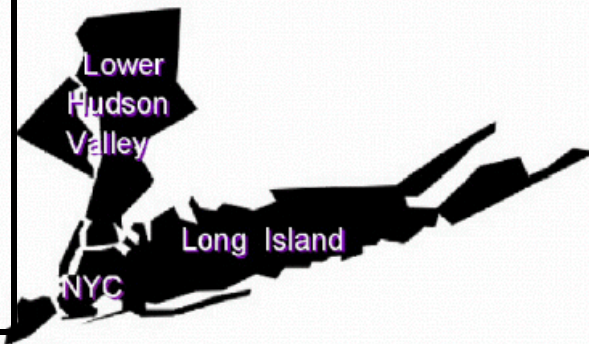


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* **Ettinger Named to NARC Committee** by Alan Borenstein

NYMTC's Executive Director, Joel Ettinger, has been named to the Executive Directors' Committee of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). NARC represents the interests of regional councils and Metropolitan Planning Organizations at the national level. It aims to develop policies that address the common issues confronting regional councils and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, including transportation, community, workforce and economic development, the environment, aging and emergency preparedness.

As a member of the Executive Directors' Committee, Joel will be providing input and guidance to the NARC Board as it formalizes its national transportation policy recommendations. His participation assures that the challenges confronting the NYMTC region will be considered in this national forum.

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Joel Ettinger

* **PFAC Packs Them In** by Barbara Lynch

Over 50 people turned out for NYMTC's April 20th Program, Finance, and Administration Committee (PFAC) meeting with New York City's Taxi and Limousine Commission's Andrew Salkin. His address highlighted the fleet's flexibility and some of the commission's upcoming changes and new initiatives. The next meeting of PFAC will be on June 15th and will feature Beverly Dolinsky of the Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee (PCAC) to the MTA who will talk about Advocating For Your Interest.

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Andrew Salkin



Beverly Dolinsky

* **Brown Bag Presents** by Gerry Bogacz

May's Brown Bag Presentation "Can We Get There with Cleaner Air?" on May 17th will feature H. Oliver Gao, Assistant Professor at Cornell University. He will speak about the development of State Implementation Plans, the evaluation of traffic control measures, and the modeling of interactions between transportation and environment systems.

April's Brown Bag presentation "Managing Growth in Suburban Communities" on April 19th featured Larry Silani, the Planning Director of the Town of LaSalle, Ontario. He spoke about the difficult challenges related to how best manage growth and address transportation and land use problems and opportunities.



H. Oliver Gao



Larry Silani

Suburban communities in Canada are working to change the way they are being built. At the NYMTC Brown Bag presentation, Mr. Silani presented techniques which his community is employing to help make this change. Planning efforts in the region have focused on facilitating the trade and border crossing functions. The impetus for change finds its roots in an increasing desire on the part of home seekers and developers for neighborhood-type developments throughout the region. LaSalle has pursued this through the adoption of a greenway system that is the cornerstone of its Official Plan. Included in the Plan are an urban growth boundary, pedestrian-bicycle action plan and design guidelines and transportation plan. You can see presentations on NYMTC's website at www.NYMTC.org. Contact: Gerry Bogacz at 212.383.7260 or GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Got Study Ideas?** by Gerry Bogacz

A series of listening sessions kicks off this month to solicit the public's ideas for transportation planning studies in the NYMTC region. These sessions are held every three years to update the regional planning prospectus, which advises the formulation of the Unified Planning Work Program, NYMTC's annual planning agenda.

Over the next three years, NYMTC anticipates that nearly \$50 million in new federal planning funds will be available for planning activities. To assure these plans- and the subsequent transportation improvements that may come out of them- correspond to residents' needs and priorities, two listening sessions will be held in each county and the five boroughs of New York City. See the Calendar of Events for May's scheduled meetings. Contact: Gerry Bogacz at 212.383.7260 or GBogacz@dot.state.ny.us.

