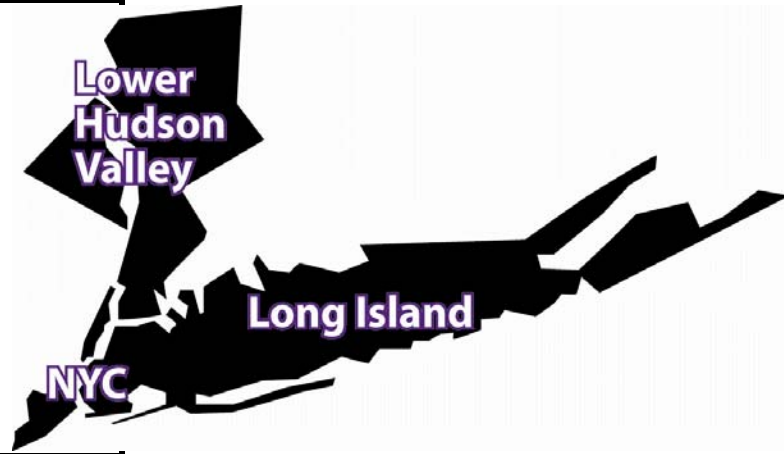


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* **How Will We Pay for It?** by Lisa Daglian

Finding ways to pay for the region's transportation needs in light of critical funding shortfalls was the focus of *Closing the Gap: Financing the Region's Transportation Needs*, held June 4 at New York University. The event, sponsored by NYMTC and the NYU Wagner Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management, drew more than 300 people and featured local, regional and national transportation experts.

NYMTC Executive Director Joel Ettinger set the context for the conference, noting the critical juncture that the region faces in planning for our future transportation needs. He also pointed out the increased media visibility of transportation financing issues over the past several months. His presentation is available on the NYMTC website and a webcast of the event will soon be there.

Keynote speaker Governor Edward Rendell of Pennsylvania discussed *Building America's Future*, which he, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg founded. He also talked about the need for a national transportation policy and the importance of high speed rail.

The two panels of transportation leaders and national and international experts discussed the past and present financial situation, future funding options and also pointed to the need for a national transportation policy.

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* **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 18 Brown Bag on Moving Produce** by Howie Mann

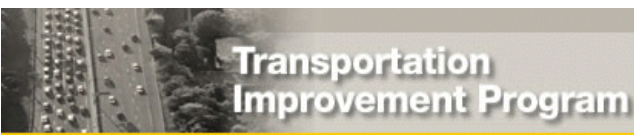
When you hear the expression, “fresh vegetables,” what comes to mind? You may think about vegetables that are healthy, crispy and moist, but do you know what it takes to bring them to your table that way? At NYMTC’s June 18 Brown Bag presentation, you will have the opportunity to hear from an executive of a company that moves produce from Washington State to upstate New York by rail. Railex specializes 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, to be webcast. See the Calendar of Events and the NYMTC website (www.NYMTC.org) for details.



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*** TIP Comment Period Ends June 24** by Christopher Hardej

NYMTC announces a public comment period through June 24 on proposed amendments to the New York City portion of the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These proposed actions would add federal funds to eight existing locally and state-funded projects, amend the scope of work and/or schedule for seven projects and add 29 new projects to the 2008-2012 TIP.



Detailed descriptions of the projects and funding sources will be made available upon request and can also be accessed online through the NYMTC website (www.NYMTC.org/abouttip-down.cfm). Contact: Uchenna Madu at 718.482.4529 or UMadu@dot.state.ny.us.

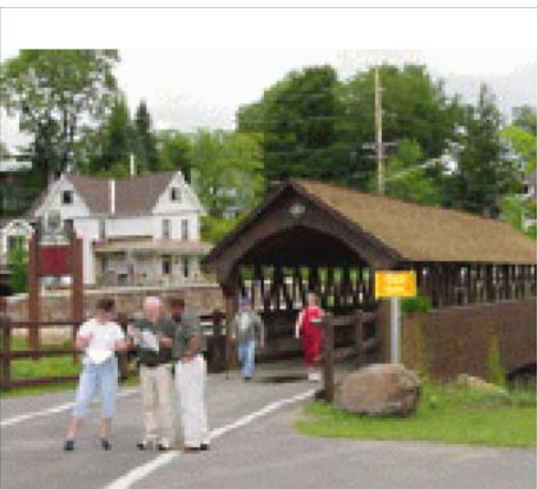
*** Ped Safety on June 26** by Christopher Hardej

NYMTC’s next Public Information Session on the topic of *Designing for Pedestrian Safety* is scheduled for June 26 at 6pm at NYMTC. This session will also be available through a live webcast, which will be archived for viewing after the event.

Over the years, NYMTC has provided several different types of community workshops on pedestrian safety targeted to those local professionals whose planning, decision-making, or actions have an impact on the pedestrian system. This Public Information Session is a condensed version of a two-day workshop featuring two instructors of the workshop, Michael Ronkin and Fred Ranck. The session is ideal for all interested stakeholders including state, local, and municipal officials and professional staffs and planning board, zoning board and traffic safety board members at all levels. Webcast and meeting information can be found under *NYMTC WEBCASTS* on our home page (www.NYMTC.org).

