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* Register Now for Nov. 14 TOD by Lisa Daglian

Register online at <http://wagner.nyu.edu/rudincenter/conferences/TOD.php> for the November 14, ***Making the Connection: Transit Oriented Development (TOD)- A Blueprint for Success*** conference, sponsored by NYMTC and the NYU Rudin Center. 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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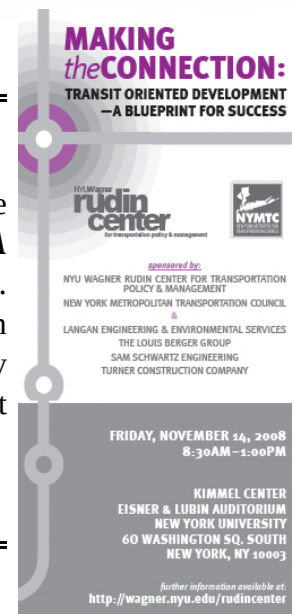
* GIS at Nov. Brown Bag by Gerry Bogacz

Recent research and development of the use of Geographic Information Sciences (GIS) in the field of transportation and logistics will be the topic of the next NYMTC Brown Bag presentation on November 19 (see Calendar of Events). Fan Yang, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at City College of New York, will explore some recent research and development in this area. He will focus on applications such as the traveler information system, urban transportation planning, fleet management, and emergency management. The Brown Bag session will be webcast live and the webcast will be archived for future viewing (see www.NYMTC.org).

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Fan Yang



* **Community Planning Workshops** by Nancy O'Connell

Community workshops were held by NYMTC October 22 to October

29 to coordinate existing and future community transportation services which address the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities and low

income individuals. The workshops are part of NYMTC's development of a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The workshops were held in each of the five boroughs and the five surrounding counties. The webcast of the NYMTC workshop has been archived and can be viewed by visiting www.NYMTC.org. Additional comments and suggestions can be submitted to NYMTC through November 7.

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* **NYMTC Staffer is Excellent** by Gerry Bogacz

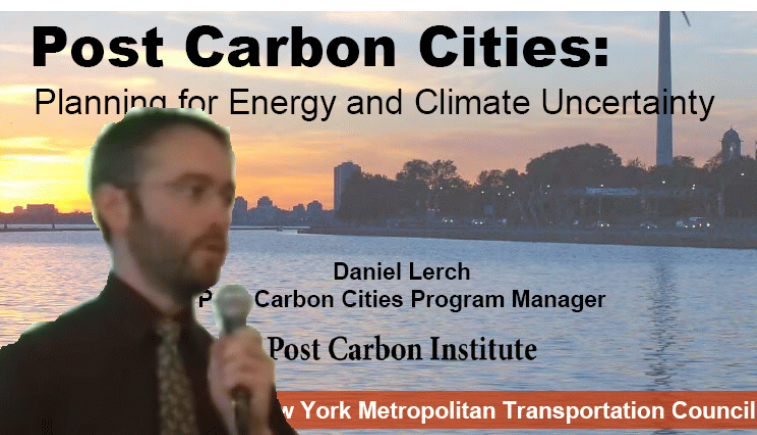
Longtime NYMTC staffer Howard Mann received an "Excellence in Transportation" award for program achievement from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) at a ceremony in Albany on October 21. The award recognized his contributions over the last decade to developing a regional freight planning process. Mann joined the NYMTC staff in 1983, and since 1999, has spearheaded regional freight planning. Since that time, NYMTC successfully developed and adopted its first Regional Freight Plan, which has formed the foundation of the planning process. Additionally, at the request of NYSDOT, Mann completed a critical feasibility assessment of the Pilgrim State site on Long Island for an intermodal freight facility in 1999 and has since overseen the development of a regional freight facilities inventory, a truck terminal and warehouse survey, and a land assessment for future rail freight yards. He is currently overseeing trail blazing studies looking at the potential to connect freight planning and land use planning through freight villages in the region, and at multi-state coordination in the provision of truck rest stops in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Mann also convenes NYMTC's Freight Transportation Working Group and has made presentations to national organizations on freight issues.

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Post Carbon Cities:

Planning for Energy and Climate Uncertainty



* **Post Carbon Future Explored** by Gerry Bogacz

The fundamental factors that govern our energy systems are changing, according to Daniel Lerch of the Post Carbon Institute. At the NYMTC Brown Bag presentation on October 15, Mr. Lerch described how rising demand for fossil fuels and uncertainties in existing and long-term supplies are leading to the phenomenon

known as peak oil. Peak oil involves a plateauing in the production of conventional oil supplies while unconventional oil supplies (difficult to find and to produce) are not sufficient to fill the resulting gap created by the drop off of conventional supplies. Thus, the growth expected in economic activity and in energy demand runs counter to what future fuel supplies may actually yield.

