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*** NYMTC Annual Meeting was Big Success!** by Alan Borenstein

NYMTC's Annual Meeting last week at the NYU Wagner Graduate Center was a big success. Three hundred people turned out to hear the NYMTC Principals declare their vision for the future



of the downstate New York metropolitan region. Joel Ettinger, NYMTC's Executive Director presented the vision that is centered on ten desired growth areas. New York City's five desired growth areas are the Hudson Yards and Lower Manhattan in Manhattan; Downtown Brooklyn; and Long Island City and Jamaica in Queens. In the five adjoining counties are Nassau Centre in Nassau; Brentwood/Hauppauge (including the Sagtikos Regional Development Zone) in Suffolk; the Interstate 287 Corridor in Westchester; the Interstate 287 Corridor in Rockland; and Route 311 at Interstate 84 in Putnam County.

"The vision of the Principals is a very significant step for regional planning," said Astrid Glynn, NYMTC Co-Chair and Commissioner of NYSDOT. "The region's chief executives are collaborating on a plan to accommodate anticipated growth. They will ultimately use this vision to guide the pursuit of transportation improvements."

"Our vision builds on the separate trail blazing and substantive efforts of our individual Council Members," said Andrew J. Spano, Westchester County Executive and outgoing NYMTC Co-chair. "We each recognize that in order to plan for the future, we must work together to set goals for the region as a whole. Our vision seeks to improve the regional economy, enhance the environment and improve quality of life by providing flexible



transportation access within the region. By identifying our 10 desired growth areas, we can build the case for obtaining the resources to implement regional transportation investments."

"The vision set forward by the Council Members of NYMTC is really a starting point for us and our transportation leaders as we plan for our region's future," said Joel Ettinger. "If we did nothing, we would be looking back on the congestion problems we're having now as the good old days. Through the Council Members' vision, we have a real opportunity to improve congestion and mobility, have a substantive effect on environmental quality and overall quality of life, and secure a great future for our region."

The meeting was webcast live and can be viewed by clicking on the webcast link on our website (www.NYMTC.org).

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*** March 20 PFAC features NJTPA Director** by Alan Borenstein

Mary K. Murphy, the new Executive Director of the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), is the featured guest speaker at NYMTC's Program Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting this Thursday. Ms. Murphy will be speaking about the upcoming update of NJTPA's Long Range Transportation Plan for the year 2035, which is just getting started. NJTPA is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 13-county northern New Jersey region. Each year, the NJTPA oversees the investment of more than \$2.5 billion in transportation improvement projects on behalf of the region's 6.5 million residents.

Prior to joining the NJTPA, Ms. Murphy was the Deputy Executive Director for Planning and Operations at the New Jersey Turnpike. Her responsibilities at the Turnpike included oversight of the toll, operations and maintenance departments for both the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike as well as the strategic planning and annual special project budget for the Authority.

Before her tenure at the Turnpike, Ms. Murphy was the Director of Planning and Community Development for Union County, the Manager of Transportation Planning for a consulting firm, and the Manager of Policy and Intergovernmental Liaison for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The meeting will be webcast live and can be viewed by clicking on the webcast link on our website (www.NYMTC.org).

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*** Businesses: Don't Hold Out on America** by Kenneth Comia

If your business received a 2007 Economic Census form in December, and you returned it on time, NYMTC thanks you. But if you missed the February 12 deadline, we urge you to seek a 30-day extension and complete the form as soon as possible. Many very small businesses were not sent a form, and no action is required from them, but businesses that received forms are required by law (Title 13 of the U.S. Code) to respond.



Mary K. Murphy

In today's changing economy, timely and relevant facts and figures are essential for sound business and government decision making. The Economic Census is the primary benchmark for measuring 96 percent of the gross domestic product. Ben Bernanke of the Federal Reserve, has said, "The Economic Census is indispensable to understanding America's economy."

Businesses can request a 30-day reporting extension, or get help with their form, via the Internet (<http://business.census.gov>) or by calling a toll-free number 800.233.6136 from 8am to 6pm, Monday through Friday. If your company received but has not yet returned the 2007 Economic Census form, do it now. The rest of us are waiting for you.

