NYC DOT’s 4th Annual
Mobility Management Conference

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Baruch College, William & Anita Newman Conference Center
151 East 25th Street, New York, NY 10010
Conference Agenda

MORNING

9:00 a.m.  Registration

9:30 a.m.  Welcome Address
Denise Ramírez, NYC DOT

9:40 a.m.  Introduction to Opening Address
Charles Ukegbu, NYC DOT

9:45 a.m.  Opening Address
Henrika Buchanan-Smith, Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration, Region 2

10:15 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m.  Panel: The Role of Transportation in Health
Moderated by Arun Karpur, NYS PROMISE & Research Faculty, Cornell University

• Frederick Bowers, Federal Highway Administration
• Mark Simon, NYC Department of Transportation
• Susan Fowler, City Harvest
• Caryn Resnick, NYC Department for the Aging
• Stanley Zucker, InTandem
• Jonathan Lang, NYS Department of Health

NOON

12:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 p.m.  Introduction to Keynote Address: Michael Repogle, NYC DOT

1:05 p.m.  Keynote Address: Happy Cities: The Role of Transportation
Yingling Fan, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

2:00 p.m.  Break

2:15 p.m.  Mobility Management Coordination Workshop
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4:15 p.m.  Accessibility at NYC DOT
Quemuel Arroyo, NYC DOT

4:25 p.m.  Conference Adjourn
Denise Ramírez, NYC DOT

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Special Guests

Regional Administrator Henrika Buchanan-Smith, Federal Transit Administration, Region 2

Henrika Buchanan-Smith is the Acting Regional Administrator for FTA’s Region 2 office in New York. As Acting Regional Administrator, Ms. Buchanan-Smith has oversight responsibility for a portfolio of FTA-funded programs and projects in excess of $12 billion, with an average annual commitment of $2.5 billion. This portfolio includes the $8.1 billion East Side Access project, which brings the Long Island Rail Road trains into a new concourse at Grand Central Terminal, and the $4.7 billion Second Avenue Subway project that addresses capacity issues for the Lexington Avenue line. In addition, Ms. Buchanan-Smith provides leadership to the Lower Manhattan Recovery Office with oversight responsibility for the World Trade Center Transportation Hub and the Fulton Center.

Prior to her appointment as Acting Regional Administrator, Ms. Buchanan-Smith served as Associate Administrator for Program Management for FTA. In that capacity, she was responsible for administering over $10 billion in funding for fixed guideway capital investments, bus and bus facilities, state of good repair, transit asset management, public transportation emergency relief, enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities and urban and rural formula assistance. In addition, she was responsible for providing project management oversight to FTA’s major capital investment projects and developing procedures for managing and allocating $10.9 billion in Hurricane Sandy Relief funding.

Ms. Buchanan-Smith began her career in transportation in FTA’s Office of Communications and Congressional Affairs as a Presidential Management Fellow. A native of Hillsboro, Alabama, Ms. Buchanan-Smith received her B.A. in Political Science and Master’s in Urban and Regional Planning from Alabama A&M University. She received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and is a member of the Maryland Bar.

Deputy Commissioner Michael Replogle, NYC DOT

Michael Replogle is the Deputy Commissioner for Policy at the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT). At DOT, Michael spearheads policy development on key initiatives such as Vision Zero, accessibility, smart parking strategies, mobility, Select Bus Service, sustainability and resiliency, and asset management. Prior to his appointment at DOT, Michael served as Managing Director for Policy and Founder of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), working with cities around the world, including New York City, Washington DC, Portland Oregon, Beijing, Jakarta and several others as well as Multilateral Development Banks and UN agencies.
Keynote Speaker

Yingling Fan, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Yingling Fan is Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning and the Director of the Global Transit Innovations program at the University of Minnesota. Her research focuses on identifying and developing novel land use and transportation solutions to improve human health and social equity. Fan is Co-Principal Investigator of a $12 million dollar award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) that examines urban infrastructure solutions for environment sustainability and human health. With the award, Fan is pioneering a new way to measure emotional well-being and happiness of people in-the-moment as they experience the city. Fan’s work has been recognized by a number of awards. Fan held the title McKnight Land-Grant Professor (2012-2014)—a special award that honors the University of Minnesota’s most promising junior faculty. She received the 2014 President’s Community-Engaged Scholar Finalist Award from the University of Minnesota, the 2008 Pedestrian Committee Best Paper Award and the 2008 international Patricia F. Waller Award from the Transportation Research Board, Washington, DC. She is an Editor of the Journal of Transport and Land Use, an editorial board member of the International Journal of Sustainable Transportation, and an elected board member at the World Society for Transport and Land Use Research. Fan has a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor’s degree in Transportation Engineering from Southeast University, Nanjing, China.
Presenters’ Bios
(in alphabetical order)

Quemuel Arroyo, NYC DOT
Speaker

Quemuel Arroyo is the Policy Analyst for Accessibility and ADA Coordinator at the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT). At DOT, Quemuel oversees accessibility policy for the agency, ensuring that all programs and operations are inclusive and accessible to New Yorkers. He works closely with the senior management team in assessing the agencies’ policies on accessibility and where applicable, makes recommendations to enhance current practices.

