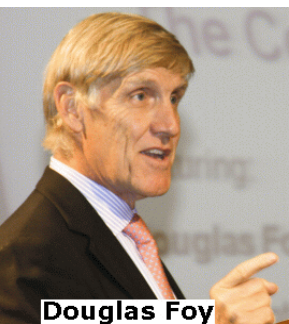


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* TOD Conference Is a Watershed Moment by Gerry Bogacz

Nearly 400 participants packed the NYMTC/NYU Rudin Center conference on Transit Oriented Development (TOD) on November 14. Joel Ettinger, Executive Director of NYMTC, and Allison L. D. de Cerreño, the Rudin Center's Director, set the stage for the conference by discussing the current planning paradigm and changes needed to effectuate Transit Oriented Development. Keynote speaker Douglas Foy noted the obvious interest and remarked on the reality of a "watershed moment" for the TOD concept, brought about by large scale challenges such as climate change, energy resources and costs, the country's economic struggles, and the ever growing backlog of capital needs for transportation.



Douglas Foy

Mr. Foy pointed out that this confluence of issues and concerns has resulted in a growing focus on vehicle-miles of travel and its impact on climate and energy and economic vitality. Mr. Foy focused on the urgent need to get past the policy discussions and start to operationalize solutions in the context of our very complex federal system.

Panels at the conference explored both the potential and the promise of TOD, as well as providing examples of TOD in practice in New York, New Jersey and other areas of the country and the world. Several panelists joined Mr. Foy in underscoring the connection between TOD, pedestrian-friendly design and place making, bringing together all aspects of transportation in community centers. TOD was also discussed as an organizing concept for the whole approach of Smart Growth. However, there was a danger seen in isolating TOD projects, which underscored the need to create a coherent network of TOD locations that make sense in terms of transportation services, both rail and bus.



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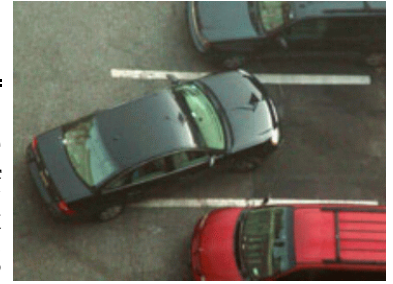
*** Can Parking Management Help? on Dec. 2** by Jan Khan

When the Metropolitan Mobility Network meets on December 2 (see Calendar of Events for details) parking will be one of the major topics of discussion. Attendees will be hearing about the New York City Park Smart Pilot Project, Parking Improvement Districts on Long Island, and Parking Policy Best Practices. Parking is an important component of the transportation network, and effective parking management can certainly lead to economic, social, and environmental benefits to communities. Network members will also discuss the 511 traveler information service and the results of the 2008 Regional Commuter Choice awards.

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*** World Came to NYC for ITS** by Alan Borenstein

Transportation technology fans were excited last week with the International Transportation Systems (ITS) World Congress at the Javits Center for four days. The



special, technical, scientific, interactive, executive and plenary sessions, demonstrations, meetings, and tours kept most participants very busy. The exhibit hall was mostly full and required a large amount of time to visit the exhibitors. The international flavor was especially evident and it was exciting to meet people from



Germany, the United Kingdom and all over the world. New York State Department of Transportation's (DOT) exhibit featured 511 and New York City (NYC) DOT's booth always seemed to have a large amount of visitors. A theater format in the middle of the exhibit hall had regular showings of the Transportation Management Center of the future. Five blocks of 11th Avenue in front of the Javits Center were closed for a good part of the day for demonstrations of systems of the future in operating automobiles. Many of the automotive companies' exhibits attracted attention with actual simulators and demonstrations of the i-REAL usually attracted many viewers. Contact: www.itsworldcongress.org/.



*** 511 at PFAC** by Alan Borenstein

With a live demonstration at NYMTC's November 20 Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) launched New York's new 511 system. The free traffic, transit and travel information service can be accessed by Internet at www.511ny.org or by dialing 511 in the New York City metropolitan area. The rest of New York State will be on line by January.

"It's a one-stop shop for travel, transit, and traffic. Not only can the service help commuters plan trips, but it can also alert them of emergencies, road and transit service conditions, and offer resources for alternative travel solutions, such as vanpooling and senior services," said Joel Ettinger, NYMTC Executive Director. At a time when more people are giving up driving, the



service allows public transit patrons to better utilize available transit options. “You’ll soon be able to plan a trip from Buffalo to Montauk without going on a highway,” said Todd Westhuis of NYSDOT, who presented the system. The webcast can be accessed at www.NYMTC.org and the presentation is available at: www.NYMTC.org/files/511PFAC112008.pdf.



