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* PFAC Featured NJTPA's Murphy by Alan Borenstein

Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), was the guest speaker at NYMTC's March 20, Program, Finance, Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting.

Ms. Murphy provided an overview of NJTPA and talked about the agency's role as a metropolitan planning organization and discussed NJTPA's Regional Transportation Plan. She talked about the progress that could be made through regional cooperation and said that the plan included broadening the regional visioning process, similar to NYMTC's vision process. Ms. Murphy talked about key smart growth, aging infrastructure, transit and freight and said that the Access to the Region's Core (ARC) was NJTPA's number one long range priority. She said that she looked forward to working together for the region. The meeting was webcast and can be viewed through the NYMTC website (www.NYMTC.org). The full presentation is also available on the website.

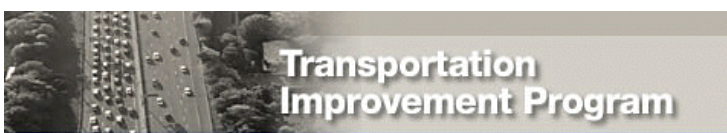


Mary K. Murphy

Future guest speakers at PFAC will be Elliot Sander, Metropolitan Transportation Authority on April 17 and Janette Sadik-Khan, New York City Department of Transportation on June 19. Contact: Andrea Miles-Cole at 718.482.4551 or AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

* Public Comments on TIP Amendment by Chris Hardej

As a reminder, the New York City Transportation Coordinating Committee (NYCTCC) is in the middle of a 30-day public review and comment period on a proposed amendment to the NYMTC 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This amendment would add funds identified through the Urban Partnership Agreement between the City of New York and the United States Department of Transportation to three existing projects and three new projects on the TIP. Details are on our website at: www.NYMTC.org/abouttip-down.cfm. **Comments are due by April 8, 2008.** Contact: Uchenna Madu at 718.482.4562 or UMadu@dot.state.ny.us.



*** NYMTC's Annual Report on Website** by Alan Borenstein

NYMTC's new Annual Report is now available on our website or directly at www.NYMTC.org/annualreport%20page/areport2008.pdf. The full-color, 52 page report presents the Vision of the NYMTC Principals for the region with the ten desired growth areas and the next steps to realize the Vision. Hard copies are also available.

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*** Ferry Coalition Meets April 9** by Fatai Adekoya

The Long Island Sound Ferry Coalition will feature a presentation at its April 9 meeting on the Stamford Ferry Feasibility Study by Josh Lecar of the City of Stamford. Joe Riccio, the Executive Director of Bridgeport Port Authority will also report on the High Speed Ferry Service project. Other items on the agenda include freight ferries and the New York State 2008 Ferry Boat Discretionary Award.

The Long Island Sound Ferry Coalition was established by NYMTC with the South West Regional Planning Agency and Greater Bridgeport Planning Agency. It is a consortium of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Federal, state, county and municipal agencies, local coastal communities, private ferries operators and other organizations interested in developing ferry services on Long Island Sound. See the Calendar of Events.

Contact: Fatai Adekoya at 212.383.7250 or FAdekoya@dot.state.ny.us.



*** Non-Motorized: What Now? What Next?** by Howie Mann

Non-motorized transportation has reached a new public awareness, with the discussions about PlaNYC, congestion pricing, implementation of the city's first cycle track and new pedestrian plazas, and regional plans for expansion of pedestrian and cyclist friendly facilities.

On April 17, come hear and discuss these ideas with some of New York's most experienced planning and transportation professionals. They will talk about what New York City and the region are doing now, about plans for the future and what might really be possible in encouraging more biking and walking. The discussion is presented by NYMTC, the New York Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association and the New York Chapter of American Institute of Architects. See the Calendar of Events.

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*** UPWP Approved** by Alan Borenstein

The 2008-09 NYMTC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for NYMTC's fiscal year beginning April 1 was approved at the Council Meeting on March 13. The program identifies the programming of \$46 million for transportation planning in the region in the upcoming year. The UPWP can be accessed on the NYMTC website (www.NYMTC.org) as the full 404 page document or the 110 page Management Summary with sections bookmarked for easier access. Contact: Alan Borenstein at 212.383.7200 or ABorenstein@dot.state.ny.us.



*** \$11M Available for JARC/New Freedom** by Nancy O'Connell

The New York State Department of Transportation and NYMTC are soliciting project proposals for possible funding under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs. Funded through the Federal Transit Administration, these programs are targeted to innovative and flexible programs and projects which address the transportation needs of individuals with limited incomes and persons with disabilities. Eligible applicants include private not-for-profit organizations, state and local governments, authorities and operators of public transportation services. Applications and information on these grant programs are available through the NYMTC



Job Access & Reverse Commute Program

website at www.NYMTC.org under the Programs and Projects listing. The deadline for submitting applications is May 30, 2008. NYMTC will be hosting a series of workshops in April to assist potential grantees applying for funds including a workshop at NYMTC that will be webcast live and posted on the NYMTC website to facilitate those who are unable to attend in person.

These programs fund 80% of capital cost or 50% of operating costs for approved projects, with the remaining match provided by the applicant. Approved applicants are responsible for development and implementation of the project, including paying all costs first and then applying for reimbursement of the federal aid share through the FTA Designated Recipient.

Contact: Nancy O'Connell at 212.383.2529 or NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us.

*** RPA Assembly to Spotlight Infrastructure** by Robert Freudenberg, RPA

As the impacts of climate change alter the reliability of our sources of energy and water, how do we as a region most effectively adapt while maintaining economic competitiveness?

