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***From the Executive Director** by Joel Ettinger



NYMTC-Notes was created almost 12 years ago under Alan Borenstein's stewardship. Over the years it has grown to attract some 4,000 readers and included hundreds of articles relevant to NYMTC's mission, goals and member agencies. We are grateful to have had Alan as senior editor, and Bernice Hoffner as editor. Both are now retiring and we will miss them.

This issue of NYMTC-Notes marks a new milestone. It is the first issue with a new editor, Lisa Daglian, NYMTC's Public Information Officer. We will not be making significant changes to NYMTC-Notes over the next few issues because we want your input.

We want to hear from you about the best way for us to move forward as we consider new options and opportunities for NYMTC-Notes. In the coming days we will be asking you to respond to a survey to let us know what kind of changes you'd like to see with regard to frequency, articles, layout etc.; we will both send the survey and post it on our website. We hope you will take a few minutes to provide us with some feedback. After all, we want this newsletter to serve your needs and provide topical information that is relevant and timely.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. Contact: Lisa Daglian 212.383.7241 or ldaglian@dot.state.ny.us

***Coordinated Plan Comment Period Opens** by Nancy O'Connell

NYMTC will accept comments on the draft of its Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan, entitled *Connecting Communities through Coordination*, from May 4 through June 3. During the comment period, a series of six public meetings will be held in the NYMTC region to also gather comments, on May 12 (webcast), May 13 and May 14 (see Calendar of Events for times and locations).

The Coordinated Plan fulfills a Federal requirement for such a plan before transportation providers in the region may access certain specific funding programs offered by the Federal Transit



Administration. These funding programs involve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and persons with lower income. By improving efficiency and reducing service redundancies, coordination ultimately enables community transportation providers to meet more of the growing demand and unmet need and help expand mobility options for the three target populations. The draft Plan can be viewed and downloaded beginning May 4 at www.NYMTC.org.

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***Off-Street Parking at May Brown Bag** by Jennifer Jensen and Sandy Hornick, NYC Department of City Planning

Since soon after the first Model-T rolled off of the assembly line, New York City's planners have struggled with where to park cars. Although the City boasts some of the lowest car ownership rates in the country, questions still remain about what the right parking policies should be to deal with congestion, encourage transit use, enhance the pedestrian streetscape, improve household mobility and support economic growth. At the next NYMTC Brown Bag presentation on May 20, the results of a recently completed study of car ownership patterns in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Northern Manhattan and Queens will be presented in light of these sometimes conflicting concerns and evolving theories about how to address parking demand. The presentation will also provide an overview of the City's 70-year effort to establish workable off-street parking regulations in the context of trends in car ownership, traffic and transit use and the Department of City Planning's future off-street parking research agenda, which will include a study of the habits of users of public parking garages in the Manhattan Core, an analysis of car ownership patterns and development trends in the dense, transit-rich neighborhoods outside the Manhattan Core, and a compendium of best practices in off-street parking policies in other major cities.



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***Envisioning Roosevelt Island** by Gerry Bogacz



The future of transportation on Roosevelt Island was the topic of NYMTC's monthly Brown Bag presentation on April 15. Dr Floyd Lapp and his studio class from Columbia University presented the results of their analysis of all aspects of the transportation system on the island. Their proposed solutions ranged from intersection improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities to parking improvements to maximizing the island's mass transit facilities, such as the Tram and the subway, to new services such as ferry.

The work was performed by the class for the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation. The result is a comprehensive and integrated plan for the island's transportation system in the context of the island's current and future conditions. The class' presentation is available in the Downloadable Files area of www.NYMTC.org and the archived webcast of the presentation can also be accessed through the NYMTC website.

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*** Save the Date: Transportation Alternatives at June 18 PFAC** by Lisa Daglian



Transportation Alternatives
Your advocate for bicycling,
walking and public transit

