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* **Special PFAC on July 8** by Alan Borenstein

NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) will hold a special meeting on July 8 to adopt a distribution of Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funding among NYMTC's designated recipients. The special meeting is to expedite the process for Section 5307 funds for the current fiscal year.

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* **Sadik-Khan on Sustainable Streets** by Alan Borenstein

New York City Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan addressed a large audience at NYMTC's June 19 Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) with her presentation on New York City Department of Transportation's new strategic plan- Sustainable Streets. The plan provides a transportation agenda and policies that are worthy of a twenty-first century world class city.

The key goals of Sustainable Streets include: cut city traffic fatalities by 50% from 2007 levels; establish bus rapid transit lines to improve bus speeds citywide; double bicycle commuting by 2015; initiate citywide parking policies to help reduce cruising for parking and congestion; adopt complete street design templates for reconstruction projects; improve street surfaces through better management of street cuts and underground infrastructure work; and increase energy efficiency in DOT street lighting and office operations.

The webcast of the meeting can be viewed by accessing the Webcasts link on NYMTC's home page (www.NYMTC.org) and Commissioner Sadik-Khan's presentation is available on NYMTC's website at: www.NYMTC.org/files/sadik-khan061908.pdf.

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*** State Rail Plan Workshop on July 10** by Alan Borenstein

An interactive public workshops will be held at NYMTC on the draft 2008 New York State Rail Plan on July 10 (see Calendar). The draft 2008 New York State Rail Plan, which presents a proposed vision for the State's rail system to enable it to meet passenger travel demands, freight shipping needs and the challenges of responding to climate change for both today's New Yorkers and future generations was recently released. Public comments are being accepted through July 18 before developing the final state rail plan. The draft plan is available on the NYSDOT website at: www.nysdot.gov/2008drafrailplan.

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

Designing for Pedestrian Safety will be the topic of NYMTC's next Public Information Session, 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. This Public Information Session, a condensed version of a two-day workshop, is ideal for all interested stakeholders. Access to the webcast is available 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 (NYSDOT) is currently soliciting applications for the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP). Applications for the year 2008 program are available on both the NYMTC website at www.NYMTC.org/project/TEP/tep.html and the New York State Department of Transportation website at www.nysdot.gov. For a complete listing of eligible projects types and activities, consult the TEP Guidebook, available on both the NYMTC and NYS DOT websites. Applications should be submitted to the appropriate NYS DOT Regional Office by June 27, 2008.

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*** BPM Users Meet July 10** by Sangeeta Bhowmick

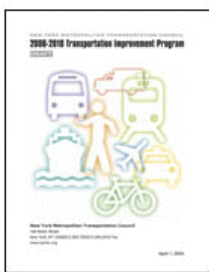
NYMTC will be hosting its next Best Practices Model (BPM) Users' Group Meeting on July 10. Over the past few years NYMTC has organized quarterly BPM Users Group Meetings to discuss the updates and issues related to the use of NYMTC's Best Practices Model. This model is a travel demand forecasting model that is being used in the region for project planning and analysis.

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*** TIP Comments Due June 30** by Nancy O'Connell

A reminder that the public comment period on proposed amendments to NYMTC's 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), involving seven new projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration's Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom programs, ends on June 30, 2008. 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).

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*** Freight and Clean Air July 8-10** by Scott Solomon

Faster Freight, Cleaner Air (FFCA) is a conference series in North America showcasing solutions and resources to improve operations and reduce air emissions from the goods movement industry. The FFCA East Coast conference will be July 8 to 10 and will address the growing demands for rail and trucking associated with port growth by focusing on regional infrastructure needs. This conference will also highlight the programs, policies and technologies now being implemented in



the region. FFCA East Coast provides a venue for East Coast ports to interact with technology providers, elected officials, environmental organizations and the community to develop plans to improve efficiency and reduce the air quality impacts of the goods movement industry. In addition to a trade show, experts and practitioners alike will share success stories and highlight solutions. See the Calendar of Events or www.ffcaeastcoast.com/.

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*** Conformity Comment Period and Meeting** by Chris Hardej

NYMTC announces the availability of a draft Air Quality Conformity Determination, undertaken due to various proposed amendments to the 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. The draft documentation will be available at www.NYMTC.org/project/conformity/conformity.html on July 10, 2008. A 30-day public comment period on the draft Conformity Determination will end on August 8, 2008. In addition, a public review meeting on the Determination will be held on July 30 (see the Calendar of Events for the meeting details).

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*** BRT in Westchester** by Gerry Bogacz

Preliminary results from the Westchester County Department of Transportation's Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study were discussed at a public information meeting in Yonkers on June 16. The study is funded through the NYMTC planning process. Some of the key findings presented at the meeting involved the very significant travel time savings that could be realized for scheduled transit trips using a variety of BRT techniques. The study indicates that the savings could possibly reach up to 20 minutes from the current 90 minute transit trip time. The study also shows that ridership in the corridor could increase up to 35% due to this significant improvement in travel time and accounting for development plans.

