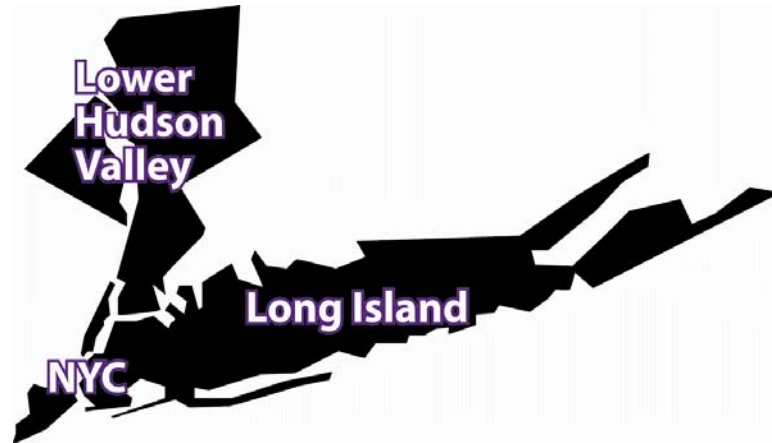


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* **Community Planning Workshops Oct. 22-29** by Nancy O'Connell

Coordinating existing and future community transportation services which address the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities and low income individuals will be the topic of a series of community workshops to be held by NYMTC October 22 to October 29. The workshops are part of NYMTC's development of a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The workshops will be held in each of the five boroughs and the five surrounding counties. See the Calendar below or www.NYMTC.org. Contact: Nancy O'Connell at 212.383.2529 or NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us.



* **Suffolk Bus Study Workshop Oct. 15-16** by John Murray, Suffolk County

Suffolk County is conducting a bus study to determine how to improve the county's transit system in the future and would like you to participate. Workshops will be held in Hauppauge on October 15 and in Riverhead on October 16 to encourage your comments, ideas and suggestions for your community's transit future. A session will be in the afternoon and evening at each location to include as many people as possible. If you are unable to attend, your comments, ideas and suggestions can be forwarded to: Suffolk County Department of Public Works/Transportation Division, 335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY. 11980. This is your chance to help plan transit improvements in your community (see the Calendar.)

Contact: John Murray at 631.852.4880 or john.murray@co.suffolk.ny.us



* **Goethals Study Open Houses Oct. 21, 23** by Alan Borenstein

Join the United States Coast Guard at public open houses for the proposed Goethals Bridge Replacement Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on October 21 in Elizabeth, NJ and October 23 in Staten Island, NY. The Coast Guard is preparing an EIS to evaluate the environmental, economic, and social impacts of the proposed Goethals Bridge Replacement. The Port Authority of NY & NJ, the project sponsor, has proposed this action as part of its Goethals Bridge Modernization Program. The open houses will preview the preliminary impacts and potential mitigation measures to be presented in the Draft EIS. The meetings will include informational displays, a presentation, and opportunity for informal discussion between EIS study staff and meeting attendees. Contact: www.goethalseis.com.



*** Skyscraper Museum Symposium Oct. 16-18** by Alan Borenstein

The Skyscraper Museum is preparing for its upcoming international symposium, **Hong Kong | New York: Vertical Density | Sustainable Solutions**, organized in conjunction with the current



“Vertical Cities: Hong Kong/New York” exhibition. The symposium will examine the dramatic vertical urbanism of Hong Kong and explore comparisons with New York City. Over three days, a distinguished group of experts from New York and Hong Kong will address: “Is density a strategy for sustainable cities?” The symposium is in partnership with The New School’s India China Institute, The Tishman

Environment and Design Center and The Regional Plan Association (see the Calendar).

Contact: Mariel Villeré at 212.945.6324 or www.skyscraper.org.

