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*** MTA CEO to Speak at April 17 PFAC** by Lisa Daglian

Elliot G. Sander, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, will discuss the future of the MTA at NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting. The meeting may also be viewed via webcast at www.NYMTC.org.

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*** Good to Go: Mobility for Seniors on April 23** by George Persico, Rockland County

AARP, in conjunction with Rockland County and NYMTC, is holding a senior mobility conference at Palisades Center in West Nyack, New York on April 23. We are inviting planners, legislators, mayors and town supervisors, highway department managers and leaders in the Rockland County senior community who have an interest in transportation, transit and walkable community mobility issues in Rockland County. Discussions will include "Driving Safely: Methods and techniques for improving driver safety for older adults," "Exploring Transit Options: How Transit can serve seniors" and "Creating Safe Routes for Seniors: Systematic changes to improve walking conditions in areas attractive to seniors." The conference is free, but you must RSVP if you wish to attend.

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*** Freight For You on May 14** by Howie Mann

You go to the store and you buy stuff. Ever think about how it got there? Freight transportation makes it possible. NYMTC is trying to elevate the planning issue of freight transportation. NYMTC will conduct the first in a Public Information Series meeting on freight transportation on May 14 at 6pm to accommodate a broad audience. As with other events, this will be webcast or you can attend in person.



We will introduce the audience to freight and freight transportation through presentations and discussion of a small panel of experts. The meeting and webcast is directed at the general public, although all freight fans can also participate. Please stay tuned as more details become available. Contact: Howie Mann at 212.383.2530 or HMann@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Settlement Patterns and Climate Change** by Gerry Bogacz

Human settlement patterns contribute significantly to climate change given their impacts on vehicular emissions and energy consumption. Therefore, shifting settlement patterns to reduce vehicle usage and encourage energy efficiency can significantly mitigate climate impacts, according to research discussed by Professor John Nolon of Pace University at an April 1 NYMTC Brown Bag presentation. Dr. Nolon is the founder of Pace Law School's Land Use Law Center (www.pace.edu), which over the last decade has done groundbreaking work fostering sustainability through improvements to local land use planning practices as a vehicle for both environmental mitigation and more effective transportation planning.

Dr. Nolon pointed out that local zoning and planning can be important tools in shifting settlement patterns so that vehicle use is reduced, energy efficiency is maximized, alternative energy use is encouraged and undisturbed lands are protected. Given national growth forecasts over the next 35 years, which point to the addition of 100 million people, 70 million new homes and 100 billion square feet of non-residential development; he feels that how and where this projected development goes on the land is critically important to climate change mitigation. Significantly, approximately 65% of the development necessary to accommodate this national growth has not yet been built, so the planning challenge over the next three-to-four decades is clear.

In his presentation, Dr. Nolon contrasted the current suburban planning paradigm -- which is responsible for patterns of sprawl resulting in large increases in vehicle use and energy consumption -- with a new approach of planning for compact development that would feature smaller residential units, walkability due to mixed uses and accessibility to transit services. He cited recent research that shifting 60% of the new population forecasted nationally to compact development would save 85 million metric tons per year of CO2 emissions by 2030, a very significant offset. This reduction would be realized due to a lighter carbon footprint resulting from fewer cars, increased walking and transit trips and smaller dwelling units that increase energy efficiency. Dr. Nolon characterized the needed compact development as either transit-oriented (TOD) or -- in areas where transit service is not as robust -- transportation-efficient



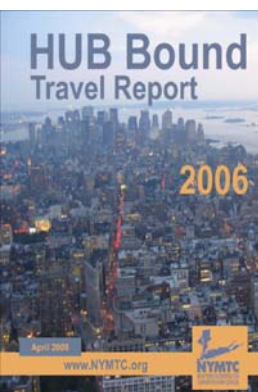
(TED). He also highlighted other positive impacts of such development, including reduction in impermeable surfaces and resulting storm water runoff, reduction in use of potable water supplies, and reduced consumption of building materials.

Dr. Nolon concluded the presentation by highlighting case studies of where TOD and TED are currently happening with very promising results. In the NYMTC region, he cited the example of the City of Yonkers master plan for their downtown waterfront, which oriented development on the Yonkers Railroad Station. Dr. Nolon's presentation is available for download at [www.NYMTC.org/files/Humanity's Footprint Role of Planning.ppt](http://www.NYMTC.org/files/Humanity's%20Footprint%20Role%20of%20Planning.ppt). The webcast of his presentation is archived at www.NYMTC.org.