*** Forum Explores Human Services Transportation** by Nancy O'Connell

A transportation forum on April 24th at Brookhaven Town Hall with Congressman Tim Bishop helped participants learn more about federal funding opportunities and programs which address transportation needs of the elderly, transit dependent and disabled individuals. Discussions included the new requirements and funding programs provided through the federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU, and better coordination between human service and transportation agencies.

Douglas Birnie of the Federal Transit Administration noted there are 62 different federal programs that fund transportation services and efforts of United We Ride Program (www.unitedweride.gov). Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian Foley spoke about the growing elderly population and their transportation needs. Suffolk County Legislator Jay Schneiderman addressed the need to get more people to use public transportation and the high cost of not providing that transportation. Clifford Hymowitz, Director of Long Island Concerned Citizens for Public Transportation discussed the necessity for better fixed route and para-transit transportation networks.

SAFETEA-LU calls for locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plans which explore new opportunities for partnering and sharing resources. Plans are to be developed through a process that includes representatives from the public, private and non-profit transportation and human service providers. Draft guidelines for the Coordinated Plan, Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Programs are in the March 15, 2006 Federal Register and the comment period has been extended to May 22, 2006.

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*** SEEDS Presented at APA Annual** by Gerry Bogacz

NYMTC's Sustainable East End Development Strategies (SEEDS) initiative was the focus of a session of the recent annual conference of the American Planning Association



(APA) in San Antonio, Texas. Representatives of NYMTC, local planning officials on Long Island's East End and the consultant team which was retained to assist in the effort described the challenges and success of the SEEDS process to an audience of nearly 75 people. SEEDS is the most complex of NYMTC's four pilot sustainable development studies, which are exploring approaches to integrated land use and transportation planning in critical areas of the region. NYMTC's studies have drawn the attention of the APA in the past, also. The results of the Route 303 Sustainable Development Study in Rockland County were the subject of a session at the 2001 Annual Conference in New Orleans.

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*** Organizing Clean Technologies** by Gerry Bogacz

NYMTC is working hard to organize a regional approach to incenting the use of clean technologies. Under the Air Quality Conformity Waiver granted the New York metropolitan region after 9/11, NYMTC committed to several enhancements to emissions reduction measures already in place.



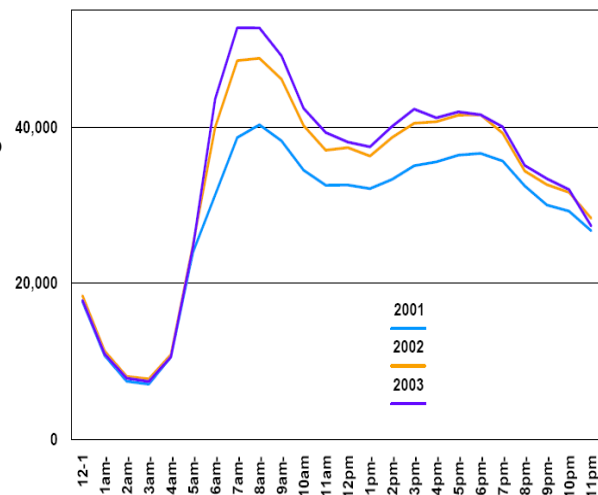
One of those enhancements was the creation of a Clean Technologies Group to advise NYMTC and its members on clean technologies programs. The founding members of this group- NYMTC's members, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the New York Power Authority, the New York City (NYC) Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYC Department of Sanitation- have been meeting since February to organize this effort. These initial efforts are focused on fact finding from around the country to identify best practices. The Group has reviewed information on programs- large and small- that are currently in place in the northeast, Texas and southern California. Examples of related activities from within the NYMTC region are also under review, such as U.S. EPA's diesel initiative, NYC Local Law 77 and similar legislation in Westchester and Rockland counties targeting contractors doing business with the local entity, as well as financing programs from the NY Power Authority and NYSERDA. The founding members of the Group will conclude their fact finding by the summer and will formulate a list of short- and long-term issues for which advisory recommendations will be developed for NYMTC. Also, starting in September, the membership of the Group will be significantly expanded to include vehicle manufacturers, fuel providers, fleet owners and other key stakeholders.

