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* NYCDOT to Address PFAC in June by Alan Borenstein

Save June 19 on your calendar. Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT), will be the featured guest speaker at NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting, which will also be webcast. A special PFAC meeting has also been scheduled for May 15.

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Janette Sadik-Khan

* June 4 Finance Conference by Alan Borenstein

Be at NYU on June 4 for *Closing the Gap: Financing the Region's Transportation Needs*, a regional conference on transportation financing sponsored in part by NYMTC and the NYU Rudin Center. The keynote speaker will be Governor Rendell of Pennsylvania. Join us as we explore how to address the critical challenges to our regional transportation system.

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* May 21 Brown Bag Reminder by Alan Borenstein

NYMTC's next Brown Bag session on May 21 will feature Clinton Andrews of Rutgers University who will address issues of alternative energy for transportation.

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Clinton Andrews

* New Analysis Tool at June 3 Brown Bag by Gerry Bogacz

NYMTC's June 3 Brown Bag presentation will feature Charles Komanoff, the lead creator of the Balanced Transportation Analyzer (BTA). He will present an illuminating tour through this newly developed computer model that estimates the traffic impacts and calculates the benefits and costs of transportation policy alternatives. As part of his presentation, Charles will discuss possible synergies between the BTA and NYMTC's Best Practices Model (BPM).

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Charles Komanoff



*** Application Deadlines for Grants** by Nancy O'Connell

Deadlines are approaching for several project proposals being solicited by NYMTC and the New York State Department of Transportation.

May 16, 2008 is the deadline for submitting applications for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs.. These programs are intended to fund innovative and flexible programs and

projects which identify and address the transportation needs of individuals with limited incomes and persons with disabilities. Eligible applicants include private not-for-profit organizations, state and local government authorities and operators of public transportation services.

June 1, 2008 is the deadline for submitting applications for the Section 5310 grant program that helps not-for-profit organizations who serve the elderly and persons with disabilities fund the purchase of buses. It funds 80% of the vehicle purchase cost, with the remaining 20% provided by the applicant. The recipients are responsible for 100% of the operating expenses for the buses awarded through this program.

Additional information is available at www.NYMTC.org under Funding and Grants. If you were unable to attend one of the 2008 workshops which NYMTC conducted for these programs, workshop webcasts are available for viewing through the NYMTC website.

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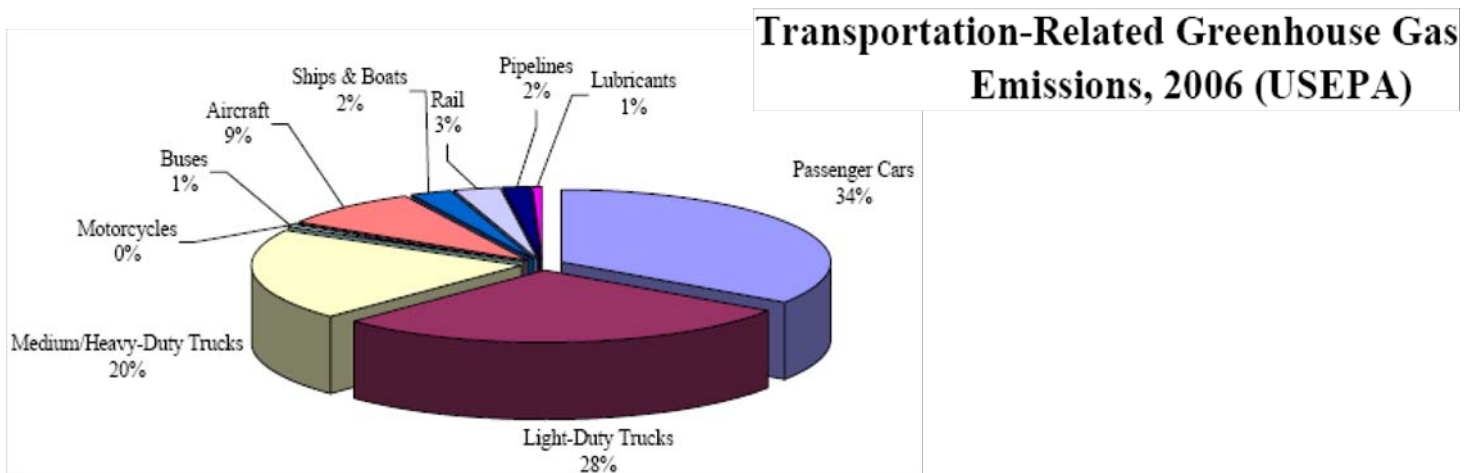
*** Climate Change and TDM Strategies** by Jan Khan

There has been considerable discussion of late linking the transportation sector to greenhouse gas emissions, a cause of human-induced climate change. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies help people to make more sustainable transportation choices and as such could represent some promising measures in reducing energy use and emissions. These strategies will be discussed when the NYMTC-facilitated Metropolitan Mobility Network meets on June 10 at NYMTC's office. The discussions will be led by members of a consulting firm that has done extensive work on this issue. The meeting will be webcast.

