

Greetings CIUS Board Members and friends! This is our fifth edition of the CIUS

E-newsletter. This will be a short edition to wish you well for the holiday season and to catch up on various updates and pieces of new information of interest to the infrastructure community. Note that many of the groups or projects that we refer to are still in formative stages, much work is still in the discussion or planning stage. Please continue to send us your updates, comments and we will transmit them through this newsletter.

UPDATES ON POST SEPT 11 ACTIVITIES.

Our last edition was a "special edition" which focused on actions being taken by the infrastructure community since September 11, 2001. Below we try to give a brief update on subsequent developments.

Project & Organization In our last edition we discussed Governor Pataki's formation of a "Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Corporation" which would govern restoration and development below Houston Street from River to River. This "authority" will function as a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation governed by a nine-member board of directors, seven appointed by the Governor and four appointed by the Mayor. The corporation will have an advisory committee made up of business, labor and community leaders. Since that time John C. Whitehead, a former chairman of Goldman Sachs & Company and a one-time deputy secretary of state in the Reagan administration, has been appointed as chair of the new Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Corporation.

Recently the New York State Assembly sent two subcommittees, the Standing Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation and Commerce and Industry and the Committee on Small Business, to hold public hearings in Lower Manhattan re: the proposed Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Corporation. The first hearing was held on Thursday, December 6th, and focused on the economic impact of the September 11 tragedy. The second hearing was held on Friday, December 7th, and focused on the impact on tourism of the September 11 tragedy. On Monday, December 10, a third hearing was held that focused on issues related to infrastructure.

Project & Organization: The American Planning Association, (APA) New York Metro Chapter held its Annual Planning Conference on Thursday, December 6, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 P.M., at the Baruch College Conference Center. This year's special theme was "WTC and Beyond - Challenges Facing Planners". There were several panels of interest, including one on "Paying for Mega-Projects" moderated by CIUS director, Dr. Robert E. Paaswell.

Further information: go to <http://www.planning.org>, or call the APA Metro Chapter office at (212)-228-7875.

INITIATIVES VIA THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY) SYSTEM

- CUNY Urban Consortium, coordinated by the Newman Real Estate Institute at Baruch College, includes centers, institutes, scholars, academic programs and departments from throughout the CUNY system.
- The Consortium is a new effort to use the diverse talents within the CUNY system to address major planning and urban issues in the NYC region.

Project & Organization: On February 8, The Consortium will host an all day conference on the issue of rebuilding Lower Manhattan. Presentations are by CUNY members and key officials who will lead the rebuilding process.

For further information: contact the coordinator at (212)-802-5945.

- CUNY Institute for Urban Systems (CIUS). Our own institute focuses on issues and problems related to "infrastructure." Its themes include: integration of new technologies, the roles of institutions and the growing problems of revenue and finance.
- Project & Organization: A brief, Approaches to redevelopment, WTC, lower NYC and the Region, written by CIUS Director Robert E. Paaswell, emphasizes applying strategic planning to rebuilding the infrastructure of Lower Manhattan. This document is meant to provoke a response and create an ongoing public open dialogue about the strategic planning process related to rebuilding Lower Manhattan. This dialogue is now in the process of being posted on the City College website: <http://www.ccnycunyu.edu/cius>. All responses should be sent to: cius@ccny.cuny.edu

We will email further details re: the URL of the website and other related matters in the next E-Newsletter.

- Conference on rebuilding Lower Manhattan: CIUS will host it's own special conference on issues related to rebuilding Lower Manhattan, some time after the Urban Consortium conference Date to be announced.

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- John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Project & Organization: Urban Hazards Forum, January 22-24, 2002, John Jay College (CUNY), New York City Plenary session, and three concurrent working sessions: Catastrophic events; Terrorism; Mitigation.

This meeting is being sponsored by FEMA in a grant to Professor Charles Jennings at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

To present at the Urban Hazards meeting, send abstracts to Professor Victor Goldsmith (vfg@hunter.cuny.edu)

For more information: <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/urbanhazardsforum>

UPDATES ON CIUS BOARD MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Robert E. Paaswell (Director of CIUS) and Jose Holguin-Veras (CIUS board member) received a National Science Foundation Grant to study the impact of the events of September 11 on travel behavior. The Grant was one of a few select studies chosen by NSF to investigate the impacts of this extreme terrorist event. Many of the NSF studies are investigating the structural response, the impacts of the fires and the organization of response to the event. These were discussed in a two-day Invitational Conference held at NYU on December 12, 13. The CIUS study team also includes Dr. Ann Marie Yali, Assistant Professor of Psychology at CUNY.

