

PUBLIC COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

Mass Transit:

General

- Incorporate school bus system with the public bus system and teach children to use the mass transit system.
- Make mass transit travel times competitive with auto travel times.
- Give incentives to get people to use mass transit.
- Build a high speed transit system with limited stops.

Long Island Rail Road

- The LIRR should run more off-peak trains.
- The LIRR should provide more intra-island service.
- Railroad and bus schedules should be coordinated.
- Re-open closed LIRR stations (e.g., Center Moriches).
- Improve bus connections to the LIRR stations.
- Reduce parking spaces at the LIRR stations to encourage alternative modes of travel.
- The LIRR should operate single-car “scoot” service during the midday to accommodate intra-island travel.
- The clearance height in Penn Station cannot accommodate freight trains.
- ***Free railroad and bus trips should be offered to encourage transit use.***
- The LIRR should improve the customer information system (e.g., information about service delays).
- Improve security at the LIRR stations.
- Make train trips more comfortable (e.g., temperature, seating).
- Maintain reasonable transit fares.
- Improve comfort level on platforms (e.g., shelters, canopies, seating).
- Provide more frequent service to the east end of Long Island.
- Offer bicycle cars on weekend trains during warm weather months.
- Install high level platforms on “East End” stations.
- Provide north/south connections.
- Increase rail capacity on the LIRR (e.g., install switches to allow express trains).

Long Island Bus

- ***LI Bus should investigate the use of electric buses.***
- Better information about bus service is needed (e.g., schedules, routes).
- Bus schedules and route maps should be posted at all bus stops.
- Information regarding local bus routes should be provided to each town or

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neighborhood.

Roadway

- Improve highway signage. Upcoming exits should be listed in advance of the location.
- ***Build roadways parallel to existing highways to ease congestion (e.g., parallel to the Southern State Parkway).***
- Educate the trucking industry to provide better travel information to truck drivers (e.g., maps, specific directions, destination address).
- Improve street signage (e.g., use larger street-name signs).
- Improve roadway accident response times.
- Designate roadside pull-off areas to minimize traffic congestion after accidents.
- Require push bumpers on police cars to facilitate quick removal of accident vehicles from the roadway.
- The proposed lane width, under the bridges, in the HOV project may be too narrow and causes additional congestion.
- ***Prohibit school buses from the Parkways and Expressways.***

General

- New York State should encourage large employers to relocate on Long Island.
- Promote the use of smaller cars for local travel.
- ***Require responsive taxi service.***
- Install people movers at node points (e.g., airports, shopping centers) that can accommodate persons with packages. This would facilitate peripheral parking lots.
- Increase parking at node points.

- Build a privately financed bridge or tunnel from Sunken Meadow Park to Connecticut (Norwalk).
- Install and maintain sidewalks to promote pedestrian activities.
- Encourage business-owned vanpool services.
- Promote a program that encourages odd/even driving days.
- Require the consideration of zoning and transit compatibility issues for all new land use developments.

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