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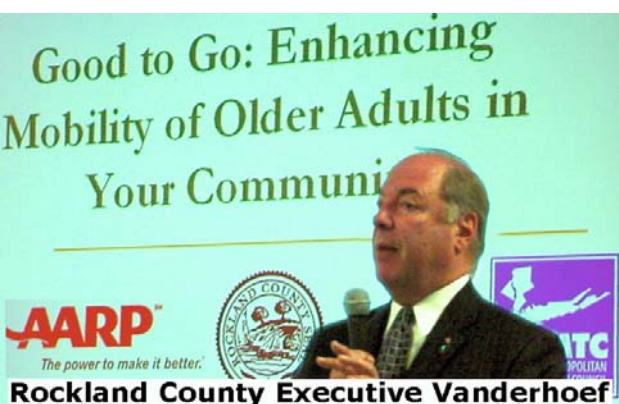
* MTA CEO Addressed PFAC by Alan Borenstein

Elliot G. Sander, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority spoke to a crowded audience as the featured guest speaker at NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting on April 17. Mr. Sander discussed many of the achievements of the MTA in recent times. He talked about the priorities and the future of the MTA including the status of many of the large projects. Mr. Sander then answered many thoughtful questions from the public. The meeting may be viewed via webcast at www.NYMTC.org.

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* Seniors Were Good to Go in Rockland Lisa Daglian

More than fifty seniors participated in the interactive Good to Go: Enhancing Mobility for Older Adults conference, held last week at Palisades Center in Rockland County. Sponsored by AARP, in conjunction with Rockland County and NYMTC, the participants learned that baby boomers could outlive their ability to drive by a decade. It became clear that given changing demographics and the need for seniors to have options for getting around other than driving, the time to begin addressing transportation needs for the future is now. Rockland County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef, Robin Talbert, President of the



AARP Foundation, and Joel Ettinger, Executive Director of NYMTC, opened the conference, followed by conversations on driving safely and creating more walkable communities. Three break out sessions looked at exploring transit options, creating safe routes for seniors and driving safely, and resulted in dozens of suggestions specific to Rockland County.

The Good to Go conference came out of a regional conference held at NYU's Rudin Center in 2006. Sessions have also been held in Nassau and Suffolk counties, with one being planned for Westchester. The greatest lesson from the conferences was that there is no one size fits all solution, but that each community should be part of the conversation to ensure that seniors can safely maintain their independence and mobility whether driving, using transit, walking or ride sharing. Contact:: Lisa Daglian at 212.383.7241 or LDaglian@dot.state.ny.us.

*** April 30 Deadline for Sept 11 Academic Program** by Alan Borenstein

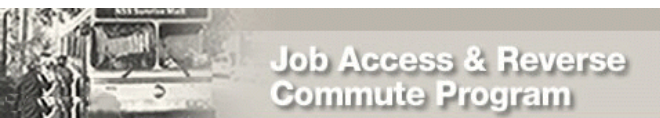
The deadline for applications for the September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning Academic Initiative is April 30. NYMTC established the September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning to honor the memory of Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance, and See Wong Shum, the three employees lost during the attack on the World Trade Center. The program was established to educate and motivate people interested in transportation technology and planning and to encourage innovations in planning activities throughout the NYMTC region. The Academic Initiative is designed to foster the academic and professional development of students by providing them with opportunities to participate in innovative research and planning projects.

Contact: Penny Eickemeyer, peickemeyer@utrc2.org, utrc2.org/education/911memorial.php.



*** JARC/New Freedom Workshops** by Maria Garcia

NYMTC is hosting workshops to assist potential grantees applying for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds with the next ones on May 1 and May 2 (see Calendar). A previous workshop at NYMTC was webcast live and can be viewed from the NYMTC website for those unable to attend in person. Applications are due May 16 and \$11 million is



available. Please see www.NYMTC.org/project/PTHSP/cpthsp.html.

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

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

NYMTC will conduct the first in a series of Public Information meetings on May 14 at 6pm. The meeting will focus on freight transportation issues in the region. As with other events, this will be webcast or you can attend in person. Freight transportation will be introduced through presentations and discussion.



Contact: Howie Mann at 212.383.2530 or HMann@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Energy at May 21 Brown Bag** by Gerry Bogacz

Mark your calendars for NYMTC's next Brown Bag session on May 21. Professor Clinton Andrews of Rutgers University's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy will address issues of alternative energy for transportation. Dr. Andrews will focus on the technological choice between plug-in hybrids and hydrogen fuel cells for vehicles. Dr. Andrews approaches policy questions from the bottom-up perspectives of engineering and planning.

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Clinton Andrews

*** Walkable Workshops in June** by Jaeki Min

NYMTC will conduct four Walkable Community workshops during the first week of June. If you have ideas for future workshop locations or would like to host a workshop in your area, please contact us. Workshops focus on making areas more livable by recommending walking and biking improvements with safety a key consideration. The four-hour workshops consist of: a presentation of the issues; a walkabout of the area; and group discussion to develop recommendations. A local host provides the meeting location and convenes a cross section of government officials, planners, local business leaders and concerned citizens. Contact: Larry McAuliffe at 212.383.7281 or LMcAuliffe@dot.state.ny.us.