Go to www.511ny.org to plan your trip. Alerts, traffic conditions and pictures from cameras are provided in addition to maps, travel time, transit fares, weather, events, and construction information. Access by dialing 511 in New York State and 888-GO511NY outside of the state. Contact: Lisa Daglian at 212.383.7241 or LDaglian@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Outreach for Community Transportation in November** by Nancy O’Connell

Thirty community transportation focus groups were conducted by NYMTC during November. The groups explored the transportation needs of older adults, persons with disabilities and low income individuals. Three focus groups were held in each of the five boroughs and five adjacent counties in the NYMTC region. These focus groups are part of NYMTC’s efforts to update its Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The plan will help address key needs and focus areas for FTA’s Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC), New Freedom and 5310 funding programs.

The focus groups, which consisted of small groups of users (eight to 12 persons per group) will help augment the information obtained from the public workshops that NYMTC hosted in October. Valuable information about transportation needs, gaps and efforts to better coordinate transportation both within local communities and throughout the region were addressed through these focus groups. For more information on NYMTC’s efforts to update its Coordinated Plan and to learn more about grant opportunities through the JARC, New Freedom and 5310 programs, visit the NYMTC website at <http://NYMTC.org/project/PTHSP/PTHSP.html>.

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*** Staten Island Dedicated Intermodal Service Opened** by Howie Mann

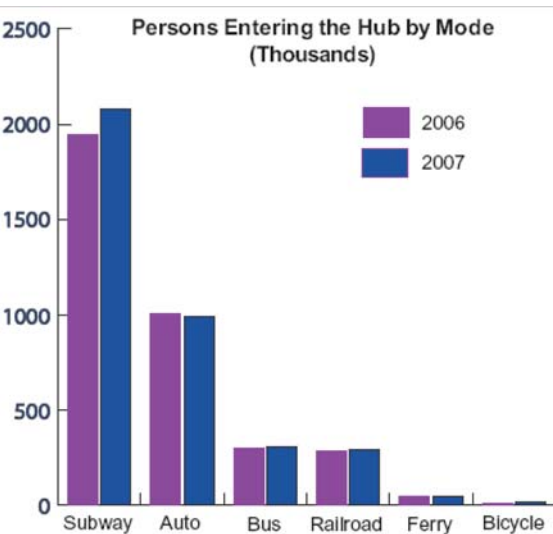
New York City Economic Development Corporation, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, CSX, and New York Container Terminal announced the beginning of dedicated intermodal rail service from Staten Island’s Arlington Yard to destinations in the Midwest and New England.

On November 10, a ceremony was held in Arlington Yard to inaugurate dedicated container trains operating to specific destinations such as Chicago, Detroit, and Columbus, Ohio, and on alternate days to Cleveland, East St. Louis, Ill., Kansas City, Mo., and Worcester, Mass. Container traffic originating from or destined for ships at the Howland Hook marine cargo facility operated by New York Container Terminal has climbed to the point where CSX railroad can assemble enough of a train and run it directly to another terminal. The service was made possible by public and private investment in two new railroad yards, a rehabilitated railroad bridge over the Arthur Kill and warehousing.



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*** DATA CORNER: Public Transit Ridership Up in 2007** by Adam Schildge



NYMTC's 2007 *Hub Bound Travel Report*, shows that public transit ridership has risen across all modes since 2006. This increase includes all persons traveling to and from the "Hub" by subway, bus, rail, ferry, or aerial tramway on a single day (see Section I, Table 5 of the report).

Subway and PATH ridership increased by a combined 5% or 197,000 riders. The greatest percentage change by location was a 9.5% increase in passengers heading to and from NJ. In comparison, the largest passenger count increase was 89,000 additional riders (or 7%) traveling to and from Brooklyn. Subway ridership to and from Brooklyn has increased by 22% since 1997.

Rail service also continued an upward trend, with a 2006-2007 increase of 3.5%. Daily ridership on Long Island routes rose by about 8,000, while north and westbound routes each gained approximately 6,500 riders. Bus service, however, increased by less than 1%. The detailed report shows a steady decline in ridership on several Manhattan bus routes, which was made up for by increases in travel to and from Queens. Ferry ridership has begun to recover from a drop since 2002 with a yearly increase of 5%, or about 4,500 passengers. The aerial tramway to and from Roosevelt Island increased 4%, with 221 more passengers than in the previous year.

The complete report, with detailed source tables, analytical breakdowns, and textual and graphical analysis is available on NYMTC's website at www.NYMTC.org/data_services/HBT.html. Contact: Adam Schildge at 212.383.7267 or ASchildge@dot.state.ny.us.

*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

12/2/08, 10:30am, Metropolitan Mobility Network Meeting (webcast), NYMTC, 22nd Floor, 199 Water Street, NYC. Jan Khan, 212.383.7251, JKhan@dot.state.ny.us.

12/5/08, 10am, Mid-Hudson South Mobility Advisory Forum meeting, 511- A Travel Information Service for New York. Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY. Naomi Klein, 914.813.7758, nkk3@westchestergov.com.

12/17/08, 12pm, NYMTC Brown Bag Presentation- BRT and Land Use in Westchester County (webcast). 199 Water Street, NYC. Gerry Bogacz, 212.383.7260, GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us.

1/15/09, 1:15pm, NYMTC Program, Finance and Administration Committee (webcast). 199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.



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