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* **Upcoming PFAC Meetings** by Alan Borenstein

NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) will meet August 21 to adopt the Conformity Determinations for the 2005-2030 Regional Transportation Plan and 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. This will be a short meeting and then on September 18, PFAC will meet with Christopher O. Ward, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, as the guest speaker.

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* **Save the Date for TOD** by Alan Borenstein

Save the morning of **November 14** as NYMTC and the NYU Wagner Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management invite you to ***Making the Connection: Transit Oriented Development- A Blueprint for Success*** at the New York University Kimmel Center.

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) enjoys widespread support among transportation, planning, and development professionals who see it as a way to reduce urban sprawl and reliance on automobiles, improve quality of life, and create and enhance mixed-income neighborhoods. In the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut metropolitan region, TOD takes on particular importance as communities increasingly look to reduce congestion and their carbon footprint.

Join us as we explore opportunities, challenges, and policy questions related to TOD, and as we learn from regional, national, and international examples about what works and what does not work when trying to successfully implement such projects.

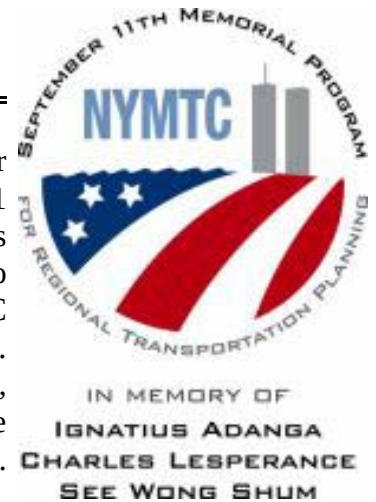
This event is cosponsored by the NY Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association, The Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy at NYU, Pace University Land Use Law Center, and The University Transportation Research Center, Region 2.

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*** September 11 Program at Brown Bag** by Gerry Bogacz

At the next NYMTC Brown Bag presentation on September 17 (see Calendar of Events), students who participated in Year Three of the September 11 Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning will present the results of their planning projects. The September 11 Program is a living memorial to Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance and See Wong Shum, the three NYMTC staffers who were killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Students participating in the academic component of the September 11 Program, which is cosponsored by the University Transportation Research Center, receive stipends for work performed in support of NYMTC's regional planning program. The September 17 Brown Bag will feature the following presentations:



Nancy Mahadeo, Masters Student in City and Regional Planning at Rutgers University, will discuss her extensive research on certain types of alternative vehicle technologies and assessment of readiness for implementation in the NYMTC region.

Gitakrishnan Ramadurai, Ph.D. student in Civil Engineering at Cornell University, will report on his review of emerging traveler information/guidance technology and on his development of modeling techniques for efficient implementation and operation of next generation traveler information systems.

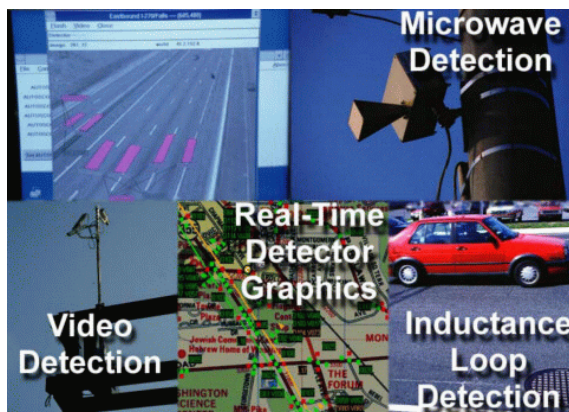
Matthew Roe, Masters Student in Urban Planning at Columbia University, will provide the results of his GIS-driven investigation of the geography of senior pedestrian safety and the causes of pedestrian-vehicular crashes in New York City.

Brian Ross, Masters Student in Urban Planning at NYU, will report on his research regarding the successes and challenges of the Federal New Freedom grant program, with recommendations and guidance to the NYMTC region for its implementation and administration.

