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- 9:30am – 12:30pm
One Newark Center,
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Regional Household Travel Survey

NYMTC recently began work on the Regional Household Travel Survey in partnership with its sister MPO, NJTPA. The main objective of the Survey is to obtain detailed information about the weekday travel behavior and socioeconomic characteristics



of people living in the NYMTC planning area and its adjacent counties. This detailed information is needed to upgrade NYMTC's regional travel demand forecasting model and to obtain travel and socioeconomic data for transportation planning analysis.

The forecasting model, once calibrated and validated, will be used by NYMTC to predict future travel demand based on projected demographic and socioeconomic growth rates and planned regional transportation system changes.



The Survey has a sample size of 18,800 households, with ten percent of the sample using Global Positioning System technology to record travel activities and the rest using a traditional travel diary. The Survey data collection

will take place during a continuous 12-month period starting in spring 2010. An address-based sample frame will be used to mitigate bias from the exclusion of households without telephone land lines that results from using telephone-based sample frames.

If you have any questions regarding this effort, you may contact Jorge Argote, of NYMTC Technical Group's Travel Surveys Unit at jargote@dot.state.ny.us.



NY-NJ-CT Metropolitan Area Planning Forum

On October 20, NYMTC and the adjacent MPOs in New Jersey and Connecticut will hold a public Metropolitan Area Planning Forum to advance the coordination of regional planning in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Coordination Memorandum of Understanding adopted in 2008 by NYMTC, the North Jersey Transportation Planning

Infrastructure

- 8:30am – 12:30pm
Newman Conference
Center, Room 750, 151
East 25th St., NY
<http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/realestate>

- 10/30 – Revitalizing and Utilizing Train Stations in Long Island
- 8am – 10am
Ellsworth W. Allen Park, Motor Avenue, Farmingdale, NY.
http://www.sustainableli.org/fall_breakfast_series/breakfast_II.html
- Through 11/1 - Tappan Zee Bridge Exhibition
www.rocklandhistory.org
- 11/2 – 11/13 - United We Ride National Dialogue – online.
www.UWRdialogue.org
- 11/5 – TRF Conference on Select Bus Service for Manhattan
- 12:15 - Moran's, 103 Washington Street (corner of Rector Street), 2nd floor. For more info and to RSVP contact PKGessner3@verizon.net

Did you know??
In 1811 the world's first commercially operated steam ferry called the 'Juliana' began running between New Jersey and Vesey Street.

NYMTC is a regional council of governments that is the metropolitan planning organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley.



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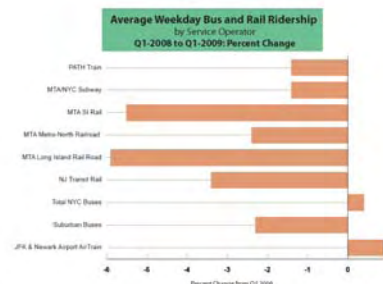
The meeting will be held from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in NJTPA's offices at One Newark Center, Newark, NJ. To RSVP contact Mary Ameen at mameen@njtpa.org. The agenda is available on www.NYMTC.org.

Travel Patterns in the N Y Metropolitan Area

NYMTC has released a new edition of its quarterly compendium of information on Travel Patterns in the New York Metropolitan area with the first quarter (Q1) 2009 data. This brochure reflects regional travel patterns at a glance for every month of a quarter and is available on NYMTC's website: http://www.nymtc.org/files/tp_1q_2009.pdf

The chart represents how the regional bus and rail ridership has changed since Q1-2008.

For questions or comments please contact Leokadia Glogowski at Lglogowski@dot.state.ny.us



United We Ride National Dialogue November 2-13, 2009

The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) is launching the United We Ride National Dialogue, a new Federal online outreach effort to develop new ideas in transportation access for people with disabilities, older adults and persons of limited income.

This groundbreaking, web-based interactive dialogue is designed to allow a broader range of opinions and ideas to inform future policies, the CCAM Strategic Plan and to strengthen the CCAM's relationship with its vast array of partners and stakeholders.

