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* **June 4 Finance Conference** by Alan Borenstein

Governor Rendell of Pennsylvania has been confirmed as the keynote speaker for the June 4 conference- *Closing the Gap: Financing the Region's Transportation Needs*. The regional conference on transportation financing, sponsored in part by NYMTC and the NYU Rudin Center, will explore how to address the critical financial challenges to our regional transportation system. Panel 1 on the Past and Present will include Emil Frankel, Timothy Gilchrist, Janette Sadik-Khan, Elliot Sander, Richard Sarles and be moderated by Mortimer Downey. Panel 2 on Future Options will include Anne Canby, JayEtta Hecker, Charles Russell, Martin Wachs and be moderated by Charles Brecher. The event will take place from 8:30am to 1:00pm at NYU's Kimmel Center and is eligible for continuing education credits.

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Governor Rendell

* **Sadik-Khan at PFAC June 19** by Alan Borenstein

New York City Transportation Commissioner, Janette Sadik-Khan, will be the featured guest speaker on June 19 at NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting. The meeting will also be webcast.

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Janette Sadik-Khan

* **June 3 Brown Bag with Komanoff** 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 a 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

* **Moving Produce at June 18 Brown Bag** by Howie Mann

When you hear the expression, "fresh vegetables," what comes to mind? You may think about vegetables that are healthy, crispy and moist, but do you know what it takes to bring them to your table that way? At NYMTC's June 18 Brown Bag presentation, you will have the opportunity to hear from an executive of a company that moves produce from Washington State to upstate New



York by rail. Railex has proven to be a successful company specializing in the movement of produce using unit trains running express from one coast to the other, with the goal of getting food to you as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please join us for another fascinating and cutting edge session, which will also be webcast. Please see the Calendar of Events and the NYMTC website for details at www.NYMTC.org.

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*** June 27 Deadline for TEP** by Nancy O'Connell

Project proposals are being solicited for the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) with a deadline of June 27, 2008. Application forms are available at www.NYMTC.org and on the New York State Department of Transportation website at www.nysdot.gov.

TEP is a unique community-oriented program that helps finance non-traditional transportation projects. There are twelve project types eligible for TEP funding, including improvements to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, scenic and historic preservation, archeological planning and research, and environmental mitigation. For a complete listing of all eligible projects, consult the TEP Guidebook, which is available on both the NYMTC and NYS DOT websites noted above.

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*** Information Session Focused on Freight** by Howie Mann

What do you get when you combine an easy-to-understand presentation with intriguing conversation about a topic? You get an enjoyable and interesting event. May 14 kicked off NYMTC's new Public Information Series with an event focused on the Basics of Freight Transportation.

The session approached the topic of freight transportation from the point of view of why the region's workers and residents should care as much about the transportation of freight as they do about transit services or highway performance. The case was made that the very economic health of the region depends on the efficient and economical movement of freight.

Howie Mann, the NYMTC host, introduced simple concepts of freight movement such as following the path of an iPod from manufacture to shelf at a local electronic store. He talked about how freight providers want to carry out their jobs with the least amount of time and cost. He then moved on to an engaging panel consisting of Kendra Adams of the New York State Motor Truck Association, Phaedra Thomas of the Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation, and Venetia Lannon of the New York City Economic Development Corporation. Conducted more like a talk show, the panelists responded to contemporary questions asked by Mr. Mann and discussed with each other topics such as what the region needs to do to prepare for the future when the flow of freight is expected to increase by 50 percent.

This event, as will be with all future Public Information Series programs, was webcast live and is now archived and can be found on the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org.

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Efficient Behaviors

- Carpool, vanpool
- Transit passes
- Flextime, telework
- Biking, walking



*Alt Fuel Options for States by Gerry Bogacz

Proactive state governments are working to encourage the transition away from fossil fuels due to growing concerns over price, availability, security and the environmental impacts of petroleum. At the May 21 Brown Bag presentation, Dr. Clinton Andrews of Rutgers University discussed options for states in this endeavor. Dr. Andrews provided context for these options by providing an overview of energy developments and future prospects. He also provided an overview of three main alternatives to petroleum that in his view offer the best shorter-term prospects: biofuels, hydrogen and electricity. In that overview, he highlighted the pros and cons of each alternative. Dr. Andrews pointed out that states have been taking steps away from petroleum based on a number of factors, including the degree to which they innovate, their capacity to take actions and the attractiveness of the options available to them. He discussed the states that have taken steps to date at various levels, and the motivations behind their actions. He categorized those steps as being dedicated to incenting either more efficient behaviors (such as transit use, ridesharing, biking and walking) or more efficient land use patterns. He also discussed these actions in the context of federalism and described his view of the appropriate roles of the federal government (fundamental research, technology assessment and standard setting) and of the states (applied research, demonstration projects, regulation and outreach).