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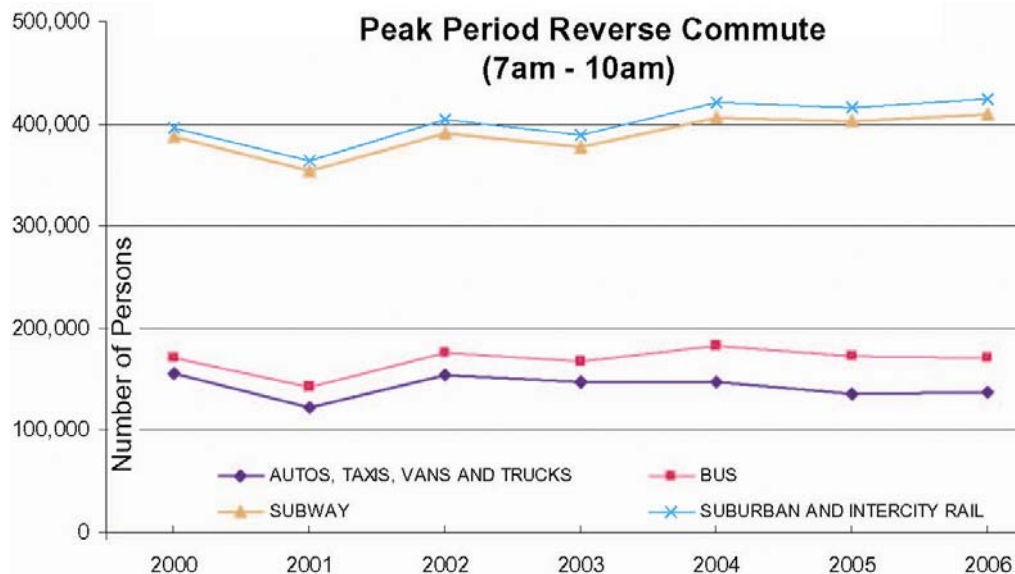
**** INTERNS NEEDED **** NYMTC has a number of student assistant/intern positions open in a few locations. Contact: Chris Rodrigues at 212.383.2409 or CRodrigues@dot.state.ny.us.

*** DATA CORNER: Hub Bound Just Released** by Thusitha Chandra



NYMTC has released one of its annual publications, the 2006 Hub Bound report for the New York metropolitan region. The report presents a detailed analysis of travel both by vehicles and persons, to and from the Manhattan Central Business District, below 60th Street. This report consists of three main parts: Appendix III presents hourly statistics of movements of people and vehicles in and out of the Hub on a fall business day; Appendix II summarizes hourly information illustrated in appendix III; and Appendix I tabulates information historically. Data from the 2006 report shows 3.6 million persons entering the Hub on an average weekday. Reverse travel (persons leaving the Hub during peak hours) was estimated to be 430,000; 2.1 percent higher than in 2005. The chart indicates peak period (7am - 10am) reverse commute by mode for selected years. This publication is now available on the NYMTC website, directly at: www.NYMTC.org/files/hub_bound/2006_Hub_Bound.pdf.

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

- 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? (webcast).**
NYMTC, 199 Water St., 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. www.rpa.org.
- 4/23/08, 9am- 1pm, AARP-NYMTC Good to Go: Enhancing Mobility for Older Adults in Your Community.** Palisades Center, 4th Floor Raso Room, 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 Freedom Workshop, (webcast).** 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.
Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529 or NLOConnell@dot.state.ny.us.
- 4/23/08, 6pm, PlaNYC 2030 One Year Later.** APA NY Metro Chapter, NYU Wagner, Urban Planning Students Assoc. NYU Puck Bldg, 2 fl, 295 Lafayette St., NYC. www.nyplanning.org.
- 4/25/08, 10am, The Future of Private Infrastructure- José A. Gómez-Ibáñez.** Baruch College, 151 East 25th Street, 7th Floor, NYC. www.utrc2.org/events/events.php?viewid=193.
- 4/29/08, 6:30pm, Latest Transportation Initiatives in NYC.** Museum of the City of New York, 1220 5 Ave. 212.534.1672, Ext 3395, www.mcny.org/public_programs/all/833.html.
- 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.
- 5/2/08, 3pm, JARC/New Freedom Workshop,** Westchester County Center, 189 Central Ave., White Plains, NY.. 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.
- 5/14/08, 6pm, NYMTC Public Information Series- Freight Transportation,** NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. Howie Mann, 212.383.2530, HMann@dot.state.ny.us.
- 6/19/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast).** 199 Water Street, NYC.
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