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Buses' Safety Training & Operations Performance Division pros won MTA Chairman's Safety Award: Standing (l-r): Steve Vidal, Thomas Pearsall, Clifford Redmond, Gail A. Chandler, Wayne Galante, Rich Cerezo, Phillip Travers, David Rockwell, Emmett Thomas. Sitting (l-r): Felicia D. Jones, Liz Soto, Tonni Young, and Annie Suggs.

## MTA Chairman's Safety Awards

### *2 NYCT Work Groups Recognized for Excellence*

By Sylvia Isabel, Corporate Communications

The thirteenth annual MTA Chairman's Safety Awards was recently held to recognize excellence in safety throughout the family of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority agencies. This year, awards honored achievement in three categories: Group Excellence in Safety, Sustained Achievement in Safety, and Outstanding Agency Achievement in Safety.

**Jay H. Walder, MTA Chairman & CEO**, gave the opening remarks and **Judy Walker**, Acting Director, MTA Operations Support presented the awards. Representatives from each MTA agency filled the Northeast Balcony of Grand Central Terminal as commuters rushed about below.

Most of the winners received the **Group Excellence in Safety** award, which is presented to top-ranked work groups from each agency that demonstrated the commitment and dedication of the employees at each agency to safety. Two NYC Transit groups received awards in this category. Congratulations to Buses Conflict Avoidance Program: **Felicia Jones, Elizabeth Soto, Timothy Sweeney; Theresa Cruickshank; Tonni Young; Gail Chandler; and Tracey Stallworth**. After Bus Operator Edwin Thomas was killed by a customer in 2008, a new conflict resolutions class was implemented in July 2009 to offer refresher training to bus operators on how to deal with verbal and physical abuse. The program's effectiveness resulted in a timely 20.5% improvement in Lost Time Assault incidents by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in

2009 versus the third quarter that same year. This positive trending continues into 2010 where Lost Time Assault incidents decreased by 55% in January 2010 compared to January 2009. *“The course focused on the ability to manage conflict through the employee’s assessment of the situation, as well as through application of the conflict modes i.e., utilizing their skills and program elements such as communications, training, and safety observations. We were very encouraged by these amazing results and I am very proud of the total teams’ efforts, said Steve Vidal, VP Training.*



CPM’s Culver Line Viaduct Project won MTA Safety Award: (seated, l-r): Dilip Kumar Patel, Carlos Delgado, Jacques Mayard, Parmanand Singh. (Standing, (l-r) David Murphy, Alan Marder, Bony Merelus, Peter Torres, James Dolan.

Congratulations are also in order for CPM Culver Line Viaduct team members: **John O’Grady, Dilip Patel, Peter Torres, Jacques Mayard, Carlos Delgado, Gerald Adams, Bony Merelus and Donald Hartley** (check *Transit*, *Transit* 11/09, for TV segment about this project). The project involved removing 20,000 feet of existing ballasted Type I and concrete Type II Modified tracks including all switches; rehabilitating the concrete deck; installing new waterproofing, Low Vibration Tracks, switches, signal system CBTC ready and drainage; constructing a new prefabricated Central Instrument Room over the tracks at Carroll Street and a new Signal Relay Room under the Viaduct at 3rd Avenue. The Track Barrier Fence installed between the in-service (active) and out-of-service (inactive) tracks resulted in increased safety for all workers, the railroad and NYCT personnel within the work area, significant savings in TA services and no impact on RTO’s operations.

The other agencies to win in this category were **LIRR**—Plant Equipment Maintenance; **MTA Bus Co.**— Accident Reduction Program; **LI Bus**— Red Letter Drill Program; **Metro-North Railroad**— Storeroom Operations; and **Bridges & Tunnels**—Henry Hudson Bridge-Half Moon Award Program.

**Bridges & Tunnels** netted both the **Sustained Achievement in Safety** and **Outstanding Agency Achievement in Safety** awards. Congratulations to **James Ferrara**, Acting President and Bridges & Tunnel’s 1,744 employees.

