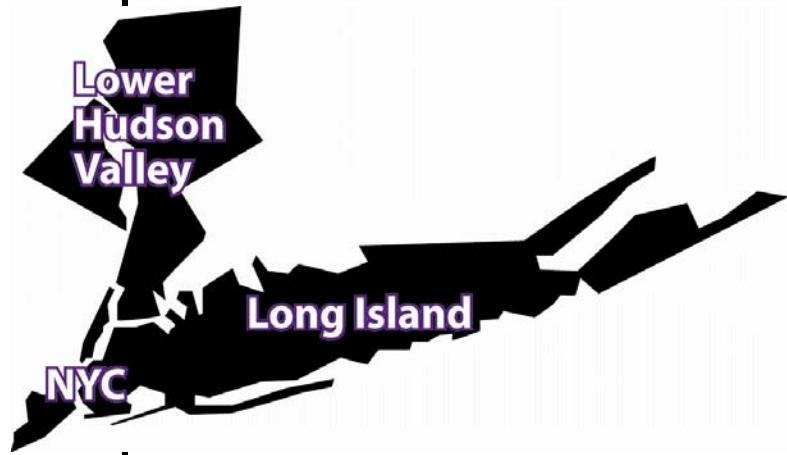


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**Christopher Ward**

*** Hold Sept 18 for Chris Ward** by Alan Borenstein

NYMTC's Program, Finance and Administration Committee meeting on September 18 will feature Christopher O. Ward as the guest speaker. Mr. Ward was appointed the Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey on May 22, 2008.

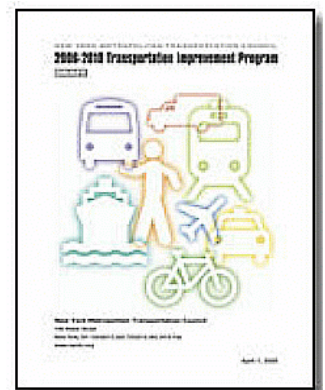
Mr. Ward was previously the managing director of the General Contractors Association of New York, and previously served the Port Authority as Chief of Planning and External Affairs and Director of Port Redevelopment from 1997-2002. He is also a past commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Contact: Andrea Miles-Cole at 718.482.4551 or AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Comment Periods Closing** by Chris Hardej

This is a reminder that the comment periods for the Air Quality Conformity Determination and several Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments will end this Friday, August 8. Details are available on the NYMTC website at: www.NYMTC.org. Action on the determination will take place at the upcoming PFAC meeting on August 21.

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*** Upcoming Community Workshops** by Jan Khan

NYMTC will be hosting a number of community workshops across the region during September and October of this year, as part of the public outreach process for the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), currently under development. At these workshops, members of the public will be able to learn about and discuss details of the new Plan's framework including various transportation-related trends and issues, the NYMTC Principals' vision for the region, and federal requirements. The draft regional socioeconomic and demographic forecasts that form a foundation for the new plan will also be discussed.

Workshop details are in the Calendar of Events. Please note that each county or borough has two sessions. Ideas, suggestions and comments can be submitted in writing. Contact: Jan Khan at 212.383.7251 or JKhan@dot.state.ny.us.

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*** Over 80 TEP Applications Received** by Nancy O'Connell

New York State Department of Transportation received over 80 Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) applications for the NYMTC Region during the recent solicitation. These proposals are for community-based projects, which will help us to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our intermodal transportation system, including facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, safety and educational activities, landscaping and other scenic beautification and historic preservation projects.



The 2008 applications are currently being reviewed and rated by the TEP Working Group. Evaluation teams rate, rank and prioritize projects based on the criteria outlined in the TEP Guidebook. A prioritized summary of projects will be established for the NYMTC Region and forwarded to PFAC for consideration and approval at the September 18, 2008 meeting. This prioritized summary of each application is then submitted to the statewide Transportation Enhancements Advisory Committee (TEAC). The TEAC will review each project, and forward selection recommendations to the Governor for final approval. All applicants will be notified of the final decisions. It is

anticipated final selections will be announced in December 2008.