The team will investigate the changes in factors leading to choice of mode as well as workplace based upon a response to September 11. It will also investigate how these choices might change as time from the event grows. The team will have the cooperation of local transportation agencies in structuring the study and collecting the information needed.

The City College Architectural Center (CCAC) under the direction of CIUS board member Ethan Cohen, has recently received a commitment for funding over a two year period from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The grant will support CCAC's efforts in providing technical assistance in design and planning to community organizations.

CIUS board member Ross Weiner of the City College Economics Department, recently completed a study (with Dr. Claire McKnight professor of Civil Engineering at City College and staff member of University Transportation Research Center (UTRC), also at City College) re: business relocation to New Jersey (mainly from New York). The study examined the role of transportation infrastructure in shaping firms' relocation decisions. Access to major highway and rail corridors was found to play a major role for firms making relocation choices

CULTURAL EVENTS EXHIBETS

In the coming months there will be four main exhibits at the New York Historical Society of interest to CIUS members and friends

The first Three are related to the tragedy of September 11 and the history of the World Trade Center. The fourth exhibit will be a special exhibit devoted to "Infrastructure" in honor of the 150th anniversary of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The History Responds Project at The New-York Historical Society

I) Exhibition:

New York September 11 by Magnum Photographers

November 20, 2001 - February 25, 2002

On September 11, 2001, and the days afterward, the legendary photographers of the Magnum Agency documented the events in New York City. Over a period of two weeks, they captured moving photo essays about the immediate impact of the planes; the collapse of the towers and eerie aftermath; and the grief that enveloped the city. The

New-York Historical Society will display a selection of these photographs in the exhibition New York September 11, accompanied by a book of the same name. A portion of both book sales and ticket admission will go to the New York Times 9-11 Neediest Fund.

II) Exhibition:

Missing: The Streetscape, Soundscape and Wordscape of a City in Mourning

February 5 — May 26, 2002

The exhibition Missing, displays the work of City Lore in documenting the numerous spontaneous shrines, memorials and other demonstrations of grief and memorializing that have sprung up all over New York City since the tragedy of September 11. This exhibit originally appeared at the Municipal Art society during the fall of 2001, but will move to the NY

Historical Society in an expanded form in February 2002 Photographer Martha Cooper has documented the public memorials throughout the five boroughs, and especially in key public spaces like Union Square Park. City Lore has also collected "found" poems, some of them incorporating scraps of paper that floated down in the wake of the World Trade Center collapse.

II) Exhibition:

Monument: The World Trade Center

An exhibition mounted at the Historical Society by the Skyscraper Museum <http://www.skyscraper.org/> March 4 — May 26, 2002

The exhibition Monument: The World Trade Center tells the story of the planning, design and construction of what was in its day the world's tallest building. By reconstructing the history of the Twin Towers, the exhibition attempts to help New Yorkers come to terms with the loss of this landmark. An exhibition long in the planning, Monument becomes even more meaningful in the aftermath of September 11.

IV) Exhibition:

Infrastructure

May 21 — September 15, 2002

This exhibit is meant to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Collapse of the World Trade Center, and its effect on life in the city has awakened new interest among New Yorkers in the infrastructure on which their survival depends. This exhibition's real-life approach will surprise the public by demonstrating that infrastructure is much more than a network of beams, pipes and roadways. Infrastructure encompasses not only technological processes but also the social processes behind its creation.

This exhibit will be curated by Greg Dreiser, noted author and architectural historian (formerly of the National Building Museum), and CEO of "Chicken and Egg" company in LIC. To view Mr. Dreiser's work you can go to his company website: <http://www.chickenandegg.org/home.html>

You can contribute to the substantial task before us by pointing out relevant information from your organizations and work. We hope to hear from you! Please contact us at: cius@ccny.cuny.edu