*** Dollars and Cents on June 4** by Gerry Bogacz

Mark your calendars for June 4 when NYMTC will join the NYU Rudin Center and other sponsors in presenting a regional conference on transportation financing. The New York metropolitan area is facing a crisis as our transportation needs outpace our ability to find long-term funding sources. Financing the maintenance, operation and expansion of the region's vast transportation system is an issue of critical importance. The conference will include an assessment of the region's transportation finances and regional and national voices will weigh in on the system's financial future. Contact: Lisa Daglian at 212.383.7241 or LDaglian@dot.state.ny.us or wagner.nyu.edu/events/.

*** TEP Applications Due June 27** by Leslie Fordjour

Project applications for the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) are due at NYSDOT by June 27. Please go to: www.NYMTC.org/project/tep/tep.html. Contact: Leslie Fordjour at 212.383.7271 or LFordjour@dot.state.ny.us.



*** How Were the Funds Spent?** by Chris Hardej

Do you know how the federal transport funds were spent in your area last year? Every two years, the NYMTC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated for a five year period. All federally funded projects are required to be on the TIP in order to be eligible for funding. Many local projects are shown as well for informational purposes. To give a better understanding of where the region spends its federal funds, an annual listing is published each year that shows projects actually approved for federal funding. This federal approval is the final step before an agency can start on a reimbursable item of work. This federal "Obligation Report" can be found at: www.NYMTC.org/abouttip-down.cfm. Contact: Chris Hardej at 212.383.7253 or CHardej@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Green Future for Biking and Walking** by Janet Jenkins, NY Metro APA

Creating livable urban and suburban environments should include substantial provision for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, prioritizing pedestrians, then cyclists, then vehicles. Five experts explored these concepts on April 17 at a panel discussion entitled Non-Motorized Transportation: What Now? What Next? hosted by NYMTC, the New York Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Setting the stage, Alex Washburn of the NYC Department of City Planning, conceptualized that our future lies not in building grand civic infrastructure, but rather at the intersection of urbanism and ecology, where building green is our new civic responsibility. Pedestrian and bike environments in other world cities as well as current and future bikeway and pedestrian plans in the region were presented. The variety of perspectives from speakers and audience gave insight into the desire for great, sustainable pedestrian and bikeway planning in the New York region.

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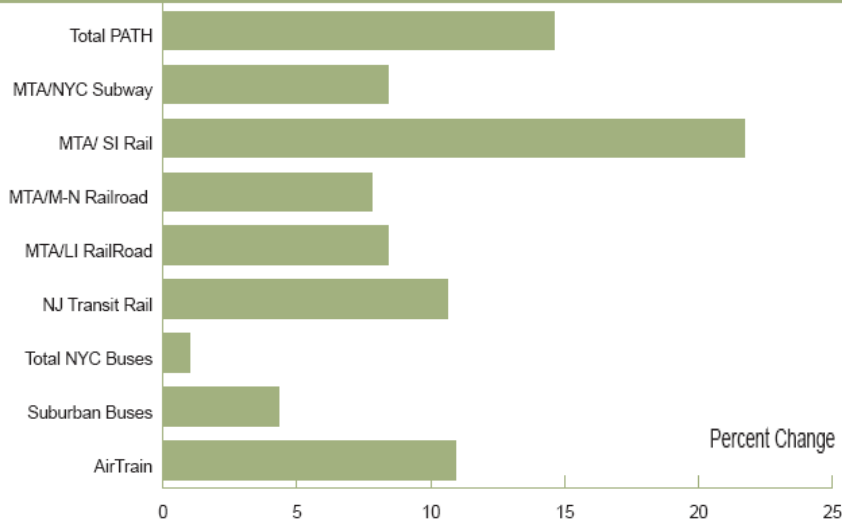


**Average Weekday Bus and Rail Ridership
by Operator
Q4 2006-Q4 2007 Percent Change**

*** DATA CORNER: Bus and Rail Ridership
Grows Again** by Mary Hrabowska

Bus and rail ridership have jumped again in the fourth quarter of year 2007. This could be the result of higher gas prices, better service, or an increase in traffic congestion.

NYMTC has just released its quarterly brochure: **Travel Patterns**. This brochure provides comprehensive information on commuter ridership and traffic movement changes in the New York metropolitan area. The chart clearly shows substantial increases by most public transportation operators. The publication is available on the NYMTC website, (www.NYMTC.org/files/TP_4Q_2007.pdf). A hard copy will be delivered upon request. Contact: Mary Hrabowska at 212.383.7231 or MHrabowska@dot.state.ny.us.



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

4/30/08, NYMTC September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning

Academic Initiative Application Deadline, www.utrc2.org/education/911memorial.php.

5/1/08, 8am, Financing Transportation, NYU Wagner Center, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street, NYC. wagner.nyu.edu/events/3comm.php.

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.

5/21/08, 12pm, NYMTC Brown Bag- Energy and Transportation, NYMTC, 199 Water St., 22nd Floor, NYC. Gretchen Riederer, 212.383.7258, GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.

6/4/08, 8am, Closing the Gap: Financing the Region's Transportation Needs, NYU Wagner Rudin Center, Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South, NYC. <http://wagner.nyu.edu/events/>.

6/19/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast). 199 Water Street, NYC.

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