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

The New York State Department of Transportation is currently soliciting applications for the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP). Applications for the 2008 program are available on both the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org/project/TEP/tep.html and at the New York State Department of Transportation website at www.nysdot.gov. For a complete listing of eligible projects and activities, consult the TEP Guidebook, which is available on both the NYMTC and NYS DOT websites. Applications should be submitted

to the NYS DOT Regional Offices by June 27, 2008.

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*** BTA Model Presented** by Gerry Bogacz

At a special Brown Bag session on June 3, transportation economist Charles Komanoff provided a tour of the Balanced Transportation Analyzer, or BTA, a new spreadsheet model that he developed to analyze the transportation, societal and environmental costs and benefits of transportation policy options. During his tour of the model, Mr. Komanoff pointed out that this sketch planning tool is comprised of more than thirty individual worksheets which are components of the overall model. These modules analyze various different elements of the economics of transportation policy options, which the model then ties together into an overall summary result.



The BTA estimates the impacts of traveler time savings and the costs of travel on choice of mode and the resulting changes in traffic and transit demand, given the service and policy options being tested. Mr. Komanoff indicated that an upgrade of the model is now in progress to enhance its capabilities to analyze additional policy options, such as time-of-day pricing and parking pricing. The current version of the BTA is on NYMTC's website at: www.NYMTC.org/files/BTA03Jun08.xls and the webcast of the session can be viewed. Unfortunately, the beginning of the session was not recorded due to technical difficulties. Contact: Gerry Bogacz at 212.383.7260 or GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us.

*** NYSERDA Funds Available** by Joseph Wagner, NYSERDA

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has issued Program Opportunity Notice (PON) 1223 to support development, demonstration, and commercialization of innovative transportation products, systems and services. PON 1223 is titled "Advanced Transportation Technologies" and offers a total of \$2.5 million of NYSERDA funding. Proposals may be submitted for either of two due dates: July 8, 2008 and December 17, 2008 or faxed to 518.862.1091. NYSERDA anticipates making multiple awards. Projects can span a range from initial feasibility studies to full-scale product development efforts.



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*** DATA CORNER: More Express Bus Commuters** by Leokadia Glogowski

The number of auto commuters entering the Manhattan Hub in 2006 decreased by 1 percent and conversely, 1.4 percent more people entered using

bus transit. Out of those 284,000 bus commuters, 85 percent used express bus lines and only 15 percent commuted by local bus daily in 2006. In fact, the use of express bus transit has been on the rise since the year 2000. The chart shows the volume of revenue

passengers entering the Hub daily via express and local buses over a ten-year period. The Hub-Bound Report characterizes these data and is available at: www.NYMTTC.org/files/hub_bound/2006_Hub_Bound.pdf.

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*** UTRC Seeking to Fill Position**

The Region 2 University Transportation Research Center at the City College of New York, is looking for exceptional candidates for the new position of Assistant Director for Research and Outreach. Review of applications is beginning immediately. Contact: www.utrc2.org.

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6/16/08, 5:30pm, Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Study, Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY. Naomi Klein, 914.813.7758, nkk3@westchester.gov.com, www.westchestergov.com/transportation/bus_rapid_transit.htm.

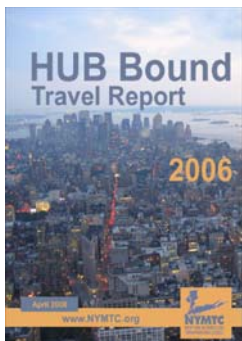
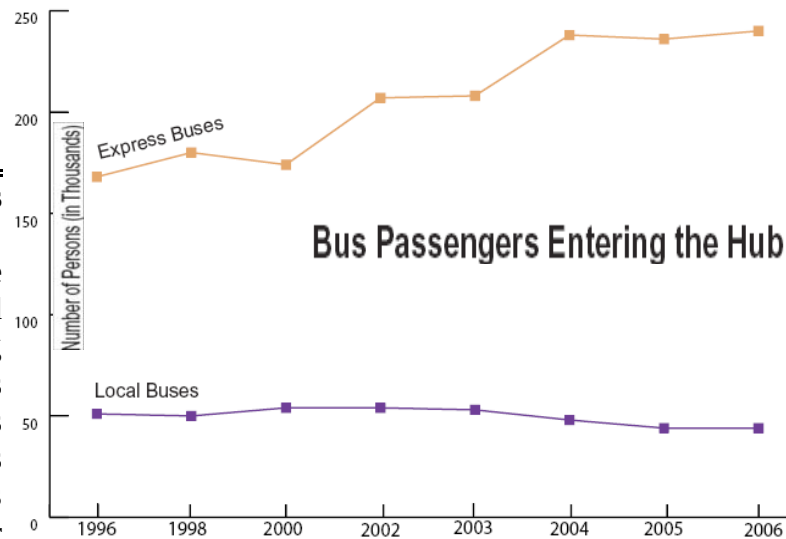
6/18/08, 12pm, NYMTTC Brown Bag- A "Rail" Way to Move Produce, (webcast), NYMTTC, 199 Water St., 22nd Floor, NYC. Gretchen Riederer, 212.383.7258, GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.

6/19/08, 1:15pm, NYMTTC PFAC Meeting (webcast). 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

6/26/08, 6pm, NYMTTC Public Information Session- Designing for Pedestrian Safety, 199 Water St., 22nd Floor, NYC. Gretchen Riederer, 212.383.7258, GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.

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

7/10/08, 10am, NYMTTC Best Practices Model Users Group Meeting. Michael Chiume, 212.383.7218, MChiume@dot.state.ny.us.



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