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*** DATA CORNER: 2003 Hub Bound Released** by Salvatore Mamone

NYMTC has released the *2003 Hub Bound Travel Report*. This popular report contains information regarding travel to and from the Manhattan Hub. The Hub consists of the lower portion of Manhattan from 60th Street in the north to Battery Park in the south. At 8.5 square miles, the land area is less than 0.1 percent of the NYMTC region's total land area and home to about 2.5 percent of the region's residents. The Hub has one of the highest concentrations of business activity in the nation, hosting about 21 percent of the region's jobs. The chart indicates the number of private vehicles that enter the Hub during a Fall business day. As can be seen there has been an increase in private vehicle travel into the Hub for 2002 and

Private Vehicles Entering the Hub On A Fall Business Day



2003, especially during the peak hour (8 am- 9 am). This report may be obtained from the NYMTC web site at www.NYMTC.org/files/hub_bound/2003_hub_bound.pdf.

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5/4/06, 3 pm to 6 pm, **Hudson Valley Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)**

Workshop, Putnam Co. Training & Operations Building, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY.
NYSDOT Region 8 Local Projects Unit, 845.431.5788.

5/5/06, 8:00 am, **Regional Plan Association's Regional Assembly**, Waldorf Astoria Hotel,
NYC. Amanda Jones, 212.253.2727 ext 317, amanda@rpa.org.

5/8/06, 3 pm- 6 pm, **Hudson Valley TEP Workshop**, Banquet Room, Red Hook Fire
House, Fire House Lane, Red Hook, N Y, NYSDOT Reg 8 Local Projects Unit, 845.431.5788.

5/8/06, 3 pm- 5 and 6 pm- 8, **Long Island TEP Workshops**, Suffolk County Dennison
Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY. Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529.

5/11/06, 3 pm- 6 pm, **Hudson Valley TEP Workshop** Auditorium, 2nd Floor Conference Room,
Pace University, Stewart Airport, 33 Airport Center Drive Newburgh, NY.
NYSDOT Region 8 Local Projects Unit, 845.431.5788.

5/16/06, 3 pm- 5 pm, **New York City TEP Workshop**, Hunters Point Plaza, Room 820,
47-40 21st Street, LIC, NY. NYSDOT Reg 11, 718.482.6731, Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529.

5/17/06, 12 , **NYMTC Brown Bag "Can We Get There with Cleaner Air?"** H. Oliver Gao,
199 Water Street, NYC. Judith Wilson, 212.383.7200, JAWilson@dot.state.ny.us.

5/18/06, 3 pm- 5 and 6 pm- 8, **New York City TEP Workshop**, NYMTC, 199 Water Street,
22nd Floor, NYC. NYSDOT Reg 11 718. 482.6731, Nancy O'Connell, 212.383.2529.

5/18/06, 3 pm and 6:30 pm, **UPWP Listening Session**, .Dennison Building, 100 Veterans
Memorial Highway; Hauppauge. Kevin Wolford, 631.952.6112, KWolford@dot.state.ny.us.

5/17-5/19/06, **ITE District 1 Annual Mtg**, Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown, NY.
www.ite-metsection.org.

5/23/06, 3 pm, **UPWP Listening Session**, Putnam County Planning Dept., 841 Fair St., Carmel,
6 pm, Putnam County Court House, 40 Gleneida Ave, Carmel.
Jean Shanahan, 845.431.5768, JShanahan@dot.state.ny.us.

6/15/06, 1:15 pm, **NYMTC Program, Finance Administration Committee (PFAC) Meeting.**
Beverly Dolinsky- special speaker-Advocating For Your Interest.
199 Water Street, NYC. Andrea Miles-Cole, 718.482.4551, AMiles-Cole@dot.state.ny.us.

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