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Regional Plan Association (RPA) is an independent regional planning organization that improves the quality of life and the economic competitiveness of the 31-county, New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region through research, planning, and advocacy. Since 1922, RPA has been shaping transportation systems, protecting open spaces, and promoting better community design for the region's continued growth. We anticipate the challenges the region will face in the years to come, and we mobilize the region's civic, business, and government sectors to take action.

RPA's current work is aimed largely at implementing the ideas put forth in the Third Regional Plan, with efforts focused in five project areas: community design, open space, transportation, workforce and the economy, and housing. For more information about Regional Plan Association, please visit our website, www.rpa.org.

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New York City
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2009 Regional Assembly



The Day's Agenda

8:00 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:45 WELCOME

Thomas K. Wright, *Executive Director, Regional Plan Association*

Christopher O. Ward

Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey & Chair, 2009 Regional Plan Association Regional Assembly

9:05 MORNING KEYNOTE

Morning Keynote

The Hon. Edward G. Rendell

Governor of the State of Pennsylvania

9:30 PLENARY PROGRAM

An Introduction to America 2050

Petra Todorovich, *Director, America 2050*

Panel: Beyond Stimulus

Moderated by

Jonathan Capehart, *Editorial writer, Washington Post*

Panelists

The Hon. Robert Menendez, *U.S. Senate (D-NJ)*

The Hon. Janette Sadik-Khan, *Commissioner,*

New York City Department of Transportation

The Hon. Ron Sims, *King County Executive*

The Hon. David M. Walker, *CEO, The Peterson Foundation*

Robert D. Yaro, *President, Regional Plan Association*

10:45 WORKSHOPS

12:30 LUNCHEON

Peter W. Herman, *Chair, Regional Plan Association*

1:00 LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Presentation of Regional Plan Association's Lifetime Leadership Award, honoring

Richard Ravitch, presented by:

The Hon. David A. Paterson

Governor of the State of New York,

Christopher O. Ward, Chair, 2009 Regional Assembly &

Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and

Robert D. Yaro, President, Regional Plan Association

Luncheon Keynote

Mark Zandi

Chief Economist and Co-founder, Moody's Economy.com

TRANSPORTATION

ASTOR

Transportation Projects in an Economic Downturn

The severe economic turmoil is making it difficult for transit agencies to maintain service and for state and local governments to fund needed capital projects. Meanwhile, we are confronting a new century's challenges, including climate change and global economic integration with an aging transportation infrastructure. These challenges demand a rethinking of federal transportation policy. The panel will discuss how federal policy can support the local and regional financing options for building and maintaining transportation infrastructure and funding transit systems.

MODERATOR

Ira Levy

Northeast Region Chief Executive, AECOM USA, Inc.

PANELISTS

Joseph Marie

Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation

The Hon. Jerrold Nadler

U.S. House of Representatives (D-NY)

Richard Ravitch

Chairman, Commission on Metropolitan Transit Authority Financing

The Hon. Janette Sadik-Khan

Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation

Richard Sarles

Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT

Polly Trottenberg

Executive Director, Building America's Future

WATER

WEST FOYER

Blue Gold: Economic and Environmental Returns from Water Infrastructure Investment

The federal stimulus dollars aimed to upgrade our water and wastewater infrastructure must be allocated in a way that yields substantial returns both economically and environmentally. This panel will explore four smart, economically productive and forward-thinking areas of opportunity for investment: restoring wetlands and floodplains to combat the flooding caused by global warming, identifying the relationship between sewer investment and smart growth in the suburbs, repairing and upgrading our inefficient drinking water infrastructure, and collecting stormwater in urban areas in innovative ways, including greenways, "sponge parks" and green roofs.

MODERATOR

Christopher J. Daggett

Principal, JM Sorge, Inc.

PANELISTS

Alex Matthiessen

Hudson Riverkeeper & President

Betsy Otto

Vice-President, Strategic Partnerships, American Rivers

Margie Ruddick

Landscape Planner/Designer, Wallace Roberts Todd

Carter Strickland

Senior Policy Advisor for Air and Water, New York City's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability

ENERGY

LOUIS XVI

(Green) Power to the People

In order to realize our nation's renewable energy and efficiency potential, significant upgrades to our electricity transmission and delivery systems are necessary. "Smart grids," the energy infrastructure of the 21st century, will dramatically change how electricity producers and end users interact. They can also tap into the renewable energy sources located in diverse corners of the nation. This infrastructure, along with renewable generation and demand-management technologies, will need to be deployed on a large scale to meet our nation's energy needs while limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

This panel's speakers – experts in energy supply, delivery and regulation – will discuss what progress is being made toward renewable generation and a smart grid, future hurdles and opportunities, and why reformulating the nation's electricity system is essential to the next economy.

MODERATOR

Dylan Hixon

President, Arden Road Investments

PANELISTS

Rodney Dickens

Vice President, Asset Management & Centralized Services, PSE&G

Mark Hura

General Manager, Americas Region and Global Sales for Transmission and Distribution, GE Energy

Arthur Kressner

Director of Research and Development for Power Supply, ConEd

Peter D. Mandelstam

Founder and President, Bluewater Wind

Alan Noguee

Clean Energy Program Director, Union of Concerned Scientists

HOUSING

BASILDON

Housing Policy and the New Economy

Housing and homeownership have played a unique role in the fulfillment of the "American dream." More recently, home ownership – and the loan practices leading to it – have played a key role in the collapse of the global capital markets. Now this part of the nation's economy is facing a fundamental realignment. In the aftermath of this crisis, what are political leaders, finance institutions and developers doing to restructure the industry, stabilize home equity and stave off foreclosures? And what policies, investments and regulations should be considered now to ensure that the next generation of housing promotes more affordability, greater diversity, better alignment to transit and jobs, and higher energy efficiency performance?

MODERATOR

Fernando Ferrer

Co-Chairman, Fleishman-Hillard

PANELISTS

Toni Griffin

Director of Community Development, City of Newark

Ingrid Gould Ellen

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Urban Planning and Co-Director, Furman Institute, New York University

The Hon. Ron Sims

King County Executive

Timothy J. Touhey

Executive Vice President, New Jersey Builders Association

ECONOMY

JADE

Building the Foundations for Recovery

Every recession carries the seeds of its own recovery. New York City's steep downturn in the 1970s spurred the fiscal reforms and investments in transit and housing that allowed the city to recover, escape the worst of the 1981-82 national recession, and set the stage for strong growth in the 1980s and beyond. The region-wide recession of the early 1990s left behind underutilized human and physical capacity that led to the growth of new technology industries in both the city and the suburbs, and to an urban revival that reinvigorated neighborhoods from the South Bronx and Central Brooklyn to downtown Newark and Stamford.

The current economic crisis is upsetting several long-held assumptions about the tri-state region – the ability of financial services to drive an ensuing "boom" following its periodic "busts," faith in the long-term value of housing and other real estate, and the continued resurgence of our urban centers. How will the economic profile and geography of the region change as a result of the recession, and what do we need to do now to create a robust, sustainable recovery?

MODERATOR

Timur Galen

Managing Director, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

PANELISTS

Brad Abelow

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Marisa Lago

President and CEO, Empire State Development Corporation

The Hon. Robert Lieber

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