Interestingly, the study demonstrates the connection between BRT and transit-oriented development in the Central Avenue corridor. Three examples of such development in the corridor were displayed to illustrate this potential connection. The municipalities in the corridor are looking to the study for guidance for development plans and master plan updates.

The Central Avenue corridor stretches 14.4 miles from the City of White Plains in the north, to the Bedford Park Boulevard subway station in the Bronx to the south. The corridor contains a significant proportion of Westchester County's retail development. More information on the study is available at www.westchestergov.com/transportation. Comments can be submitted at this website. Contact: Naomi Klein at 914.813.7758 or nkk3@westchestergov.com.

*** Connecting Communities** by Nancy O'Connell

Seniors, people with disabilities and those with low incomes are the focus of the regional Coordinated Public Transit- Human Services Transportation plan being developed by NYMTC. In developing the plan, community transportation programs and services will be identified, trip patterns and travel needs of each group will be examined, and unmet needs, service gaps and redundancies will be determined. Plan development will be supported through stakeholder advisory committees, outreach surveys, workshops and public commentary. To learn more about NYMTC's coordinated planning effort, Connecting Communities through Coordination, go to: www.NYMTC.org/project/PTHSP/PTHSP.html.

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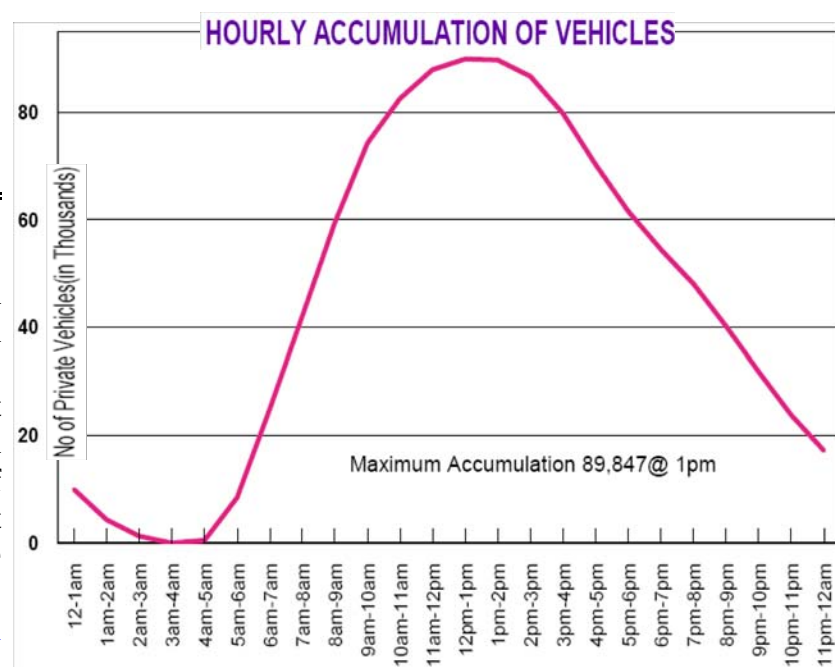


*** DATA CORNER: Vehicles in the Hub**

by Munnesb Patel

NYMTC's recently released 2006 Hub Bound Travel Report gathered comprehensive data on travel in the region's Hub, defined as Manhattan, south of 60th Street. The chart shows the number of vehicles accumulated in the Hub by each hour. It shows a maximum of 90,000 vehicles in the Hub at 1pm and no net accumulation at 4am. Hour by hour vehicle data is presented in the report. The report is at: www.NYMTC.org/files/hub_bound/2006_Hub_Bound.pdf.

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

6/26/08, 6pm, NYMTC 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.NYMTC.org/project/tep/tep.html.

7/8/08, 7/9/08, Faster Freight- Cleaner Air East Coast (FFCA East Coast), Javits Convention

Center, 655 West 34th Street, NYC. Scott Solomon, 212.383.1885, SSolomon@dot.state.ny.us.

7/8/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC Special PFAC Meeting (webcast). 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.

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

7/10/08, 1- 5pm, NYS Rail Plan Workshop. NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.

Jay Hagle, JHagle@dot.state.ny.us.

7/10/08, 10am, NYMTC Best Practices Model Users Group Meeting.

Michael Chiume, 212.383.7218, MChiume@dot.state.ny.us.

7/16/08, Transit Oriented Development: 21st Century Concepts in Transit-Based Community Building. North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, 1 Newark Center, 17th Floor, Newark, NJ. www.ntionline.com/CourseInfo.asp?CourseNumber=TPE20. Ginny Stern, NTI, 732.932.1700.

7/30/08, 3 and 6pm, NYMTC draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Meeting.

NYMTC, 199 Water Street, NYC. Tarrina Weaver, 212.383.7201, TRWeaver@dot.state.ny.us.

8/21/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast). 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.

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