Frederick Bowers, Federal Highway Administration
Panelist

Fred Bowers is a Community Planner with the FHWA, Office of Planning, HQ in Washington D.C. Fred has over 30 years in the transportation industry and has spent the last 10 years with FHWA. Fred holds a B. S. Degree in Urban Geography, a Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning and a Graduate Certificate in Multi Modal Systems Planning all from Arizona State University.

Susan Fowler, City Harvest
Panelist

Susan Fowler is the Staten Island Healthy Neighborhood manager for City Harvest. As part of her job, she signs people up for free produce distribution at two locations, Stapleton and Mariners Harbor, and troubleshoots transportation issues associated with the distributions and with food access in general.

Arun Karpur, Cornell University
Moderator

Trained as a medical doctor and an epidemiologist, I currently serve as an Extension Faculty at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations in the Yang Tan Institute. My research focuses on evaluation of workforce development and vocational rehabilitation programs, identifying causes and addressing health disparities among people with disabilities, and conducting evaluation research assessing the impact of international disability and rehabilitation programs. I specialize in quantitative evaluation methods including analysis of large extant administrative as well as survey data sets. I am highly interested in advancing theory-driven evaluation approaches. My research has been published in various education, healthcare and international journals.
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Jonathan Lang, NYS Department of Health
Panelist

Jonathan Lang is an Empire State Fellow with the Office of Health Insurance Programs within the New York State Department of Health. With a wide ranging portfolio, Jonathan’s responsibilities focus on interfacing with external stakeholders and strengthening the collaborative relationships with the Medicaid program’s many partners. This includes working with the Medicaid transportation team in identifying and resolving issues related to the management of Medicaid transportation by the State.

Denise Ramírez, NYC DOT
Speaker

Denise Ramírez is the Director of Metropolitan Planning & Grants within NYCDOT, which includes the Mobility Management Program. She joined NYCDOT in 2013. Her portfolio includes overseeing the planning coordination with the Metropolitan Planning Organization, management of the Traffic Information Management System, and coordination of Federal grants. Prior to that, she oversaw the Federal Transit Administration Grant Program for Nassau County. Denise began her career as a Mobility Management Program Coordinator in the South Bronx, for Phipps Community Development Corporation. Denise obtained her Masters in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University, the Bloustein School.

Caryn Resnick, NYC Department for the Aging
Panelist

Caryn B. Resnick was appointed as Deputy Commissioner to the New York City Department for the Aging on August 26, 2002. Ms. Resnick has more than 25 years of experience and leadership in the field of aging. Prior to joining the New York City Department for the Aging, Ms. Resnick was the Executive Director of Family and Community Services Inc. (FCS) a not-for-profit organization providing a range of services to families and individuals of all ages and backgrounds including early childhood education, home health care, and mental health programs located in Eastchester, New York.

Mark Simon, NYC Department of Transportation
Panelist

Mark Simon has served as Director of Alternate Fuel Programs for the NY City Department of Transportation since 1997. He designs and manages (along with his most excellent staff) 40 million dollars in federal grant programs to promote clean vehicle programs in the public and private sectors. His program experience is with diesel emissions control, electric vehicles, natural gas and biogas vehicles, biodiesel and ethanol and hydrogen. Prior to that, he worked at the NY City Department of Environmental Protection on mobile source emissions, environmental impact analysis and alternative fuels. In addition, Mark serves on the board of Empire Clean Cities. Mark has an MS in Public Administration from New York University Wagner and a BA from Earlham College.
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Charles Ukegbu, NYC DOT
Speaker

Charles Ukegbu is the Assistant Commissioner for Regional and Strategic Planning at NYCDOT, leading Metropolitan Planning and Grants, Freight Mobility, Alternative Fuels, and Special Projects units. He most recently served for a decade as Deputy Bronx Borough Commissioner, and prior to that was Executive Director for Policy, Technology and Management Analysis which included overseeing the Grants unit and representing the agency at the MPO. Before joining NYCDOT in 1998, Charles was the Mobility Program Manager for NYSDOT’s New York City office - coordinating interagency multimodal transportation demand management and system operation enhancement initiatives.

Stanley Zucker, InTandem
Panelist

Stanley Zucker is Executive Director of InTandem Cycling, a New York City based not-for-profit whose mission is to provide tandem cycling programs to people with disabilities. A corollary but equally important mission for us is to couple a tandem bike ride with a social, educational and/or cultural activity to provide enrichment for our members. Prior to this, Stanley had a 25-year career in the film production industry, owning a successful casting and production company in Los Angeles.
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