## COMTO-MIT Student’s Event

By Sylvia Isabel, Corporate Communications

*Editor’s Note: MIT’s Sam Hickey, COMTO-MIT Youth Series Coordinator, responded to Weekly News’ questions about the recent COMTO-MIT event held at 2 Broadway. The key speakers were: Jay H. Walder, MTA Chair & CEO; Christopher Ward, Exec. Director, Port Authority of NY/NJ; Stanley Gee, Acting Commissioner NYS Dept. of Transportation; and James Harding, COMTO Advisory Board.*

*Technical tours included Alexander Hamilton Bridge, NYC DOT Traffic Management Center, MTA’s Rail Control Center, Power Control Center, East Side Access Project, Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, Coney Island Overhaul Shops, Fulton Street Transit Center, and the Port Authority’s JFK Airport.*



*Q: What is the background or history of COMTO-MIT Speaker Series @ NYCT?*

A: Every semester two students from the MIT Transportation Students Group, which is a coalition of graduate students in the Master of Science in Transportation program and the PhD program in transportation, organize the MIT Distinguished Speaker Series in Transportation. This speaker series brings three to four speakers to MIT's campus in Cambridge each semester from fields that are studied by members of the Transportation Students Group, including transit, airlines, high speed rail, and intelligent transportation systems. The COMTO-MIT Speaker Series began last year when, instead of having New York City transportation officials travel to Cambridge, MIT students traveled to New York City to hear from and interact with New York City transportation leaders.

*Q: What were the goals? Did you meet them?*

A: There were two main goals: (1) expand students' knowledge of the transportation industry in a way that could not be achieved in a classroom; (2) provide a forum for networking between students and professionals. We achieved both goals quite well. See next question for why we feel these goals were met.

*Q: It looked like a very successful event. How was the feed-back from participants?*

A: The response was generally very positive. The attendees enjoyed hearing directly from leading transportation officials, both in the form of their prepared remarks and their answers to audience questions. The 'speed-mentoring session' was widely praised. Students liked the opportunity to meet and interact with professionals in small groups while gaining practical career insight from the professionals. Feedback on the tours was also quite positive. Many of the tour groups were very small in size and offered participants a unique and intimate look at the facility they toured.

*Q: Lessons learned?*

A: Lessons learned—meaning what the student participants learned. It depended on the tour attended and the presenter's expertise. In terms of the morning session, from Chris Ward we learned about how businesses bear the cost of transporting goods and people; we heard ideas about taxing businesses to reflect the cost of providing a public transit network. Jay Walder said he liked working in public transit because it impacts everyone's life and that more people will use it if they have faith in the quality and reliability of the system. All the speakers discussed how politics complicated their jobs.

*Q: Who should we recognize/thank?*

A: COMTO organizers – **Thalia Panton**, COMTO VP and COMTO President **Dwayne Sampson**; MIT organizers especially **Caroline Ducas**; numerous professionals from the participating transportation agencies, especially MTA, who helped with conference planning, registration, speed-mentoring, and technical tours.

*“The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) takes great pride in being able to reach out to the next generation of transportation experts. It was very impressive and touching that so many college students from major institutions are preparing to be engineers, architects and administrators in public transit and have an interest in public service. Transportation is one of the most rewarding professions,”* said **James H. Harding Jr.**, Chair, COMTO Advisor and MTA Bus, VP.



Photo: (l-r) Jay H. Walder, MTA Chair & CEO, James Harding, VP, MTA Buses; COMTO event coordinators NYC Transit's Thalia Panton and Dwayne Sampson; and MIT's Sam Hickey, and Cheryl McKissack, CEO of McKissack & McKissack Co.

## WTS-GNY Turns 30

By Camille Gordon, Subways

Women's Transportation Seminar-Greater New York Chapter (WTS-GNY) will celebrate its 30th Anniversary on Thursday, **June 24**, 5-7:30pm, at the Park, 118 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Penthouse overlooking the High Line Park. Cost is \$30 (members), \$50 (non-members). The event will feature a tour of the High Line Park. Profits from this event will benefit the WTS-Greater New York (GNY) Scholarship program. WTS-GNY's mission is to prepare members for leadership roles in the transportation industry.

Since the GNY Chapter was established, NYC Transit employees have played an instrumental role in growing the organization's membership. At one point, the GNY chapter was the largest chapter in the nation. Both men and women have volunteered their time, energy and leadership skills to develop members via various methods including education/training, mentoring and networking.

