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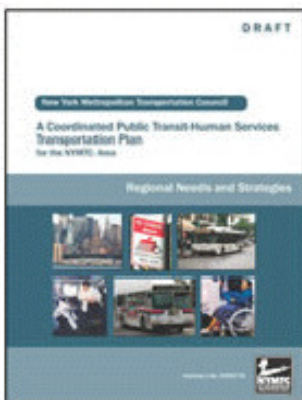
* **Comment Period Opens on Proposed TIP Amendments** by Chris Hardej

NYMTC has begun a public comment period for proposed changes to its 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period will close 4pm on Friday, May 22. The proposed changes impact projects in all three of NYMTC's sub-regions: Lower Hudson Valley, New York City, and Long Island and include projects proposed for funding through the Transportation Enhancement Program. Details of these changes can be accessed on the NYMTC website, www.NYMTC.org/aboutTIP.cfm. Written comments will be accepted by e-mail or mail by 4pm on Friday, May 22, 2009.

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

NYMTC is accepting comments on its draft Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan, entitled "Connecting Communities through Coordination," through June 3. During the comment period, a total of six public review meetings are being held in the NYMTC region. A webcast of the meeting held on May 12 is available for viewing at www.NYMTC.org. Meetings will also be held May 13 and May 14 (see Calendar of Events for times and locations). The Coordinated Plan fulfills a Federal requirement for such a plan to guide specific funding programs offered by the Federal Transit Administration that involve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and persons with lower income. The draft Plan can be viewed and downloaded at www.NYMTC.org and is also available on a disk or as a hard copy upon request.



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Save the Dates: Upcoming Events

* **May 20 Brown Bag on Off-Street Parking**

The Department of City Planning will discuss results of its recent study of car ownership patterns in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Northern Manhattan and Queens at the May Brown Bag lunch. The presentation will provide an overview of the city's efforts to establish workable off-street parking

regulations, and discussion of DCP's future research agenda.

*** May 21 Special PFAC Meeting**

Several items will be considered for action. Agenda is available through calendar of events.

*** June 18 PFAC**

At the June PFAC meeting, Paul Steely White, executive director of Transportation alternatives, will discuss *Holland on the Hudson?: What the Dutch Can Teach New York City About Streets and Transportation*.

*** Freight Village Study Makes Progress** by Howie Mann

A study of the feasibility of freight villages in the NYMTC region has reached another milestone with release of a new report on the characteristics of freight villages entitled, "How A Typical Freight Village Works." Freight villages are locations where all activities relating to transport, logistics and the distribution of goods, both for national and international transit, are carried out by various operators.



The report includes information about existing freight villages, their operational characteristics, management practices and much more. Two European freight villages are reviewed in detail, with regard to logistics, worker services, neighborhood compatibility, size and location.

This report helps to set the stage for the analysis of freight villages and potential opportunities in the NYMTC region.

In addition, commodity flows in and through the NYMTC planning area are being reviewed and aspects of freight delivery analyzed. Watch this newsletter and the NYMTC website (www.NYMTC.org/project/freight_planning/freight_projects.html) for further developments.

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*** LI Workshop Reveals Themes** by Robert Freudenberg, Senior Planner, RPA

The findings of a recent visioning workshop on Long Island demonstrate that common ground can be found among a diverse group of stakeholders. The result of the workshop will be the development of a set of alternate growth scenarios for Long Island that illustrate the key differences and commonalities among the participants, and will help to inform the planning processes at various levels.

The visioning exercise, which used a novel "gaming" approach, was held on March 26 as part of the NYMTC-funded Long Island 2035 Regional Visioning Initiative. Participants worked on maps of Long Island divided into grids representing one square mile of land at 13 separate tables, and were given tokens representing anticipated job and population growth. They were asked to place the tokens on the maps to indicate where they would prefer to see the growth located.



LI2035 Visioning Exercise

The result was 13 distinct approaches to planning for growth on Long Island, although there were recurring themes among the approaches. The workshop's findings reveal broad consensus around goals for housing, employment, open space and transportation, but also illustrate a variety of ideas for achieving these objectives. One common theme was the strong desire to protect Long Island's remaining open space. Similarly, many of the strategies indicated a strong

interest in redevelopment, including in existing downtowns, large redevelopment sites like the Nassau Hub, Sagtikos Corridor and Yaphank center, and commercial corridors such as Routes 110 and 112. The differences, however, were evident in both the amount of population and jobs allocated as well as in the precise locations.

The greatest variance in strategies was seen relative to rail stations. Some approaches recorded the existing rail network of the MTA Long Island Rail Road as the foundation for intensified residential and job centers, while others were driven less by proximity to rail.

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*** MPO Conference in June** by Gerry Bogacz

The Association of New York State's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSMPO) is holding its annual conference in Albany, NY on June 4 and 5 (see calendar of events). This year's conference theme is "Planning in a Dynamic Age: The Impacts of Climate, Energy, Economic, and Policy Change on MPOs." Sessions will cover all of these topics and will also highlight recent statewide planning products, innovative MPO approaches to specific topics, and the results of statewide studies funding collaboratively by the MPOs. The sessions at the 2009 NYSMPO Annual Conference are officially approved for AICP CM credit. For more information, the conference program and registration are available at the Association website (www.NYSMPOs.org).



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*** Beijing Delegation Visits NYMTC** by Lisa Daglian



Beijing Delegation Visitors

A visiting delegation based primarily at the School of Economics and Management at Beijing Jiatong University came to NYMTC's office on May 5 to discuss transportation planning through the MPO process. As China is exploring ways to increase planning of its transportation system, particularly with the use of its own stimulus funds and an emphasis on high speed rail, the group was interested in funding sources and breakdown between highway and transit funds, the overall planning process and products such as the Regional Transportation Plan, Unified Planning Work Program, Transportation Improvement Program, Regional Emissions Analysis, Congestion Management System, and the Regional Freight Plan. The group was also given a detailed explanation of the data and modeling aspects that are part of the planning process, and had the opportunity to see the BPM operation.

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

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,



Jennifer Jensen

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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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

5/13/09, 3 to 5pm and 6 to 8 pm, Public Review Meeting on Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan - 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, Public Review Meeting on Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan - 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, Brown Bag Lunch Presentation on Off-Street Parking

199 Water Street, NYC, 22 floor. For security purposes RSVP to Gretchen Riederer at Griederer@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.7258

5/21/09, 1:15pm, Special PFAC Meeting - for agenda see Calendar of Events on www.NYMTC.org
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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, Guest Speaker Paul Steely 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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