

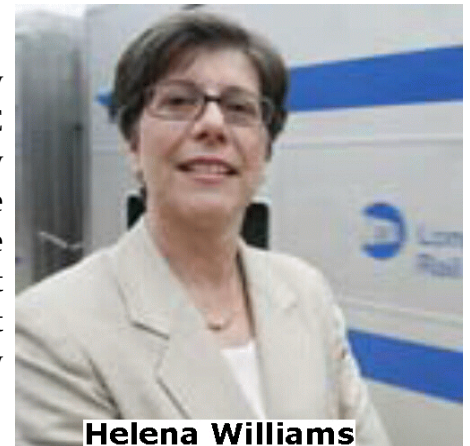
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*** LIRR President at PFAC January 15** by Alan Borenstein

Helena Williams, President of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) will be our guest speaker at the next NYMTC Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting on January 15 (see the Calendar of Events, below). Ms. Williams will be discussing the future of the Long Island Rail Road and will then answer questions. She follows a fantastic list of guest speakers who have recently spoken at NYMTC's bimonthly PFAC meetings, including Chris Ward of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Janette Sadik-Khan of the New York City Department of Transportation.

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Helena Williams

*** Canal Street Parking Survey Underway** by Gerry Bogacz

Work has begun on an ambitious survey of parking in the Canal Street corridor as part of the Canal Area Transportation Study (CATS). The survey work, which will continue into the early part of 2009, is coordinated with similar work undertaken by the New York City Department of Transportation and will collect extensive data on parking regulations and utilization in selected portions of the study area. To date, off-street parking locations and local parking regulations at targeted block faces have been surveyed in the study area. The current phase of CATS seeks to develop





recommendations for medium and long-term transportation investments for the Canal Street Corridor. When completed, data on parking regulations, pricing and activity will be collected for more than 100 block faces in the study area and for 20 off-street parking locations. An earlier phase of the study made short-term recommendations, many of which have been implemented in the study area. Canal Street itself is a major east-west artery in Lower Manhattan that serves vehicular (autos, trucks, buses,

emergency vehicles, etc.) as well as non-motorized transportation modes (pedestrians and bicyclists). The study is attempting to plan for the Canal Street Corridor as a critical regional transportation link while also addressing local transportation and mobility issues in the study area.

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*** BRT Could Increase Bee Line Ridership** by Lisa Daglian

While Transit Oriented Development (TOD) has traditionally been aligned with fixed rail, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is gaining acceptance among planners and developers as a catalyst for sustainable growth. At NYMTC's December 17 Brown Bag presentation, Naomi Klein, Project Manager for the Central Avenue BRT study in Westchester, spoke about considerations underway for a route that could increase ridership on Westchester's Bee Line system by nearly 35%. The approximately 14-mile Central Avenue corridor runs from White Plains to the Bedford Park Boulevard subway station in the Bronx, and is currently characterized by a variety of development including strip malls, high rise residential buildings and smaller scale residential and commercial structures.

The study is evaluating components of Bus Rapid Transit that will reduce travel times, attract new riders, improve mobility in the corridor, create an integrated and customer friendly transit service, and improve operating efficiency. The project is also intended to help guide land use changes that could be implemented to support BRT. Conceptual TOD designs have been developed for sites in Yonkers, Greenburgh and White Plains. Key destinations in the corridor include downtown White Plains, Westchester County Center, shopping areas along Central Avenue, Cross County Shopping Center, Yonkers Raceway, the New York City Subway, and other Bee-Line routes. The planning process has included significant public participation and outreach. For more information and to view the presentation, visit www.NYMTC.org/files/BrownBag-BRT-121708.pdf. Contact: Lisa Daglian at 212.383.7241 or LDaglian@dot.state.ny.us.



*** Comments Welcome on TIP Action** by Chris Hardej

The Nassau/Suffolk Transportation Coordinating Committee announces a public review period on proposed amendments to the Long Island portion of the NYMTC 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period began on December 22 and ends January 6, 2009. Comments are due in writing by 4pm on January 6, 2009.

