Thinking Bigger: New York and Transportation in the Northeast Megaregion

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

This event will address the key transportation issues affecting the Northeast Megaregion. Recognizing that what happens to the Northeast Corridor beyond the boundaries of New York is critically important to the New York metropolitan region, the goals of this symposium are two-fold:

(1) To foster a better understanding of the relationship between the Northeast Corridor and the broader megaregion and the importance of thinking beyond our own borders; and,

(2) To begin the discussion of how to address transportation challenges beyond the region that affect New York.

The keynote speaker will be:

• **Kris Kolluri**, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation and Chairman, NJ Transit

Panel sessions comprised of key decision-makers and leaders will enable and encourage dialogue between presenters and the audience. Join us and spend the morning with a convocation of top industry leaders.

Please mail or fax the attached registration form by Friday, November 2, 2007.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, please call (212) 998-7545.
program schedule

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

9:00-9:45 am  Welcoming Remarks & Framing the Issues

Allison C. de Cerreño, Director, NYU Wagner Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management
Jerome Lewis, Director, Institute of Public Administration, University of Delaware
Robert Yaro, President, Regional Plan Association
Joel Ettinger, Executive Director, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

9:45-10:15 am The Challenge
The keynote address will provide a broad regional view of the challenges facing the Northeast Corridor as it must accommodate increasing numbers of passengers and volumes of freight on multiple modes across multiple jurisdictions.

Introduction:
Astrid Glynn, Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation
Speaker:
Kris Kolluri, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation and Chairman, NJ Transit

10:15-10:30 am Break

10:30-11:45 am Panel 1: Key Trends
Panelists will be comprised of experts on transportation, economics, and demographics, and will discuss how and where passengers and freight are moving along the Corridor, the relationship between the Corridor and the New York metropolitan area, and how capacity constraints in other locations affect the New York metropolitan area, as well as how capacity constraints here affect other locations.

Moderator:
Barry Seymour, Executive Director, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Panelists:
Rae Rosen, Senior Economist and Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York*
George Schoener, Director, I-95 Coalition
Anne Stubbs, Executive Director, Coalition of Northeast Governors
Petra Todorovich, Director, America 2050, Regional Plan Association

11:45 am-12:55 pm  Panel 2: What is to be Done?
In a moderated discussion format, panelists from rail, highways, aviation, and ports will discuss specific issues and challenges related to moving forward with a more regional and intermodal approach to transportation along the Northeast Corridor and provide examples of how this is done elsewhere.

Moderator:
Mark Schweiker, President and CEO, Greater Philadelphia Area Chamber of Commerce

Panelists:
Paul Bea, Government Relations Advisor, Maritime Coastal and Logistics Advisors
John Bennett, Chief, Business Strategy, Amtrak
Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Associate Professor, Hofstra University
Mark Strauss, Principal, FXFOWLE Architects
Lou Venech, Senior Manager of Transportation Policy & Development, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

12:55-1:00 pm Closing Remarks