Timon Stasko, Ph.D. student in Civil Engineering at Cornell, will present his research, which involved the development of a model to predict fleet owner behavior for undertaking diesel retrofits. Contact: Gretchen Riederer at 212.383.7258 or GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Emerging Technologies Workshop Sept. 25** by Fatai Adekoya

Mark your calendars for a half day metropolitan planning workshop at NYMTC on September 25 to discuss the research findings of a technology scan performed by NYMTC and the Rensselaer



Polytechnic Institute (see Calendar of Events for details). The technology scan is a comprehensive survey and assessment of emerging technologies that are likely to impact transportation in the NYMTC region. Results will be used in the development of NYMTC's new 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

The scan's research findings about emerging technologies and their potential impacts on the transportation region in the region over the next two to three decades will be presented at the workshop. A panel session and three interactive workshops will be held to discuss the findings and provide input to the study team.

The program for the workshop and the draft research findings will be made available shortly on NYMTC's website:

www.NYMTC.org. The workshop will be webcast live and then archived for future viewing.

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* **Talk to Us About the Future** by Gerry Bogacz

As reported in previous issues of NYMTC-Notes, a series of community workshops has been scheduled in each of NYMTC's ten counties (Nassau, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties and the five boroughs of New York City) in September and October to provide the public with an opportunity to talk with us about the region's long-term transportation future.

Under current Federal planning regulations, NYMTC must adopt a new Regional Transportation Plan no later than October 1, 2009. Work on this new Plan, which will cover the period 2010-2035, began in earnest over the past year, as various Plan sections have been prepared and draft socio-economic/demographic forecasts and congestion forecasts developed for the Plan period. In addition, as announced at

NYMTC's last Annual Meeting in March 2008, our Principals have proposed ten desired growth areas as a broad guideline for the region's future development.

At this stage of Plan development, it is time to gather public input for the development of the new Plan at the upcoming community workshops. The workshops will provide an opportunity to comment on materials already drafted as well as for you to tell us about your transportation concerns and suggestions for the long-term. The information collected at these workshops will be considered by NYMTC's member agencies in the development of the new Plan. NYMTC's Plan is the foundation piece of the metropolitan planning process, serving as the long-term basis for planning studies funded through the Unified Planning Work Program and eventual transportation improvements which will appear in future Transportation Improvement Programs.

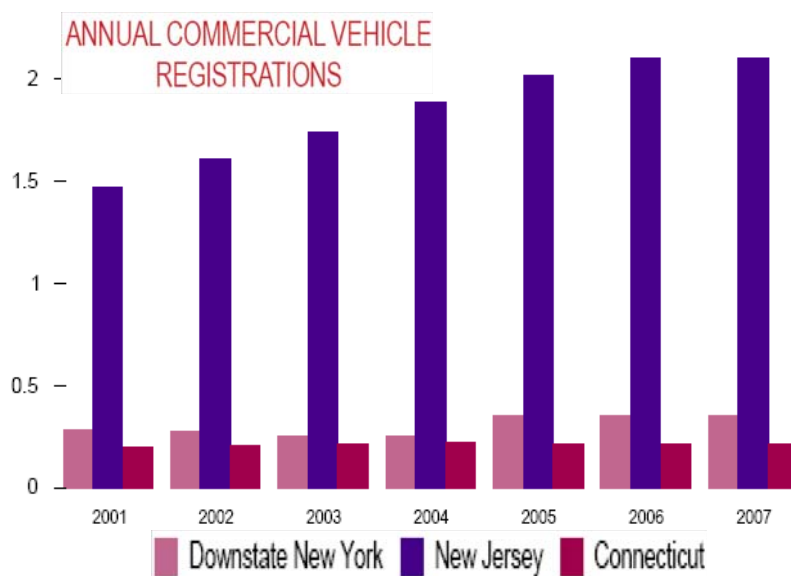
Please check the Calendar of Events for details about the workshops and attend a convenient session to talk to us about the long-term future. You can also review materials and provide input via the NYMTC website (www.NYMTC.org). The September 18 workshop session at NYMTC will be webcast live and then archived for viewing at your convenience.