Members, employers and the industry all benefited from these efforts by setting in motion consistent professional development, a wave of good will and camaraderie that circles back to those who have generated it.

Numerous NYC Transit employees have led the way for making WTS the premier international professional organization devoted to women in the transportation industry.

Among NYC Transit's WTS key leaders were: **L. Dedi Gongga**, International Board, GNY Chapter President; **Sylvia Isabel**, Director-at-Large, International Diversity Co-Chair, Chair, Communications; **Debbie English**, Director-at-Large, Secretary, Co-Chair Membership; **Linda Travis**, Director-at-Large, Chair, Mentor Program; **Felicia Jones**, Director-At-Large, recipient of the WTS Rosa Parks Diversity Award; **Brenda McIntosh** (Ret.), Co-chair, Mentor Program; **Hollie Wells**, Co-chair Diversity Committee; **Sarah Kaufman**, Co-chair, Young Professionals Committee; and **Ella McLeod**, Co-chair, Special Events Committee.

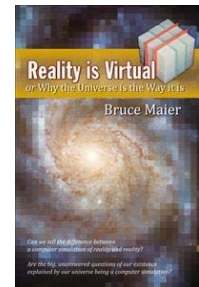
Currently, **Peter Aviles, Malinda Foy, Warren Hochman, Judith Kunoff, Anita Miller, Patrick Smith** and **Harry Tom** are all mentors in the WTS Mentoring Program contributing personal time to help develop future leaders in our industry.

## Transit Scientist Publishes Book

By Denise Metoyer, Transit News Intern

People who are interested in physics, cosmology, and computer science will no doubt find this book interesting.

*Reality to Virtual or Why the Universe is the Way it is*, by NYC Transit Scientist **Bruce Maier** seeks to answer the question, among many things: Are we living in a computer simulation?



The three-part book also addresses questions such as: Why can't anything travel faster than the speed of light? Why Quantum Mechanical weirdness is essential; and why there are exactly three spatial dimensions.

The book cites references from authors whose works appear in *Scientific American* and *Astronomy* magazine. The book concludes with a quiz that asks the reader to select which universe is real and which is a simulation. The answer may surprise you.

*"I believe my book will appeal to serious math or science enthusiasts, Discovery Channel and science fiction fans,"* said Mr. Maier.

Mr. Maier is currently a Scientist in Transit's Emerging Technology Lab where he tests new software and hardware. While many of us sit in front of a computer, Mr. Maier works in a huge computer lab. He has been employed by Transit for 21 years in various positions.



For information about the book, visit [realityisvirtual.com](http://realityisvirtual.com)

## News Briefs

### Puerto Rican Day Parade

**Hispanic Society of NYCT:** Transit employees and their families are invited to participate in the Puerto Rican Day Parade on Sunday, **June 13**. The contingent will meet on 47th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues, at 12:30 PM. Dress code is white tops and blue or black pants or skirts. Uniformed employees must be in uniform. You will be joined by your colleagues from the NYFD, NYPD, Sanitation Department, NYC Department of Transportation, NYC Housing Authority, NYC Parks Department and other member organizations of the Grand Council of Hispanic Societies in Public Service, Inc. Call **Danny Camacho @ (917) 696-1870**.

**TWU in Parade:** Cheer on your co-workers as they march with TWU's Local 100 in the Puerto Rican Day Parade. Go to [twulocal100.org](http://twulocal100.org).

### Transit Worker Health Conference

**July 27-29**, Local 100 of the Transport Workers Union and the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems, City University of New York, will be hosting an International Conference on the Health Status of Urban Mass Transportation Workers. If interested go to [TWUlocal100.org](http://TWUlocal100.org).

### Facts & Figures

The popular "Facts & Figures" annual booklet of history and statistics concerning NYC Transit is available on the MTA website.

Go to the New York City Transit Home Page and Click on "About New York City Transit" in the bottom right hand corner. You will be able to get information concerning public transportation in New York City for the last 100 years.

The Chronology section, recently updated to late 2009, concentrates on significant dates since June 1953, when the New York City Transit Authority began operations.

- By Neal Neches, Marketing/Corporate Comm.