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*** Japan Delegation Met at NYMTC** by Salvatore Mamone

On February 21, NYMTC staff met with a delegation from the Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transportation of Japan and the Institute of Behavioral Sciences, Tokyo, Japan, to discuss issues regarding Household Travel Surveys. The delegation is investigating advanced methods for travel



behavior surveys through discussions with persons involved in the development and implementation of household travel surveys. NYMTC staff discussed its experience and the methodology used in conducting the 1998 Regional Travel Household Interview Survey as well as the

application of the survey data to the Best Practices Model. Nathan Erlbaum, NYSDOT, presented the National Household Travel Survey via video conference from Albany. As NYMTC prepares for the upcoming Regional Household Travel Survey, the meeting helped to inform the delegation of key issues in household travel surveys.

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*** DATA CORNER: Hub Bound Released** by Thusitha Chandra

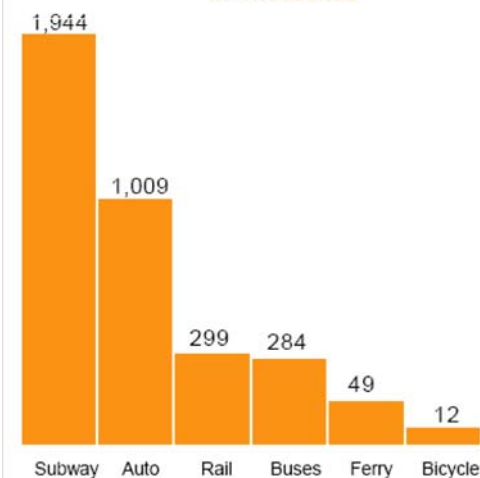
NYMTC's *Hub Bound Travel at a Glance 2006* brochure for the Manhattan Central Business District (CBD) has just been released. The brochure, which is a summary of the Hub Bound Travel report that is yet to come, tabulates statistics of travel to and from the Manhattan Hub through its five sectors and by various modes. The chart, included here, illustrates the number of riders entering the CBD on a 2006 fall business day by several modes.

The brochure is available on the NYMTC website at:
www.NYMTC.org/files/hub_bound/at_a_glance_2006.pdf

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Travelers Entering the HUB on a 2006 Fall Business Day, by Mode
in Thousands



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

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

Transportation Enhancement Workshops:

3/19/08, 3pm, Hauppauge, Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Memorial Hwy.

3/20/08, 3pm, NYMTC, 199 Water Street, NYC (**webcast**).

3/25/08, 3pm, White Plains, Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave.

4/1/08, 3pm, Goshen, NY, Orange County Government Center, 255 Main Street.

3/20/08, 1:15- 3:15pm, **NYMTC Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC)**
(**webcast**).199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.

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3/25/08, 8:30- 10am, **Public Private Partnerships: National and International Experience, Local Possibilities**, NYU Wagner Rudin Center, Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street, NYC.
Marta Panero, 212.998.7545, www.wagner.nyu.edu/rudincenter/conferences/.

4/1/08, 12pm, **NYMTC Brown Bag Presentation -Influencing Settlement (webcast)**.

199 Water Street, 22nd Fl, NYC. Gretchen Riederer, 212.383.7258, GRiederer@dot.state.ny.us.

4/9/08, 10:30am, **Long Island Sound Ferry Coalition Meeting**, City Hall Annex, Conf. Room
“C”, 999 Broad St, Bridgeport, CT. Fatai Adekoya, 212.383.7250, FAdekoya@dot.state.ny.us.

4/17/08, 1:15- 3:15pm, **NYMTC Program, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC)**
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4/23/08, 9am- 1pm, **AARP-NYMTC Good to Go: Enhancing Mobility for Older Adults in Your Community**, Palisades Center, 1000 Palisades Center Drive, West Nyack, NY, 10994.
George Persico, 877.926.8300, 845.364.2142, persicog@co.rockland.ny.us.



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