

Closing the Gap: Financing the Region's Transportation Needs

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

We are facing a national crisis as our transportation needs continue to outpace our ability to find long-term and sustainable funding sources. State-of-good-repair, normal replacement, capital expansion and operations are all at risk. As the crisis grows, states and municipalities have begun exploring new financing mechanisms, including public-private partnerships, increased tolls, congestion pricing, and user fees. At the federal level, recent reports explore various alternative sources of funding as well. However, there are no easy choices, and in many cases the political will to make these difficult decisions is lacking.

Join us as we explore how we arrived at this crisis, what it means for the New York metropolitan region, and how we might address these critical challenges as we seek to maintain, improve and expand our regional transportation system.

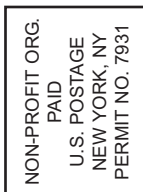
The confirmed keynote speaker is:

Edward Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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<https://wagner.nyu.edu/rudincenter/conferences/financing.php> (all lower case).

This registration option offers secure credit card payments through NYU. Alternatively, you may mail your registration form. Registrations are due by Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

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**Wednesday, June 4, 2008
8:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Kimmel Center
Rosenthal Pavilion
New York University
60 Washington Square South, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10003

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This event is eligible for continuing education credits:

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:30 am Welcoming Remarks: Framing the Issue

Allison C. de Cerreño, Director, NYU Wagner Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management

Joel Ettinger, Executive Director, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

9:30-10:00 am Keynote Address: Dollars and Sense - The Challenge

The keynote address will provide a broad perspective on the challenges related to financing transportation operations and infrastructure, across the nation and closer to home.

Introduction:

Ellen Schall, Dean, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University

Speaker:

*Edward Rendell, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

10:00-10:10 am Break

10:10-11:40 am Panel 1: The Past and Present

Panelists will explore historic trends that have led to the transportation funding crisis, and discuss the current context within which decisions must be made. Panelists will touch upon the national trends as well as specific local needs relevant to the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region.

Moderator:

*Mortimer Downey, Chairman, PB Consult**

Panelists:

*Emil Frankel, Director of Transportation Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center**

*Timothy Gilchrist, Deputy Secretary, Economic Development and Infrastructure, New York State**

*Elliot Sander, Executive Director and CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

*Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation**

*Richard Sarles, Executive Director, New Jersey Transit**

11:40 am-12:55 pm Panel 2: Closing the Gap - Future Options

Looking at the real possibility that federal monies for transportation will decline, panelists will discuss other ways in which funds could be flexed or raised for operations and maintenance, capital improvements, and expansion in the region.

Moderator:

*Charles Brecher, Professor, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University**

Panelists:

*Anne Canby, President, Surface Transportation Policy Partnership**

*JayEtta Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, US Government Accountability Office**

*Martin Wachs, Director, Transportation, Space, and Technology, RAND Corporation**

*Charles Russell, Technical Director, Steer Davies Gleave, London**

12:55-1:00 pm Closing Remarks

* all speakers have been confirmed, including the keynote speaker

REGISTRATION FORM

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Benefits of registering online: 1) your space is reserved as soon as you submit your reservation; 2) You will receive an immediate response to confirm your reservation; and, 3) You may submit payment by credit card to a secure NYU payment service.

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