This action affects the following projects:

LIRR- Safety fencing on Main Line near Elmhurst;

LIRR- Replacement of Signal Equipment;

LIRR- Safety Improvements Little Neck Parkway Grade Crossing;

LIRR- Bridge Painting on Long Beach, Manhasset and Port Washington Branches;

Town of Babylon- Sidewalk on Little Neck Road, Platt Avenue and Arnold Ave;

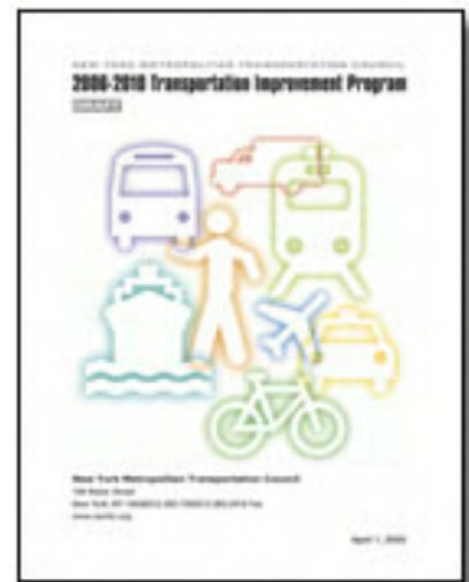
NYSDOT- NY110/I-495 Bridge Rehabilitation;

NYSDOT- NY 112 Reconditioning and Preservation from Pine Road to NY347;

NYSDOT- Old Town Road to NY347;

Additional information is available or can be accessed at www.NYMTC.org/abouttip-down.cfm.

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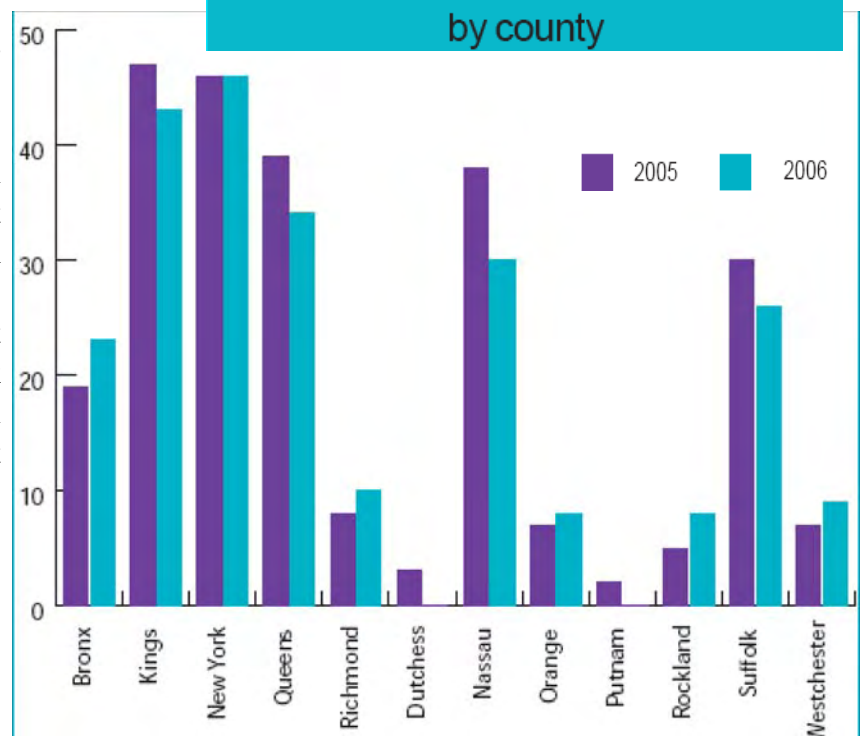


*** DATA CORNER: Safety at a Glance Released**

by Imran Ahmed

The *Transportation Safety at a Glance 2006* brochure has been released on the NYMTC website. In 2006, Bronx, Richmond, Orange, Rockland, and Westchester counties indicated slight increases in the “Total Number of Pedestrian Fatalities” whereas Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties indicated a slight decrease as compared to 2005. New York County appeared to remain the same in 2006 as compared to 2005. The highest increase in “Total Number of Fatalities” was

**Total Number of Pedestrian Fatalities
2005-2006
by county**



noticed in Bronx County and the highest decrease was noticed in Nassau County. The direct link to the brochure is: www.NYMTC.org/files/Safety_brochure06.pdf.
Contact: Imran Ahmed at 212.383.2403 or IAhmed@dot.state.ny.us.

*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

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

1/20/09, 12pm, NYMTC Brown Bag Presentation- Cross Sound Ferry Emissions Reduction Project (webcast). 199 Water Street, NYC. Gerry Bogacz, 212.383.7260, GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us.

3/19/09, NYMTC Annual Council Meeting.
Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

JARC/New Freedom Workshops- 3-5pm & 6-8pm,
Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529, NLOconnell@dot.state.ny.us

1/14/09, Long Island- H. Lee Dennison Bldg., 100 Veterans Hwy., Media Room, Hauppauge.

1/29/09, Hudson Valley- Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains.

2/3/09, New York City (webcast)- NYMTC, 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.



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