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Google makes getting around New York City easier

The Internet giant has teamed with the MTA for online transit service.

New York's commuter transit system just got a little easier to navigate. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and Google Inc. have unveiled a new online service to help customers find their way around the region's web of buses and trains.

The new web site, which went live on September 23, provides point-to-point public transportation information and navigation across all of New York's subway, bus and rails systems. The free online transit service can be accessed from the MTA Web site as well as Google Maps and Google Transit sites. The Mountain View, Calif.-based search giant is funding the site, which does not carry advertisements.

The Google Transit service is the first New York online transit guide to include information from all regional transportation systems: Long Island Bus, Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North Railroad, New Jersey and New York Transit, the Port Authority's AirTrain and Staten Island Ferry. It also includes street-level views, photos of popular destinations, search function for local businesses and time schedules.

More people—8 million to 9 million—take mass transit each day than fly on airplanes in a year, noted Governor David Paterson during a morning press conference at Grand Central Station introducing the service.

The MTA, which faces mounting fiscal challenges, has been using the Internet to encourage New Yorkers and tourists to boost their use of public transportation. About two years ago, the MTA launched Trip Planner, a local online transit guide which includes only the New York City subway and bus maps and directions.

The Google service was two years in the making, according to Tom Sly, Google's new business development manager. Google Transit launched in 2005 and since has provided transportation information for 70 cities in 10 different countries, including major cities such as Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco.



News from PMI NYC Chapter

The New York City chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMINYC) has updated their website. The new website builds on the improvements introduced in the last site with additional enhancements: A new layout highlighting areas of interest FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions section Front page listing of meetings and workshops for the next two months Front page Career Corner (job postings) area.

October meetings will include:

- Mon, October 6 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Chapter Dinner Meeting; Speaker: Hortense Howell-Barber; Topic: Role Driven Planning; Location - Microsoft Office, 1290 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Ave) between W 51st and W 52nd Streets, 6th Floor.
- October 15th (Wednesday), 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Dinner Meeting; Speaker – Mark Kozak-Holland; Topic – Project Lessons from the Great Escape; Location - Microsoft Office, 1290 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Ave) between W 51st and W 52nd Streets, 6th Floor.
- October 22 (Wednesday), 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.; Speaker - Bruce MacIsaac; Topic: Portfolio Management, RUP and Project Management; Location - Microsoft Office, 1290 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Ave) between W 51st and W 52nd Streets, 6th Floor.

- October 23 (Thursday), 5:00 – 9:30 p.m.; Speaker – Sean Pales; Topic – Microsoft Project Server 2007 Workshop; Location - Microsoft Office, 1290 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Ave) between W 51st and W 52nd Streets, 6th Floor.
- October 24 (Friday), 5:00 – 9:30 p.m.; Workshop: Microsoft Project Portfolio Server 2007 Workshop: Strategic Planning and Project Selection; Speaker – Sean Pales; Location - Microsoft Office, 1290 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Ave) between W 51st and W 52nd Streets, 6th Floor.

There is a cost for each of these events, with PMI members receiving discounts. Visit the chapter website for additional information.

PMINYC is the New York City Chapter of PMI, the Project Management Institute. The Chapter provides a venue to allow Project Managers, and those interested in the Project Management profession to network with other professionals. The Chapter offers numerous programs to enhance the development of Project Management Professionals. For more information, visit <http://www.pminyc.org/>.



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