Dr. Andrews feels that it is important for states to experiment with policies and technologies to find out empirically which approach brings the best desired outcomes in terms of use of alternative fuels. The webcast of the session is available through www.NYMTC.org.

Dr. Andrews' powerpoint presentation is also available in the Presentations section.

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* High Speed Ferries in Connecticut by Fatai Adekoya

At the Long Island Sound Ferry Coalition meeting held in Connecticut on April 9, an overview was provided of the high speed ferry project from Connecticut to NYC with a possible stop in Nassau County. Presenters talked about the market feasibility analysis for the service and the progress that could be made through regional cooperation. The next step will include contact with potential operators and a future selection of an operator candidate. Also at the April meeting, there was discussion of the Marine Highway's Initiative which seeks to expand waterborne transportation as a cost effective, yet underutilized, method for the movement of passengers, containers, and bulk cargoes that is especially fuel efficient, safe, and reliable.

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* The NYMTC Channel by Gerry Bogacz

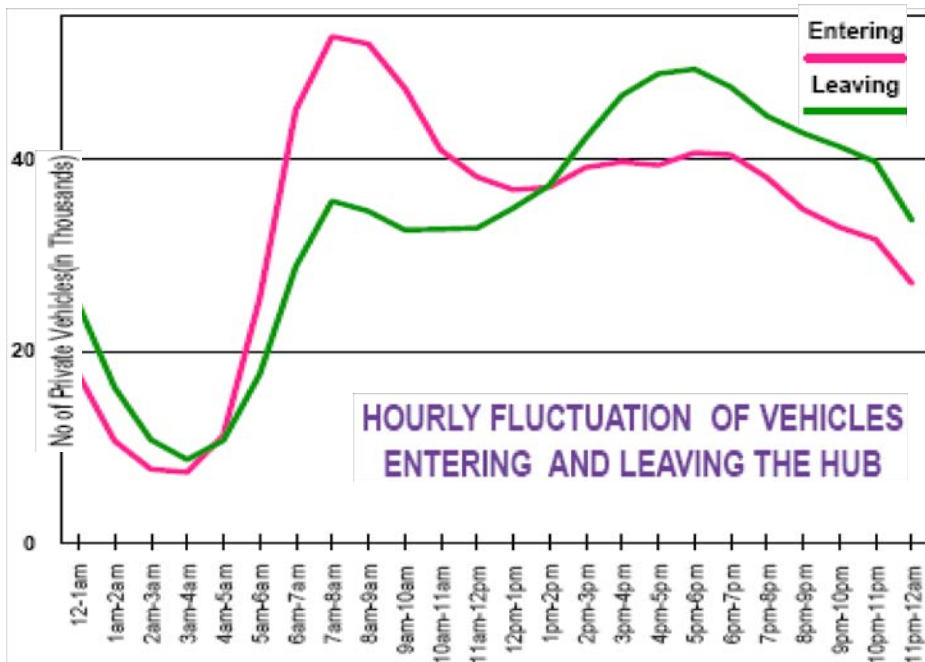
The public meetings, presentations and workshops which NYMTC webcasts are available live and are also archived and can be accessed via the "webcast" link on the NYMTC website homepage (www.NYMTC.org). The archived webcasts, available at the convenience of the viewer, form a new and growing video library of information and discussions on a range of topics relevant to regional transportation planning and the work of NYMTC as the Metropolitan Planning Organization. So, if you missed a meeting you would've liked to attend, chances are that you can still catch it whenever you can. NYMTC's webcasts have also extended the reach of its public meetings, since many people access the webcasts live and attend the meetings virtually. As many as 90 webcast viewers participated in a recent workshop.

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*** DATA CORNER: Hub Traffic Patterns** by Thusitha Chandra

The Hub Bound annual report provides detailed information about persons and vehicles entering and leaving the Central Business District of New York City for each hour on a typical fall business day. The chart, here, shows hourly fluctuation of private vehicles entering and leaving the Hub on a fall day in 2006. During the morning rush commute, a maximum traffic volume of about



53,000 vehicles was reported between 7:00 and 8:00am. Similarly, during the evening rush hour, a maximum traffic volume of about 49,000 was reported between 5:00 and 6:00pm. The report is located at www.NYMTC.org/files/hub_bound/2006_Hub_Bound.pdf.

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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, Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South, NYC. <http://wagner.nyu.edu/rudincenter/conferences>.

6/10/08, 9am, Metro Mobility Network Meeting (webcast), NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. Jan Khan, 212.383.7251, JKhan@dot.state.ny.us.

6/18/08, 12pm, NYMTC Brown Bag- A "Rail" Way to Move Produce, (webcast), NYMTC, 199 Water St., 22nd Floor, NYC. Gretchen Riederer, 212.383.7258, GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.

6/19/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast). 199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

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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