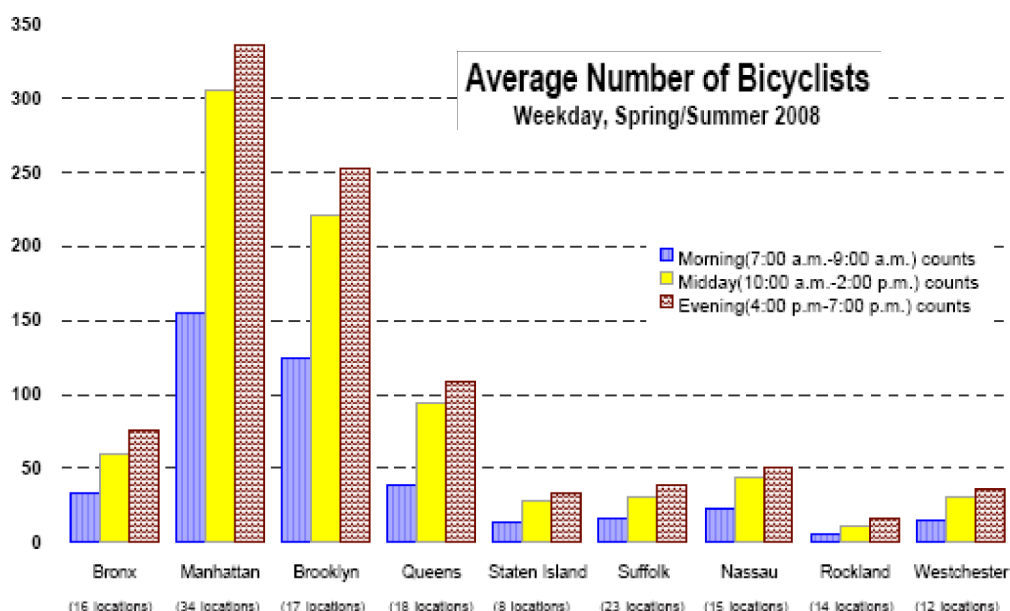
Transportation Alternatives executive director Paul Steeley White will discuss *Holland on the Hudson?: What the Dutch Can Teach New York City About Streets and Transportation* at the June 18 Program, Finance and Administration Committee meeting. See Calendar of Events for details.

For security purposes please RSVP for this event to Andrea Miles-Cole at Amiles-cole@dot.state.ny.us or to 212.383.7200.

***Bike Data Collection Program** by Leokadia Glogowski

NYMTC has taken the lead in assembling and monitoring data on non-motorized travel such as bicycling in its region. Phase IV of the Bicycle Data Collection Program has been completed and is now available from a total of 160 locations within the 10 NYMTC counties that were counted on weekdays and weekends during the spring/summer of 2008. The data include the numbers of bicyclists passing a

specific point, or designated location, in both directions. The average number of bicyclists per county location shown in the graph is grouped by morning (7 am-9 am), midday (10 am-2 pm) and evening (4 pm-7 pm) for each county. Manhattan presents the highest average number of bicyclists per county location during the entire morning, midday, and evening commute.



Note: Counts in Putnam County (3 locations) were conducted only on weekends

For more detailed information about the Bicycle Data Collection Program go to: [http://www.nymtc.org/project/NYMTC Bicycle Data Collection Program/www_html/index.htm](http://www.nymtc.org/project/NYMTC_Bicycle_Data_Collection_Program/www_html/index.htm)
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Last but certainly not least...We wish a fond farewell to all retiring NYMTC staff – Bob Angell, Alan Borenstein, Bernice Hoffner, Kevin Wolford, and Chew Wong. Their retirements will leave big shoes to fill and we wish them all well as they begin new chapters in their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS!



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

5/6-7/09, 5/13-14/09, Statistics Analysis Seminars.

John T. Murray, jmurray@ccny.cuny.edu or 212.650.5466

5/12/09, 3 to 5pm* and 6 to 8 pm, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Meeting - NYC (*webcast). 199 Water Street, NYC, 22 floor.

For security purposes you must RSVP to 212.383.7200. Nancy O'Connell, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.2529.

5/13/09, 3 to 5pm and 6 to 8 pm, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Meeting - lower Hudson Valley. Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains

Nancy O'Connell, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.2529.

5/14/09, 3 to 5pm and 6 to 8 pm, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Meeting - Long Island. H.L. Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Highway, Media Room, Hauppauge.

Nancy O'Connell, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.2529.

5/20/09, noon, Off-Street Parking Brown Bag lunch

199 Water Street, NYC, 22 floor. Gretchen Riederer at Griederer@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.7258

6/4 - 6/5/09, New York State MPOs Annual Conference, Crowne Plaza Albany, Albany, NY. www.nysmpos.org.

6/18/09, 1:15 pm, PFAC Meeting with Guest Speaker Paul Steeley White, Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives.

199 Water Street, 22 floor. For security purposes RSVP to Andrea Miles-Cole at Amiles-cole@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.7200.



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