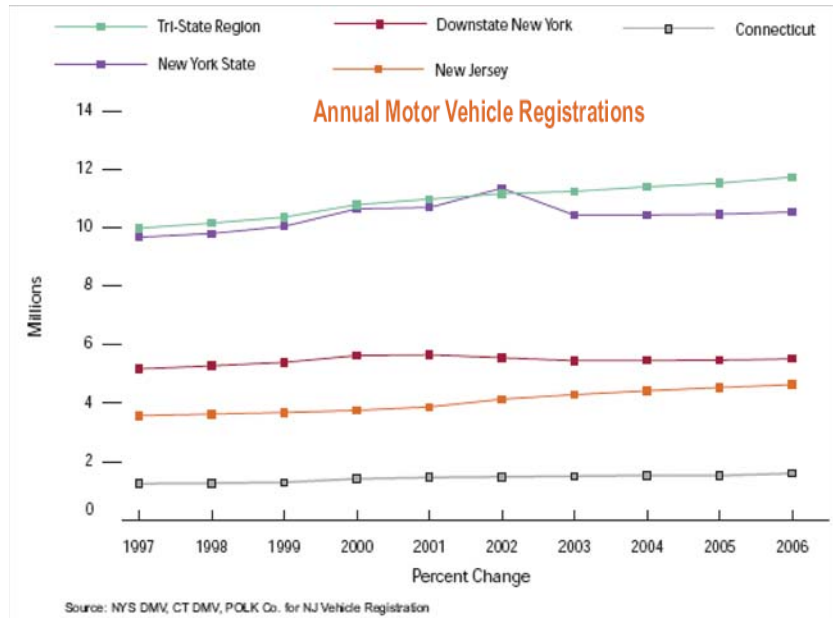


*** DATA CORNER: Vehicle Registrations Increased** by Imran Ahmed

The region's transit systems carried a total of almost 3.6 billion passengers in 2006, an increase of 3.2 percent over 2005's ridership volumes. Despite the extent and capability of the region's public transportation system, the number of motor vehicle registrations went up by 1.9 percent in the region between 2005 and 2006. The private automobiles sector is one of the largest contributors towards the continuous increase in motor vehicle



registrations over the years. This data is incorporated in the Regional Transportation Statistical Report 2006. The internet link to the report is: www.NYMTC.org/files/2006_RTSTR.pdf. Contact: Imran Ahmed at 212.383.2403 or IAhmed@dot.state.ny.us.



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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 104 Street, Reservations required. \$Fee. 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.

4/15/09, 12pm, NYMTC Brown Bag- Roosevelt Island Transportation Issues (webcast).

NYMTC, 199 Water Street, NYC. Gerry Bogacz, 212.383.7260, GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us.

4/15/09, 6:30pm, PlaNYC: Innovations and Legacy. Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Avenue, Reservations required. \$Fee. www.mcny.org/public-programs/, 212.534.1672, ext. 3395.

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.

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