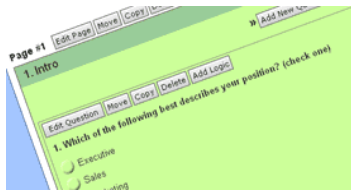


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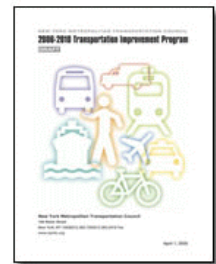
We want your input into how we can better meet your needs with NYMTC-Notes. We want to hear from you about the best way for us to move forward as we consider new options and opportunities for NYMTC-Notes. We hope you will take our survey and let us know what you really think. Between now and June 10, you can access our survey by cutting and pasting this URL into your browser – http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=EQJINFAlnPEpEp5vrWt6_2bA_3d_3d – or by visiting www.NYMTC.org and clicking the link on the homepage. Your responses do matter and we will use them to make the changes you want to see. Thank you!

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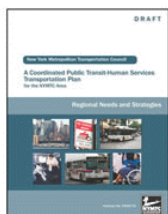
* Comment Period Opens Today on Potential TIP Amendments by Chris Hardej

NYMTC has begun a public comment period for proposed changes to its 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period opens today and will close at 4pm on Tuesday June 9. The proposed changes involve several candidate projects for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Also included are projects proposed for funding through the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs. Details of these changes can be accessed on the NYMTC website, www.NYMTC.org/aboutTIP.cfm.

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*Coordinated Plan Comment Period Closes June 3 by Nancy O'Connell



The comment period for NYMTC's draft Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan remains open through June 3, and an archived webcast of our public review meetings held during the week of May 11 is available for viewing at www.NYMTC.org. 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.

One of the key components of the Plan includes improved coordination among service providers to reduce redundancies, while at the same time ensuring that the needs of the target populations are met. Several providers attending the meetings reported they had already begun to improve coordination as a direct result of participating in the development of the Plan. The draft Plan can be viewed and downloaded at

http://www.nymtc.org/project/PTHSP/PTHSP_comment.html and is also available on a CD or as a hard copy upon request.

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***Truck Stop Study Materials Available Online** by Howie Mann

The **Multi-State Truck Rest Stop Inventory and Assessment Study** is now complete and available for downloading at http://www.nymtc.org/project/freight_planning/freight_truckstops.html. This study provides a comprehensive evaluation of existing truck services (official and informal) in the region, and determines the need to provide either enhanced services at existing stops or to implement recommended regional improvements.

An expected 80 percent increase in freight traffic in the region will mean an increase in the demand for rest stops in terms of their location, size, and provision of services. Please visit NYMTC's website to learn more about this and other freight-related projects. The Freight Planning page can be found by clicking on the Programs and Projects tab on the main side menu.



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***Parking and Canal Street** by Gerry Bogacz

A far reaching survey of on-street parking patterns will be undertaken in June as part of NYMTC's

Canal Area Transportation Study (CATS). Parking activity at more than 230 block faces in the Canal Street corridor will be recorded over a 14 hour period on two weekdays and an 8 hour period on one Saturday. In conjunction with the on-street survey, a survey of 35 off-street parking locations in the corridor was completed in April.

The parking survey is an addendum to CATS, added at the request of the local stakeholders and residents. Detailed parking data will be collected for each of the block faces surveyed, including current parking regulations, total usage of parking at the

curb, types of vehicles parked, and turnover rates. The parking surveys are being closely coordinated with New York City Department of Transportation to integrate the resulting data into analyses of parking in lower Manhattan. The data will also be used to inform the draft recommendations of the CATS initiative, due to be released in September 2009.

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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 conference program and registration are available at the Association website (www.NYSMPOS.org).

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***Save the Date:**

June 5: Special PFAC meeting.

Several items will be considered for action. Agenda is available through the Calendar of Events.

June 18: PFAC Meeting.

Paul Steely White, executive director of Transportation Alternatives, will be the speaker at the next regularly scheduled meeting of NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) on June 18. He will discuss "Holland on the Hudson?: What the Dutch Can Teach New York City About Streets and Transportation." Transportation Alternatives' mission is to reclaim New York City's streets from the automobile, and to advocate for bicycling, walking and public transit as the best transportation alternatives. This meeting will be webcast on www.NYMTC.org.

For more information and to RSVP for these events (required) see Calendar of Events.

***Parking Policies in NYC** by Gerry Bogacz

New York City has been reassessing its parking policies in recent years. At the May 20th NYMTC Brown Bag presentation, Sandy Hornick and Jennifer Jenson of the Department of City Planning (DCP) discussed some of the recent work in this area.

Sandy and Jennifer traced the history of parking policies since the 1930s as a way of underscoring the long-standing nature of the city's efforts to develop and upgrade these policies. Recent trends in increasing transit usage, population growth and travel to the city's core – Manhattan below 60th Street – as well as travel needs in areas outside of the core are driving the current reassessment of those policies, along with urban design and quality of life considerations.



Parking is a complex issue in the city, whose characteristics in the core are different than in areas outside of the core. Public parking is a major consideration in the core, while residential parking is predominant outside of that area. Recent DCP studies focused on residential parking, public parking in the core and best practices in parking. Each collected data on car ownership, demographics and parking demand. The relationship of zoning requirements to parking need was also explored, particularly with regard to requirements for off street parking.

The findings of these studies so far have confirmed that car ownership is related to the location and the type of housing in different areas. The number of cars per housing unit generally decreases as the density of an area increases. Household characteristics also influence car ownership, but that influence varies by the location of the household. Additionally, the studies have identified areas where parking demand exceeds the number of spaces required by zoning.

The results of these studies have suggested further work on demand management opportunities through parking, transit's influence on parking demand and the relationship between parking and building design. The presentation is available at www.NYMTC.org-downloadablefiles, presentations.

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***Brown Bag Update**



At a NYMTC Brown Bag forum in June 2008, economist Charles Komanoff presented a new spreadsheet model he had developed, known as the Balanced Transportation Analyzer (BTA). A new version of the BTA model has been developed and is available at http://www.nnyn.org/kheelplan/BTA_1.1.xls

This new version, BTA 1.1, includes the capability to model time-varied cordon tolls – up to seven different fees on weekdays, and six on weekends – along with time-varied subway fares. The model also features improved treatment of the speed-volume relationship (which translates reduced vehicle volumes to improvements in motor vehicle speeds), as well as the ability to adjust baseline traffic volumes. This last feature lets the analyst reflect the current drop in traffic levels due to the economic downturn. BTA 1.1 is easier to use, more comprehensive, and more precise than Komanoff's earlier version.

*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

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

6/5/09, 1:15pm, **Special PFAC Meeting**. 199 Water Street, 22 floor. For security purposes RSVP to Andrea Miles-Cole at Amiles-cole@dot.state.ny.us or 212.383.7200. See Calendar of Events for agenda.

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. See Calendar of Events for agenda.



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