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Job Access & Reverse Commute Program



*** Commuter Choice Nominees Double** by Jan Khan

With twice as many entries as last year's contest, members of the 2008 Regional Commuter Choice Awards Selection Committee pored over submissions in a daylong evaluation session to determine the winners of this year's competition. Winners will be announced at regional events scheduled for June 24 in Nassau, June 25 in Westchester and Rockland, June 26 in New York City and July 1 in Suffolk.

REGIONAL COMMUTER

CHOICE AWARDS

The annual program recognizes employers for commuter benefits packages that get their employees out of single-occupancy vehicles and into car/vanpools, transit and telecommuting. Comprising transportation professionals from around the region, the Selection Committee reviewed over 50 entries from employers ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small neighborhood restaurants. The Regional Commuter Choice Awards program is coordinated through NYMTC in collaboration with the New York State Department of Transportation, other member agencies, and the Metropolitan Mobility Network. The Metropolitan Mobility Network (which is facilitated by NYMTC) is a consortium of metropolitan planning organizations and other agencies involved in the implementation of Transportation Demand Management measures in the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut metropolitan region.

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*** The Future of MPOs** by Gerry Bogacz

"The Future of MPOs: A New Beginning?" is the theme of this year's New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) annual conference in Niagara Falls on June 12 and 13. The program, which features panels and discussions on all aspects of the work of MPOs, is available on the association website (www.nysmpos.org) along with registration information.

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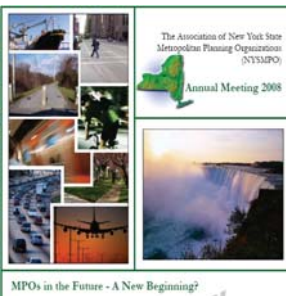
*** Workshops a Growing Success** by Gerry Bogacz

Several years ago, NYMTC and its members made a strategic decision to advance their regional goals at the local level by instituting a program of community educational workshops for local elected officials, technical staff and stakeholders. Since that time, this program has been a growing success. To date, over sixty workshops have been held throughout the ten county NYMTC region on topics related to NYMTC's regional goals, such as walkable communities, Safe Routes to Schools, parking management and pedestrian safety. These workshops are intended to be a bridge to the application process for funding opportunities for local governments. In addition, the workshops are a means for communities to develop consensus recommendations. Experts on each topic work directly with local participants in a facilitated workshop format to introduce ideas and techniques into the local planning process. In this fashion, control of the planning process remains with the community, while the expertise is provided generically for their consideration. A summary of the community educational program is available at: www.NYMTC.org.

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*** RTP Meetings in September** by Jan Khan

As part of the public outreach process for its 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), NYMTC had planned community meetings in Summer 2008. However, these meetings have now been rescheduled for September to October 2008. NYMTC plans to hold at least one meeting in each county, to be supplemented by focus groups. The details



of the meetings will be announced shortly. We look forward to your ideas, suggestions and comments on the RTP.

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*** DATA CORNER: Info at your Fingertips!** by Munnesh Patel

NYMTC has released the **River Crossings Info Wheel-Traffic/Facility Information**, a new statistical publication that pulls together a range of river crossing data. The interactive wheel is designed to display the location of each facility on the map as you rotate the wheel. Please note that all data on this wheel (including toll values) are for 2005. The river crossings data is also available at www.NYMTC.org/library/bridgewheel/default.cfm.

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

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.

5/15/08, 12:30- 1pm, NYMTC Special PFAC Meeting. 199 Water Street, NYC.

Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

5/16/08, JARC and New Freedom Programs Applications Due. Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us.

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

6/1/08, Section 5310 Program Applications Due. Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us.

6/3/08, 12pm, NYMTC Brown Bag- New Analysis Tool, (webcast), 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/rudincenter/conferences>.

6/10/08, 9 am, Metro Mobility Network Meeting (webcast),

NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. Jan Khan, 212.383.7251, JKhan@dot.state.ny.us.

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

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6/27/08, Transportation Enhancement Program Applications Due. Leslie Fordjour, 212.383.7271, LFordjour@dot.state.ny.us or www.NYMTC.org/project/tep/tep.html.



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