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*** DATA CORNER: Just released: *Travel Patterns*** by Mary Hrabowska

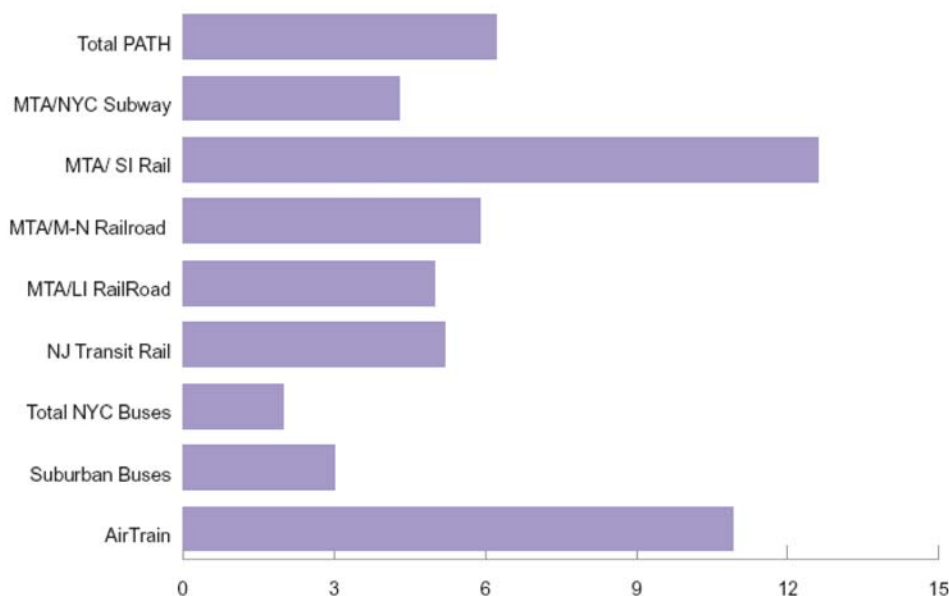
NYMTC has just released *Travel Patterns for the First Quarter 2008*. This publication presents information on commuter ridership in the first quarter of 2008 in the New York Metropolitan region, and typical weekday traffic data over the major vehicular river crossings. The data shows steady growth in subway, bus, suburban rail, and ferry ridership between the first quarter of this year and the first quarter of 2007.

The most used system is the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which manages New York City Transit and suburban buses and rails. The MTA system carried 8.6 million daily trips, or 90% of total trips, 3.6% more than the same period in 2007. On an average weekday, there were 9.9 million daily trips registered in the region, representing about 4% more than the same period in 2007.

The highest increase in daily ridership trips compared to the first quarter of 2007 was in the New Jersey Transit Rail system and in the PATH system (5.9% and 6.2% increase, respectively). In New York City, the most used mode was subway, where daily ridership reached 5.1 million during each working day, representing 60% of all MTA trips. The



Average Weekday Bus and Rail Ridership by Operator
Q1 2007-Q1 2008 Percent Change



second most used mode was NYC Transit Bus, where ridership reached 2.4 million passengers. Average weekday ferry ridership increased by 10% from last year. Several new routes have been added and some companies showed substantial increases in ridership, especially between New Jersey terminals and midtown Manhattan.

Vehicular bridge crossings decreased by almost 1%. The most used was the George Washington Bridge, with 281,000 average daily crossings, followed by the Verrazano Narrows Bridge (185,000 daily crossings). The graphs present percent change between 2008 and 2007 weekday passengers by public transportation.

This brochure is currently available on NYMTC's website at: www.NYMTC.org/files/TP_1Q_2008.pdf. Contact: Mary Hrabowska at 212.383.7231 or MHrabowska@dot.state.ny.us.

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8/21/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast). 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.
Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

9/8/08, WTS-GNY Quarterly Dinner Program. www.wtsinternational.org/greater_ny.

9/18/08, 1:15pm, NYMTC PFAC Meeting (webcast).
Guest Speaker- Chris Ward, PANY&NJ. 199 Water Street, NYC.
Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

9/19/08, 10am, Mid-Hudson South Mobility Advisory Forum meeting.
Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY.
Naomi Klein, 914.813.7758, nkk3@westchestergov.com.

10/16/08, 6pm, WTS-GNY Annual Awards Dinner. Bridgewater, 11 Fulton Street, South Street Seaport, NYC. www.wtsinternational.org/greater_ny.

RTP Community Workshops: 9/15- 10/7/08. Jan Khan, 212.383.7251, JKhan@dot.state.ny.us.

9/15/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community Room, 209 Joralemon Street.

9/16/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Bronx Borough President Office, Hearing Room, 198 East 161 Street.

9/17/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, Board Room, 130 Bay Street.

9/18/08, 4-6pm & 7-9pm, NYMTC (webcast), 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, NYC.

9/19/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Queens Borough President Office, Rm 213, 120-55 Queens Boulevard

9/22/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Putnam County, County Government Complex, Carmel, NY.

9/23/08, 3-5pm & 6:30-8:30pm, Rockland County, Palisades Mall 4th Floor Community Room.

9/24/08, 3-5pm & 6:30-8:30pm, Westchester County, County Center, White Plains.

10/6/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Suffolk County, Dennison Building Media Room, Hauppauge.

10/7/08, 3-5pm & 7-9pm, Nassau County, Legislative Chamber, Mineola.



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