### Blood Drive Results @ 2 Broadway By Dennis Callaghan, Drive Captain

The numbers are in from our recent 2 Broadway drive. Day 1 (Wednesday) was a bit slow, but Day 2 (Thursday) was better: Day 1 Total Donors: 34; Deferred: 3 Total Donations: 31. Day 2 Total Donors: 47; Deferred: 7. Total Blood Drive Donations: 40.

Thanks to all who participated. Feedback from the questionnaires distributed was all positive concerning our team. In answer to "How was your blood drive experience," many responded 'Excellent', 'Great', 'Friendly staff'. Only one respondent commented that "the wait was longer than usual." Your professionalism and hard work are recognized. Nice job.

A 'Thank You' certificate from the New York Blood Center recognizing the fine work that you and the rest of Transit did in 2009 will be presented to all Blood Captains. The next drive is **July 14 & 15**. Let's keep it going.

### Fun Time @ Universoul Circus

Bring your family and friends to Transit Workers for Children's (TWFC.org) Night at the Universoul Circus! The TWFC is sponsoring the fun event on Saturday, **June 12**, at 7:30PM at Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium in Newark, N.J. Tickets are \$20 per person. All proceeds benefit TWFC. For more information, please call **718-264-0882** or **718 377-3785** or buy tickets online at [www.twfc.org](http://www.twfc.org). Directions from Penn Station: take the New Jersey Transit Midtown Direct Line (Montclair-Boonton line), direction Montclair State University (MSU), to Newark Broad Street Station and head southeast on Lackawanna Avenue to 430 Broad Street. For more directions, please go to [www.universoulcircus.com/newark](http://www.universoulcircus.com/newark).

-By Jennifer Von Willer, Transit News Intern

### Poetry Club Celebration

NYCT's Poet Tree Club presents 'A Family Celebration,' Friday, **June 25**, 2 Broadway, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Noon -1pm. The theme will be "A Mother's Love" and "A Father's Devotion." If you would like to participate or attend, please call **Rebecca McFadden** at **646-252-6678**. By Kim Silvertson, TA News Intern

## Graduations



**Linda Bernier: “Stay focused...”**  
*BS from SUNY’s Empire State College*

**By Denise Metoyer, Transit News Intern**

Congratulations to **Linda Bernier** who recently completed her Bachelor of Science degree from Empire State College in December 2009. She plans to participate in the commencement exercise next week.

A Transit employee for 24 years, Linda is currently a Marketing Manager in Corporate Communications. However, she began her career as a Railroad Clerk (currently called Station Agent). She was promoted to Station Supervisor where she remained for more than 13 years. Linda has completed her degree in Business, Management and Economics with a concentration in Transportation Management. Linda is married with a 22 year old son and an 18 year old daughter. *“I had to put my education on hold. But as my children got older, I knew it was time to go back and complete my education.”* Linda said that her family has been very supportive; her husband picking her up from school many times or waiting for her at the train station. *“It was difficult at times managing school, full time job, and family but it was good to come home and know that everything was in order.”* Linda is investigating graduate degree programs and her long term goals will follow. Linda offered this advice to all who plan to continue their education, *“Stay focused, know what you want and go after it. Don’t let anyone stop you because in the end, the reward is great.”*

## John Jay Confers Certificates to 25 Transportation Management Program

**By Jennifer Von Willer, Transit News Intern**

Congratulations to 25 employees who recently graduated from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice’s Transportation Management Certificate Program.

**Raymond Del Valle Jr.** was a maintenance supervisor when he enrolled in the program in 1998. Since then, he was promoted to deputy superintendent in Car Equipment Department in 2003; in 2009 to superintendent. He credits his promotions to the program

*“I’ve applied for different job positions and got them. So, for me, the entire program paid off. It’s fantastic what John Jay has to offer,”* said Del Valle Jr., a Car Equipment Superintendent.

In 1998, **Frank Mercurio**, a train supervisor also enrolled in the program, taking three classes while working around the clock. Now, he is one out of 40 Desk Superintendents in the Department of Subways - Rail Control Center. He also credits the program for his job promotions.