*** Register Now for Nov. 14 TOD** by Lisa Daglian

Register online for the November 14 **Making the Connection: Transit Oriented Development (TOD)- A Blueprint for Success** conference, sponsored by NYMTC and the NYU Rudin Center at <http://wagner.nyu.edu/rudincenter/conferences/TOD.php>. TOD takes on particular importance as communities increasingly look to reduce congestion and their carbon footprint. This symposium will explore opportunities, challenges, and policy questions. Speakers will provide regional, national, and international examples about what works and what does not work.

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*** NYMTC Concludes Workshops** by Gerry Bogacz

A series of twenty community workshops held across the region recently concluded as NYMTC gathered public and community input into the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan for 2010-2035. The workshops were held in each New York City borough and adjoining counties in NYMTC's region. A wide range of topics and components of the new Plan were covered, including a brief primer on the planning process, draft forecasts of financial needs to achieve and maintain a state-of-good-repair, draft socio-economic and demographic forecasts which will underlie forecasts of travel demand in the new Plan, the shared vision of NYMTC's Principals for guiding regional development through ten desired growth areas, and ideas and suggestions for improvements to the transportation system.



Over 200 participants raised issues, offered opinions and suggested solutions at the workshops. Participants included local elected and appointed officials, representatives of community-based and advocacy organizations, various stakeholders and numerous private individuals. NYMTC's current co-chair, Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, opened a workshop session in his county, while Queens Borough President Helen Marshall participated in a session in her borough. An archived webcast of a workshop is available on NYMTC's website (www.NYMTC.org). Additional comments and ideas will be accepted through October 31. The extensive information gathered at these sessions will now be organized and considered by NYMTC's members as the draft of the new Plan is developed for review in the Spring of 2009.

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*Technologies Workshop Sep. 25 by Fatai Adekoya

Expert speakers from industry and academia presented information on emerging telework, congestion reduction, safety and energy technologies

at a metropolitan planning workshop sponsored by NYMTC on September 25. The workshop was part of NYMTC's Technology Scan, a comprehensive survey and assessment of the emerging and promising technologies that are likely to impact future transportation supply and demand in the NYMTC region. NYMTC and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute organized the workshop to discuss preliminary findings from the project and obtain input from various stakeholders. The workshop also included four break out sessions in each of the above categories where participants provided

critical input on the project. More than 60 participants attended the workshop. The workshop was webcast and can be viewed through NYMTC's home page: www.NYMTC.org.

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* SI Walkable Workshop by Brian Kennedy

NYMTC conducted a Walkable Community Workshop in Staten Island this past summer, focused on downtown St. George near the St. George Ferry Terminal. The workshop was co-hosted by the New York City Department of Transportation, the National Transportation Safety Institute, the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce and the Borough of Staten Island.

A presentation on proven methods and tools for making the area more bicycle and pedestrian friendly was provided. A walk through of the study area was followed by a group discussion. Many improvements were recommended that are contained in the meeting report, including: improving street crossings/markings and signage near the Ferry Terminal for pedestrian and bike traffic flow and safety; widening the traffic median on Bay Street and adding flowers, trees and sculptures; repainting of traffic markings on Bay Street and other local streets to reduce traffic lane widths and to install marked bicycle lanes; constructing

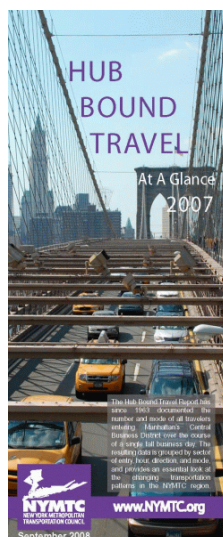
sidewalk curb extensions at each major intersection on Bay Street and other key locations; installing pedestrian traffic islands in the center medians; creating a public plaza on Hyatt Street in front of Borough Hall; and creating a promenade on the north side of Bay Street to make that side of the street an inviting place to view the New York harbor.