On April 18, leaders from the metropolitan region and beyond will explore this question at Regional Plan Association's annual Regional Assembly at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. The Assembly's lunchtime keynote speaker will be the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives who will discuss her vision for a national infrastructure investment plan. The morning keynote by the Honorable Shirley Franklin, Mayor of Atlanta, will open a plenary session from mayors around the region who will address the impacts of climate change on local energy and water resources.

We look forward to exploring these issues in-depth at this year's Regional Assembly, "Oil & Water." Be sure to register for the event and come address these critical topics.

Contact: www.rpa.org/ra2008/.

*** Regional Vision Into Reality** Jan Khan

On March 13, the NYMTC Principals shared their vision for the region at the NYMTC Annual Meeting. This vision will be incorporated into NYMTC's 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan, which is currently under development. This new Plan will build on the regional goals and vision expounded by the Principals, ensuring a legacy of a truly multi-modal transportation system that meets the growing needs and demands of the region. NYMTC members and staff are working to complete various draft sections of the Plan including regional forecasts, needs, and financial analysis for public review across the region during Summer. The final Plan needs to be in place by October 1, 2009 to ensure the continued flow of federal transportation funds to this region. Ideas, suggestions and comments can be submitted.

Contact: Jan Khan at 212.383.7251 or JKhan@dot.state.ny.us.



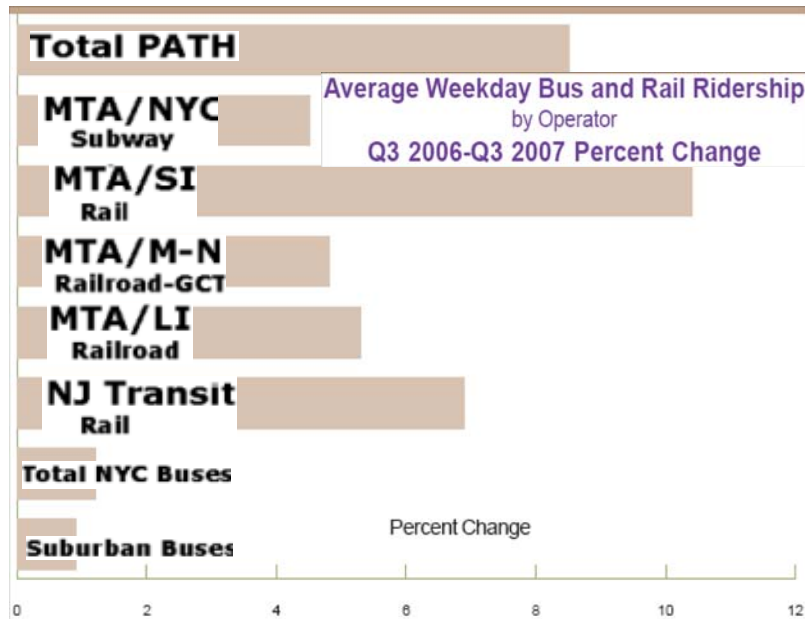
**** INTERNS NEEDED **** NYMTC has a number of student assistant/intern positions open in a few locations. Contact: Chris Rodrigues at 212.383.2409 or CRodrigues@dot.state.ny.us.

*** DATA CORNER: Is Ridership Growing?** by Munnesh Patel

NYMTC produces *Travel Patterns in the New York Metropolitan Area* brochure every quarter which provides bus and rail ridership information. The graph shows increases in the weekday ridership by major bus/rail operator. The highest increase was reported by the Staten Island Railroad (10%) followed by the PATH (8.5%).

The brochure provides a glance at changing regional travel patterns in the New York metropolitan region. The publication is at: www.NYMTC.org/files/TP-3Q-2007.pdf. The fourth quarter brochure will be coming out soon.

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

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.

4/11/08, 9- 3:30pm, Development on Staten Island: Housing/Transportation/ Employment Nexus, College of Staten Island, 2800 Victory Blvd., S.I. 718.982.2441, www.utrc2.org/.

4/17/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast).199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

4/17/08, 6pm- 8pm, Non- Motorized Transportation: What Now? What Next?, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. Howie Mann, 212.383.2530, HMann@dot.state.ny.us.

4/18/08, 8am- 2pm, RPA's Regional Assembly 2008, Oil and Water: Adapting to Scarcity, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, NYC. Jeff Zupan, 845.356.2563, 212.23.2727, X324, www.rpa.org.

4/23/08, 9am- 1pm, AARP-NYMTC Good to Go: Enhancing Mobility for Older Adults in Your Community, Palisades Center, 1000 Palisades Center Drive, West Nyack, NY, 10994. George Persico, 877.926.8300, 845.364.2142, persicog@co.rockland.ny.us.

4/23/08, 3pm, JARC New FreedomWorkshop, (webcast). 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529 or NLOConnell@dot.state.ny.us.

4/25/08, 10- 12pm, Visiting Scholar Seminar. José A. Gómez-Ibáñez. Baruch College, 151 East 25 Street, 7th Floor, NYC. www.utrc2.org/.

5/1/08, 3pm, JARC/ New Freedom Workshop, Suffolk County- Dennison Bldg., Veterans Hwy, Hauppauge. Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us.

5/8/08 & 5/9/08, 9am- 5pm, Statistics & Statistical Analysis, An Overview for the Working Professional Two Day Seminar, City College of NY/CUNY Center for Worker Education, 25 Broadway, 7 Floor, NYC. Mary Himmelstein, mtramel@ccny.cuny.edu, fax 212.650.5381.



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