*“Very useful tool that the NYCT offers. I’ve learned management techniques and applied them at work.”*

Congratulations to the other graduates:

**Cherif Aidara, Anthony Benns, Sheila Benns, Peter Bispham, Cynthia Bowman, Yvonne Brogdon, Hope Campbell, Dean Clouden, Alexis Colon, Thomas Creggan, Eugene DeWaters, Frank Farrell, Colin Fredericks, Terrence Johnson, Jose Le Salle, Pedro Mojica, Lee Rivers, Ramona Santiago, Robin Smith, Roger Stewart, Randolph Taylor, Osvaldo Torres, and Compton Tull.**

The graduation ceremony is set for Wednesday, **June 16** at 5-7PM at 130 Livingston Street (Rooms 111-112). All employees are eligible to apply for the six courses (18 credits) program. Contact your Training Liaison. For more details go to TENS/Employee Programs or call **C. Furness** at **646-252-2974**.

## Future Managers' Commencement

The Future Managers Program Class IX recently celebrated their Commencement and Final Presentation with MTA Chairman & CEO **Jay H. Walder**, NYCT President **Thomas Prendergast** along with presidents from the other MTA agencies and supporters.

Special congratulations to NYC Transit's grads:

**Zandra D. Ford** – Department of Subways

**Majella Payne** – Department of Subways

**Brian Liona** – Department of Capital Programs Management

**Chaunte D. Felder** – Department of Buses

Special Thanks to: **Loriann Hoffman**, Director, MTA Organizational Development and Training.

## Retirements

### Mike Coughlan, TA Photographer, 37 years of Dedicated Service

Veteran Transit photographer **Michael Coughlan** retired recently after 37 years of dedicated service. A breakfast reception was held for him by his colleagues in Corporate Communications at 2 Broadway in the Public



Affairs' conference room. He shared some of his retirement plans and information about his life:

*"I will be spending more time with my family and friends. I hope to travel and see more of the US and Europe and, of course, work around the house. I was born and grew up in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn; I attended Erasmus Hall High School. After high school I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 4 years traveling the Globe. That is where I became interested in photography. After the service, I went back to school under the G.I. Bill. I received a degree in Photography from the N.Y. Institute of Photography. Most of my hobbies are sports related: I love playing softball, golf and I bowl in a league; my average is 216. I started my career at Transit July 1973 and worked at the East New York Bus Headquarters,*

*37 years ago. I don't know where the time went. I had a great time; made many friends over the years. I will miss you all."*—By Sylvia Isabel

### Tony Dandridge & Cathy Agurs

We would like to congratulate **Tony Dandridge** (30yrs) from Transportation Operations and **Cathy Agurs** (26yrs) from Timekeeping on 56 years of combined employment with New York City Transit. We invite you to a celebration to commemorate their retirement on Saturday **June 12** at 8 pm at *Riccardo's by the Bridge* at 21-01 24<sup>th</sup> Ave in Astoria, NY. The fee is \$65 per person. Please contact **Celeste Jefferson** at **347-643-7769**.

*By Kimberly Silvertan, Transit News Intern*

### Nick Sansevero, AGM, 25 Years

Congratulations to **Nick Sansevero** for 25 years of dedicated service as the AGM of Strategic Planning for the Department of Buses (Staten Island division). The party is set for **Friday, June 18** at 5:30 p.m. at Lorenzo's Restaurant in The Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 South Avenue in Staten Island. Dinner is \$70 per person. For more information, call **Sharon Smith** at **718-818-8021** or **Patricia Lynch** at **718-818-8023**.

*By Jennifer Von Willer, Transit News Intern*

### Dr. Ramlal, 25 Years

Congratulations to **Dr. Alan Ramlal** (TIS) who is retiring after 25 years of exemplary service. The celebration is being held at *Riccardo's by the Bridge* at 21-01 24<sup>th</sup> Ave in Astoria, NY on Friday, **July 16**, 6-11pm. The cost is \$60 per person. Please contact **Sewlall Mohabir** at **646-235-1828** to RSVP.

*By Kimberly Silvertan, Transit News Intern*

### Tuskegee Airmen Event

Transit Veterans Association (TVA) is proud to announce "Celebrate Liberty on the Hudson with the Tuskegee Airmen," Sunday, **June 27**, 2-6pm, Battery Park Gardens restaurant. This will be the first annual Tuskegee Airmen garden party and award reception. Tickets are \$100. Contact **646-252-2986**.