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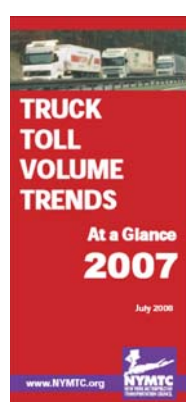
* **DATA CORNER: Truck Volume Trends At A Glance** by Mary Hrabowska

Truck Toll Volume Trends At A Glance 2007, the brochure that monitors and analyzes freight vehicle movements in the New York metropolitan region, is now available on the NYMTC website. This brochure presents the number of major truck river crossings and annual commercial vehicle registrations, based on information received from all seven operating agencies managing toll bridges and barriers in the area.

As the brochure shows, the total volume of truck crossings at toll barriers increased by 0.9% during the last two years, with the largest increase over the East River bridges (3.6%). The highest volume of 8.7 million truck trips was registered on the George Washington Bridge. Truck traffic increased over the New Jersey Turnpike by 0.1%, reaching a total of 25.2 million truck trips in 2007. Upper Hudson River crossings decreased by 0.9%, but increases were visible over all other crossings. Commercial vehicle registrations show a 4.1% increase from 2006, reaching 2.8 million in the region, with the highest number in northern New Jersey. Commercial vehicle registration in



Source: Toll agency data



New York City decreased by 3.7%. The graph presents annual commercial vehicle registration data for a number of years. The brochure is available at www.NYMTTC.org/files/2007_TTBrochure.pdf. Contact: Mary Hrabowska at 212.383.7231 or MHrabowska@dot.state.ny.us.

*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

- 8/21/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast).** 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.
- 9/8/08, WTS-GNY Quarterly Dinner Program. Speakers-** NYMTC Executive Director Joel Ettinger & NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy. www.wtsinternational.org/greater_ny.
- 9/17/08, 12pm, Brown Bag- September 11 Program Projects, (webcast),** NYMTC 199 Water Street, 22nd floor, NYC. Gretchen Riederer, 212.383.7258 or GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.
- 9/18/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast). Guest Speaker- Christopher Ward, PA NY&NJ.** 199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.
- 9/19/08, 10am, Mid-Hudson South Mobility Advisory Forum meeting- the New York City Select Bus Service.** Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY. Naomi Klein, 914.813.7758, nkk3@westchestergov.com.
- 9/25/08, 8am-12:30, Emerging Technologies Workshop (webcast).** NYMTC, 199 Water Street, NYC. Fatai Adekoya, 212.383.7250, FAdekoya@dot.state.ny.us.
- 10/16/08, 6pm, WTS-GNY Annual Awards Dinner.** Bridgewater, 11 Fulton Street, South Street Seaport, NYC. www.wtsinternational.org/greater_ny.
- 11/14/08, 8am, Making the Connection: Transit Oriented Development, NYU Kimmel Center.** Lisa Daglian, 212.383.7241, LDaglian@dot.state.ny.us.

RTP Community Workshops: 9/15- 10/7/08. Jan Khan, 212.383.7251, JKhan@dot.state.ny.us.

9/15/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community Room, 209 Joralemon Street.

9/16/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Bronx Borough President Office, Hearing Room, 198 East 161 Street.

9/17/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, Board Room, 130 Bay Street.

9/18/08, 4-6pm & 7-9pm, NYMTC (webcast), 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.

9/19/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Queens Borough President Office, Rm 213, 120-55 Queens Boulevard

9/22/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Putnam County, County Government Complex, Carmel, NY.

9/23/08, 3-5pm & 6:30-8:30pm, Rockland County, Palisades Mall, 4th Floor Community Room.

9/24/08, 3-5pm & 6:30-8:30pm, Westchester County, County Center, White Plains.

10/6/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Suffolk County, Dennison Building Media Room, Hauppauge.

10/7/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Nassau County, Legislative Chamber, Mineola.



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