In order to capture this critical feedback, the CCAM is seeking your participation in a 2 week long, web-based dialogue that will allow participants to submit, comment, and rate ideas interactively on how to increase access to affordable and reliable transportation services for people with disabilities, older adults, and people with limited incomes. Your invaluable participation will directly inform the work of the CCAM on future policy decisions and the Strategic Plan. For more information go to www.UWRdialogue.org



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- Stanley Gee, Acting Commissioner, New York State DOT and NYMTC co-chair
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- Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive
- Andrew J. Spano, Westchester County Executive

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- Christopher O. Ward, Executive Director, Port Authority of NY&NJ
- Richard R. Sarles, Executive Director, New Jersey Transit

Transformational Infrastructure Conference

The Stephen L. Newman Real Estate Institute and the CUNY Institute for Urban Systems are holding a discussion on the options and necessities for New York City to improve its transportation infrastructure. NYMTC Executive Director Joel Ettinger will participate in the panel Making Vital Public Investments in a Tough Economy: Challenges & Strategies for Success, discussing **Transportation Investments for Sustainable Regional Growth: A Shared Vision for A Shared Future.**

The region is running on borrowed time as its infrastructure ages, alarmingly, putting the city's and region's global competitiveness at risk – with direct consequences for real estate values and development. Federal investments are bringing infrastructure issues into sharper focus nationwide, as economic and environmental concerns grow more acute. Against this backdrop, top officials, business leaders, and experts from the federal, state, and local levels will explore our region's prospects.

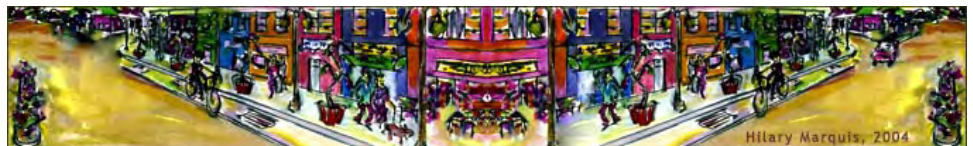
The event will take place at Baruch's Newman Conference Center, Room 750, 151 East 25th St., NY. The conference is free, though preregistration is encouraged. For more information and to register please visit <http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/realestate>



Revitalizing and Utilizing Train Stations in Long Island Downtowns

Representatives from the Long Island Rail Road, local governments, local business and civic organizations will discuss creating synergies between transit, commerce and community to create more vibrant train stations that better serve the needs of riders and contribute to a sense of place in Long Island communities at a breakfast conference hosted by Sustainable Long Island on October 30 from 8 am – 10 am, Ellsworth W. Allen Park, Motor Avenue, Farmingdale, NY.

For more information, updates and to register, visit http://www.sustainableli.org/fall_breakfast_series/breakfast_II.html.



Select Bus Service Program for Manhattan



The development of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in New York City will be the topic of a Transportation Research Forum luncheon conference on November 5, beginning at 12:15, at Moran's, 103 Washington Street (corner of Rector Street), second floor.

Representatives from MTA New York City Transit and New York City Department of Transportation will present first year analysis of the Select Bus Service Program on Fordham Road-Pelham Parkway, followed by details on several upcoming BRT projects. Select Bus Service will be

- Mary K. Murphy, Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
- Alexander B. Grannis, Commissioner, New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
- Jeffrey Kolb, Divisional Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
- George Pavlou, Acting Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

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implemented on First and Second Avenues in Manhattan in September 2010 and on Nostrand and Rogers Avenues in Brooklyn in 2012. The 34th Street Transitway is currently beginning environmental review, and that project will be discussed as well.

For additional information visit www.trforum.org or to RSVP contact Paul K. Gessner at PKGessner3@verizon.net. Cost: \$40.00 members, \$50.00 non-members and \$25.00 students.

U.S. DOT Announces Ferry Funding

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has announced more than \$42 million in grants nationally to improve ferry service and build new docks and facilities in 15 states and Puerto Rico.

The Federal Highway Administration's Ferry Boat Discretionary Program was created to fund ferry boat projects that provide critical access to areas that lack other means of transportation where high passenger demand already exists. Program funds can be used for capital improvements to existing ferry operations which could increase the number of riders, relieve congestion or address environmental or significant operational concerns.



Locally, funding for the following projects in the NYMTC region, totaling \$5,915,000 include:

New York	Glen Cove/Nassau County	Engineering and Construction of Glen Cove Ferry and Facilities	\$950,000
New York	Haverstraw/Rockland County	Ferry Pier Upgrades	\$665,000
New York	New York County	National Parks of New York Harbor Docks Upgrade	\$475,000
New York	New York/New York County	Ferry Landing Improvements	\$950,000
New York	Patchogue/Suffolk County	Ferry Terminal and Transportation Center	\$475,000
New York	Richmond County	Replacement of Oil Barge #4, Staten Island Ferry	\$2,400,000