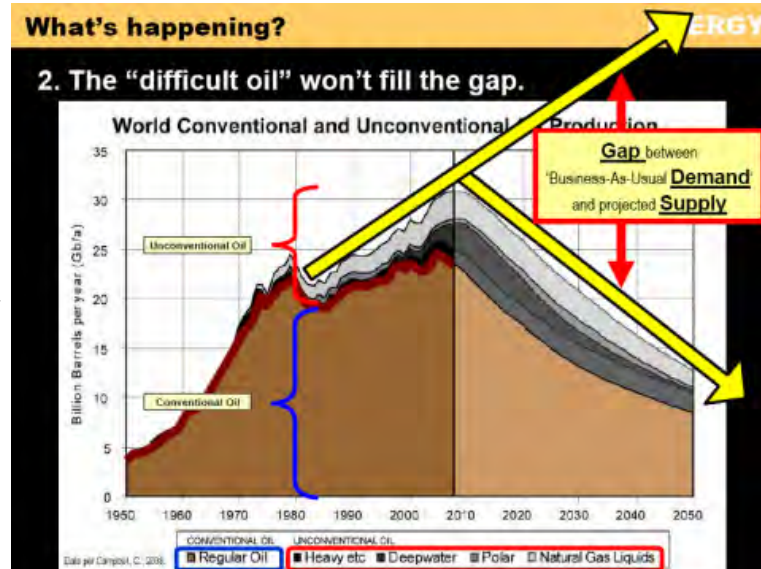
Mr. Lerch also pointed out that at present, there are really no good substitutes for oil as a primary energy source. What does this mean? Higher prices and greater supply and price volatility. As Mr. Lerch described, the future is uncertain will hold because of this, and this uncertainty complicates planning and decision-making.

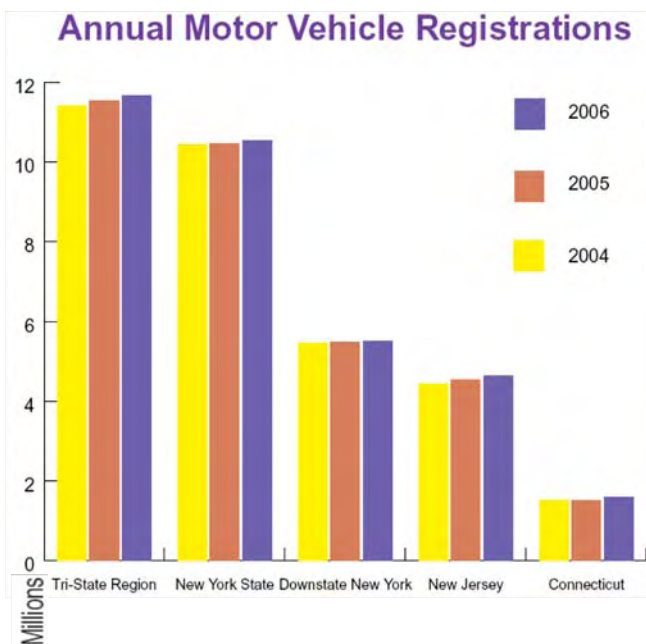
At the local level, the situation has specific implications, according to Mr. Lerch. Price volatility has begun to extend beyond just the cost of fuel to include other goods and services. The potential for shortages and emergencies has increased. And longer-term economic shifts are likely, as the global economy adjusts and individuals make decisions about where they live and work. All of these factors, according to Mr. Lerch, mean that there is greater uncertainty in what to plan for at the local level also.

At the same time, the issue of climate change also introduces uncertainties. Mr. Lerch described a huge urgency to act on climate change, but uncertainty about what the appropriate actions are in the long-term. Like peak oil, this is a big, system wide problem and there are local implications.

Despite the uncertainties, Mr. Lerch sees potential solutions. Local municipalities and regions are taking steps already through resolutions, public statements, goal setting, public education, coordinated planning and actual programs. In the longer-term, Mr. Lerch discussed broader principles to deal with the uncertainties, including dealing with transportation and land use, tackling private energy consumption, approaching the problems piece by piece and from many angles, planning for fundamental changes and building a sense of community.

Mr. Lerch's presentation is available on the NYMTC website and the webcast of the session has been archived and can be accessed through the website (www.NYMTC.org). Contact: Gerry Bogacz at 212.383.7260 or GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us.





*** DATA CORNER: Transportation at a Glance Released** by Imran Ahmed

The *Regional Transportation at a Glance* 2006 brochure has been released on the NYMTC website. Annual motor vehicle registrations are approximately 5,525,000 for downstate New York; 4,641,500 for New Jersey; and 1,590,000 for Connecticut. The annual motor vehicle registrations in downstate New York went up by 0.7%; in New Jersey up by 2.2%; and in Connecticut up by 5.1%. The internet link to the brochure is www.NYMTC.org/files/2006_at_a_Glance.pdf. Contact: Imran Ahmed at 212.383.2403 or IAhmed@dot.state.ny.us.



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

10/30/08, 4:30pm-7pm, Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Environmental Review Meetings. Orange County- Central Valley Elem. School, 45 Route 32, Central Valley. www.tzbsite.com.

11/10-12/08, Transport and Environment in a Globalizing World, OECD/ITF Global Forum on Sustainable Development: Guadalajara, Mexico.

www.oecd.org/document/47/0,3343,en_2649_34363_41344367_1_1_1_1,00.html (English).

www.semarnat.gob.mx/presenciainternacional/forotransporte/Paginas/default.aspx (Spanish).

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

11/19/08, 12pm, NYMTC Brown Bag- GIS, Fan Yang (webcast). NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC. Gretchen Riederer, 212.383.7258, GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.

11/20/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) Meeting (webcast). 199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.



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