## Transportation Industry News Denver, LA Win International Rail Rodeo

Denver and Los Angeles were the big winners at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual American Public Transportation Association (APTA) International Rail Rodeo it was announced at the awards dinner in Vancouver at the 2010 APTA Rail Conference held recently. Nine public transit systems from across North America competed in this international competition, which recognizes the men and women who keep rail systems safe and efficient.

The Regional Transportation District (RTD) of Denver, CO won the prestigious *Rail Transit Team Achievement Award*. This top award is given to the system with the highest rail operator and maintainer team combined score. The winning RTD team members were Robert Dennis, Randall Lovegrove, and George Sweeney.

The Operators' Competition measures professional skills, including train operation, knowledge of safety regulations, train equipment, and track right-of-way rules and procedures. First place in the Operators' Competition was won by Denver's Regional Transportation District's Robert Dennis. Michael Shepard from Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) of Philadelphia, PA came in second place. The team of Lee-Ann Knight and Ven Rao from BC Rapid Transit (SkyTrain) of Burnaby, BC took third place honors.

The Maintainers' Competition judges the ability to troubleshoot maintenance problems. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) of Los Angeles, CA earned first place with the maintainer team of Glen Abraham, Ronnie Burt, and Eric Czintos. Denver's RTD won second place with the team of Randall Lovegrove and George Sweeney. SEPTA's maintainer team of Ed Carruthers, Mike O'Grady, and Jason Rickert won third place. The APTA International Rail Rodeo Competition is designed to encourage excellence and professionalism in rail transit operations.

The competition was held on June 6 at the VCC/Clark Station in Vancouver, BC.

### APTA Study: "Green Travel" Forecast

As Americans look for ways to cut travel cost this summer, many vacationers seek affordability through the use of a city's local public transportation system. According to APTA's *Green Travel Forecast*, a travel survey released by the American Public Transportation Association, 52 percent of summer vacationers will use local public transportation systems to get around during their trip.

This percentage represents the highest number recorded since the initial survey three years ago (up four percentage points from 2007). Cities are among the top destinations for travelers throughout the summer and, the *Green Travel Forecast* is the only nationwide travel survey that looks at how travelers will get around once they reach their destination.

Synovate, a leading market research firm, conducted the survey for APTA among 24,711 U.S. adults in April 2010. The survey continues to reflect the growing trend of travelers using public transportation during visits to U.S. cities.

*"During these economic times, travelers are looking to save money and reduce their overall travel costs, yet still have the ability to enjoy their trip,"* said APTA President **William Millar**. *"Having access to good local public transportation is becoming an essential part of a vacationer's travel plans because it is an easy way to stretch a travel budget."*

Fifty-one percent say that the availability of a public transit system played a role when choosing their travel destinations, with 28 percent saying it had a strong influence. Slightly over half (52 percent) also said that using public transportation had a strong effect on reducing their total costs of travel.

The top ten city destinations with the highest percentage of visitors who will use public transportation during their trip are: **New York City, Boston, Washington DC, San Francisco,**

**Chicago, Seattle, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Atlanta.**

Public transportation saves the U.S. the equivalent of 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually. It also saves the nation 37 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually – equivalent to the emissions resulting from the electricity generated for the use of 4.9 million households or every household in Washington, DC, New York City, Atlanta, Denver, and Los Angeles combined.

Cost and convenience are top concerns travelers cited when asked the most important reasons why they would choose public transportation during their city trip this summer. Forty-nine percent say it will be less expensive than taxicabs or rental car, followed by 46 percent who say they won't have to worry about finding a parking space for their own vehicles and 36 percent say they would not have to drive around in an unfamiliar city. The cost savings for travelers using public transportation are significant. A traveler can purchase a visitors' pass for a local public transportation system and ride all day for as little as \$3 to \$10. This is a fraction of what it would cost to rent a car, park a car, buy gas, or take numerous cab rides around the city.