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* DATA CORNER: Hub Bound Online by Adam Schildge

NYMTC has just released the **2007 Hub Bound Travel Survey At A Glance** brochure. This brochure provides a condensed snapshot of travel patterns into and out of the Manhattan Central Business District (CBD) for a sample fall work day. The CBD consists of the entire area of Manhattan south of 60th Street. The annual **2007 Hub Bound Travel Report** is due out soon.

As in previous years, the subway carried by far the most travelers into and out of the Hub, with large numbers of travelers also taking private vehicles, suburban trains, buses, and ferries. An increasing number of bicyclists also enter and leave the Hub each day over the city's streets and bridges. Compared to 2006, the 2007 survey shows a 1.6% decrease in automobile traffic, which may be related to rising gasoline prices. The number of public transit riders, however, increased by 4.4% over the same period. These figures are part of an overall increase in travel



of 2.7%. The survey counted a total of 7.4 million persons entering and leaving the CBD over the course of a single day. Automobile passengers numbered about two million. Public transportation riders totaled 5.4 million. The complete brochure, with detailed tables and graphs, is available directly at: www.NYMTC.org/files/hub_bound/hub_bound_travel_2007_brochure.pdf.

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10/15/08, 3-5pm & 6-8pm, **Suffolk County Bus Route Study**. Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge. John Murray, 631.852.4880, john.murray@co.suffolk.ny.us.

10/16/08, 6pm, **WTS-GNY Annual Awards Dinner**. Bridgewater, 11 Fulton Street, South Street Seaport, NYC. www.wtsinternational.org/greater_ny.

10/16/08, 3-5pm & 6-8pm, **Suffolk County Transit Bus Route Study**. Culinary Arts Center, 20 East Main St., Riverhead. John Murray, 631.852.4880, john.murray@co.suffolk.ny.us.

10/16- 10/18/08, **Vertical Density, Sustainable Solutions** International Symposium.

The Skyscraper Museum, 39 Battery Place, NYC. 212.945.6324, www.skyscraper.org.

10/21/08, 5pm-8pm, **Goethals EIS Open Houses**. Elizabeth Public Library, Auditorium, 11 South Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ. www.goethalseis.com.

10/23/08, 5pm-8pm, **Goethals EIS Open Houses**. Staten Island Hotel, Harbor Room, 1415 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY. www.goethalseis.com.

11/14/08, 8am, **Making the Connection: Transit Oriented Development**, NYU Kimmel Center. <http://wagner.nyu.edu/rudincenter/conferences/TOD.php>.

Community Planning Workshops for Coordinated Human Services Plan

Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us.

10/22/08, 11:30am-1pm, Bronx, Belmont Branch Library, 610 E. 186 St.

10/23/08, 11:30am-1pm, Queens Borough Hall, Room 213, 120-55 Queens Blvd.

10/23/08, 7-8:30pm, Manhattan, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22 floor, (webcast)

10/27/08, 11:30am-1pm, Staten Island, CB2 Mtg Room, Sea View Hospital, 460 Brielle St.

10/27/08, 5-6:30pm, Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community Rm., 209 Joralemon St.

10/28/08, 11:30am-1pm, Putnam County, Cornerstone Park, 1 Fair St, Carmel.

10/28/08, 5-6:30pm, Rockland County, Palisades Ctr Mall, 4 fl. Adler Comm. Rm, West Nyack.

10/29/08, 11:30am-1pm, Westchester County Center, White Plains

10/29/08, 11:30am-1pm, Suffolk County, Rogers Bldg., North County Complex, Smithtown.

10/29/08, 5-6:30pm, Nassau County, Executive+Legislative Bldg, Maj. Hearing Room, Mineola.

Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Environmental Review Meetings- www.tzbsite.com.

10/28/08, 4:30pm-7pm, Westchester County- White Plains High School, 550 North St, White Plains.

10/29/08, 4:30pm-7pm, Rockland County- Rockland Community College, 145 College Rd, Suffern.

10/30/08, 4:30pm-7pm, Orange County- Central Valley Elem. School, 45 Route 32, Central Valley.



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