For instance, the daily parking rate for midtown Manhattan (NY) is \$44, in Boston \$34, Chicago \$31, Los Angeles \$28, and San Francisco \$25. The most popular activity for those using public transportation while visiting a city is sightseeing (49 percent), followed by dining and nightlife (38 percent), shopping (37 percent), travel to and from the airport (29 percent), travel to and from their place of lodging (29 percent). Travelers who originate from large metropolitan areas are more likely to take advantage of a city's local public transportation system while vacationing. Sixty-five percent of those traveling to a city on their summer trip and who plan to use public transit are from large urban areas, while 17

percent are from medium-sized metro areas and eight percent are from smaller cities and towns.

To assist travelers, APTA is providing specific information on day and visitor passes, trip planners, transit maps and directions for cities across the country. Go to [www.publictransportation.org](http://www.publictransportation.org).

**Q**uote of the Week: *"Learn how to be happy with what you have while you pursue all that you want."* Jim Rohn

(Quote submitted by Jennifer Von Willer, Transit News Intern)

**Set Your Career in Motion**

The Assistant Architect exam (#0103) filing is open from **June 2 – June 22**. The Notice of Examination and filing package are available at [nyc.gov/dcas](http://nyc.gov/dcas) Or [www.mta.info/nyct](http://www.mta.info/nyct). If you wish to apply online, go to the DCAS Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required forms. Forms are also available at by going to the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services at the Applications Center at 2 Lafayette Street in downtown Manhattan. The Center is open Monday to Saturday (except holidays), from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Good Luck!

**Job Posting Note**

The **MTA Business Service Center (BSC)** has commenced posting positions to fill their needs for their 2011/2012 "Go Live" dates. It is our understanding that they will be seeking to fill approximately 160 non-represented positions and staff can apply from **June 1 - June 10**. Staff can access these BSC postings and find information about BSC application and selection process by visiting the MTA website at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) and clicking on "Employment" and "MTA Business Service Center." If you access the MTA website and you continue to

have problems accessing this information, please contact **Michelle Weakly** for further assistance

@ **347-643-8450**.

**June 4-June 28, 2010**

Assistant Chief Mechanical Officer, Operations Job Vacancy # 005445	Subways Division/Unit: Car Equipment	\$109,100 -\$163,700 (1192 Points)
Vice President and Chief Officer, Staten Island Railway Job Vacancy # 005458	Subways Division/Unit: Staten Island Railway	\$128,600 -\$192,900 (1578 Points)
Deputy Director, Budget Control Job Vacancy # 005459	Executive V.P. Division/Unit: Offc. Of Management & Budget	\$104,300 -\$156,500 (1096 Points)
Senior Director, Lower Manhattan Infrastructure Improvements Job Vacancy # 005463	Subways Division/Unit: Subways	\$94,500 -\$149,400 (A)

**May 28-June 21, 2010**

Superintendent, Maintenance Job Vacancy # 005443	Subways Division/Unit: Staten Island Railway	\$75,600 -\$119,400 (D)
Manager, Track and Infrastructure Support Job Vacancy # 005449	Subways Division/Unit: Track	\$71,500 -\$113,000 (E)
General Superintendent, Infrastructure Job Vacancy # 005451	Subways Division/Unit: Infrastructure	\$87,600 -\$138,500 (B)
General Superintendent, Track Construction/Maintenance Job Vacancy # 005455	Subways Division/Unit: Track & Infrastructure	\$87,600 -\$138,500 (B)

**May 21-June 14, 2010**

Superintendent, Maintenance Job Vacancy # 005443	Subways Division/Unit: Staten Island Railway	\$75,600 -\$119,400 (D)
Manager, Track and Infrastructure Support Job Vacancy # 005449	Subways Division/Unit: Track	\$71,500 -\$113,000 (E)
General Superintendent, Infrastructure Job Vacancy # 005451	Subways Division/Unit: Infrastructure	\$87,600 -\$138,500 (B)
General Superintendent, Track Construction/Maintenance Job Vacancy # 005455	Subways Division/Unit: Track & Infrastructure	\$87,600 -\$138,500 (B)

For more jobs information call Michelle Weakly at 347-643-8450. NYCT & MaBSTOA Examination Hotline: (718) 566-JOBS (5627). Positions Open to Public: [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) MTA NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

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