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NYCDOT Considers Rule Change for Oversized Hauls

The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) has proposed an important **rule change** that would **allow oversized and overweight trucks hauling sealed shipping containers to travel to or from New Jersey across the Goethals Bridge to or from Howland Hook Global Container Terminal (GCT-NY) in Staten Island** on a legal, safe route along the streets of New York City, without adversely impacting roadways and neighborhoods that are not designed for this cargo. **The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers strongly supports this rule change, and encourages its members to submit comments to the DOT in favor of this proposal.** (see below)

Due to roadway design and geometric constraints, existing NYCDOT regulations prohibit trucks weighing more than 80,000 pounds and trucks that are longer than 55 feet in total length from using portions of certain highways, except when they receive appropriate permit(s).

The **proposed rule** would expand the transportation network through designated routes in Staten Island to permit trucks hauling sealed shipping containers to operate safely and legally on New York City streets. This would:

- Provide a clearly defined, safe route for drivers to haul sealed containers to and from Howland Hook GCT, exclusively using specified highways and streets; and
- Permit trucks that are up to 73-1/2 feet in length that are carrying sealed shipping containers to weigh up to 90,000 pounds to utilize the specified route.

The Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017** at 1:00pm at 55 Water Street, Bid Room, Concourse Level. (The Bid Room is located on the SE corner of 55 Water St facing the NYC Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza.) You may attend the hearing to provide your comments in person. To sign up before the hearing, call 212-839-6500. You may also sign up in person at the hearing room before the hearing starts. Commenters are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes.

Members are encouraged to submit comments of support for this **proposed rule change via the following methods:**

- Through the NYCDOT website: <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/content/dot-staten-island-container-truck-rule>
- Email your comments to rules@dot.nyc.gov
- Commissioner, Regional & Strategic Planning, 55 Water Street, 6th Flr., NY, NY 10041
- Fax your comments to Mr. Ukegbu at 212-839-7188

All comments must be submitted by 1pm, Wednesday, December 6th.

SCI's Port Packing Day 2017 Sets A New Record



SCI Director Stephen Lyman
with Bi-State Executive
Director Dick Jones

The [Seamen's Church Institute](#) hosted its annual Port Packing Day event on November 2nd. Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers Executive Director Dick Jones was on hand to pack up boxes of holiday cheer, which will be distributed to seafarers who will be spending the holidays away from their families.

Gift items include hand knit hats, gloves, and scarves donated through the [Christmas At Sea](#) program, as well as travel-sized toiletries, candy, and other holiday treats. A total of 1,492 bags were packed—a new record!

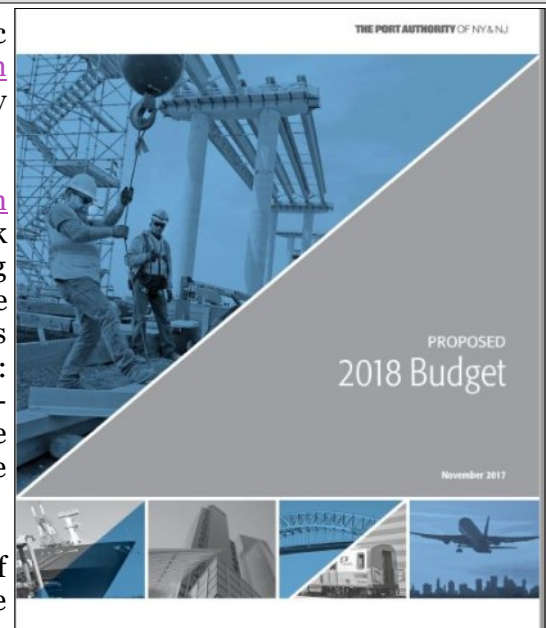
Representatives from throughout the port community took part in the annual event, including participants from Port Newark Container Terminal, the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, USMX, APM Terminals-Elizabeth, New York Shipping Association, Maher Terminals, East Coast Warehouse & CES, the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, and the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers.

PANYNJ 2018 Budgets Posted; Public Comments due by 12/5

Earlier this month, the Port Authority of NY & NJ released for public review and comment the agency's proposed [2018 \\$3.2 billion Operating Budget](#) for ongoing operations, maintenance and security at all agency facilities.

The agency also posted for review a proposed [2018 \\$3.4 billion Capital Budget](#) that includes significant state-of-good-repair work at its tunnels, bridges, airports and PATH system, while investing in major projects to replace aging facilities with modern, state-of-the-art infrastructure and provide for future growth. This includes \$432 million for upgrades to Trans-Hudson crossings, including: further advancement of the Bayonne Bridge National Clearance Program construction; continued construction on the Goethals Bridge replacement; and the commencement of components of the George Washington Bridge suspender rope replacement program.

The proposed budgets will be up for action at the Board of Commissioner's December 7th meeting. Written comments can be submitted at publiccomments@panynj.gov through December 5, 2017. Comments can also be made at the Board of Commissioner's December 7 meeting



For details on the proposed budgets, visit the PANYNJ website at www.panynj.gov or click the photo above.

GenSet Pool Discount Offer Exclusively for Bi-State Members



GenSet Pool is offering an exclusive discount for Bi-State Members: three free usage days when you pick up a genset/chassis combo out of their Woodbridge location. [CLICK HERE](#) for details or

visit our website (www.bistatemotorcarriers.com, choose the Membership tab, and scroll down to Discount Offers). For more information, contact Jeff Pearson at jeff@gensetpool.com, 732-546-6241.

Legislative Update: Post-Election Wrap-Up

On November 7th, Democratic candidate **Phil Murphy** was elected to serve as the next Governor of the State of New Jersey, defeating Republican candidate Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno. **Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver** will step down from her role in the Assembly (District 34) to serve as both Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

Other Election Day results of note: Former Assemblyman **Joseph Cryan** will take over the Senate seat vacated by outgoing **Senator Ray Lesniak** in District 20 (Union, Hillside, Elizabeth & Roselle). He will serve alongside incumbents **Assemblywoman Annette Quijano** and **Assemblyman Jamel Holley**.

Also departing at the end of the current legislative session: **Assemblyman John Wisniewski**, long-time representative in District 19 (Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy, Woodbridge), who was recently honored by the Bi-State at its annual Awards Luncheon in recognition of his 22 years of public service.



Governor-elect Phil Murphy

The upset of the night occurred in District 11 (Monmouth County), where Democratic challenger **Vin Gopal** unseated incumbent Republican **Senator Jen Beck**.

Senator Steve Sweeney survived a vigorous challenge to win re-election in District 3, and will retain his role as Senate President. **Assemblyman Craig Coughlin** (District 19) will take the reins in the lower chamber after being endorsed by current **Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto** as his successor.

In other news: On November 9th, Senators Sweeney and Sarlo filed **S3502** (identical to S4042), a bill which **Directs the Governor to Withdraw from the compact establishing the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor**. The measure calls for the dissolution of the compact, and would transfer the commission's NJ operations to the NJ State Police. The bill was unanimously released from the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee on Monday, November 20th.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 7, 2017	Senate & Assembly Voting Sessions
Monday, December 18, 2017	Senate Voting Session
Thursday, January 4, 2018	Assembly Voting Session
Monday, January 8, 2018	Senate & Assembly Voting Sessions
Tuesday January 9, 2018	Senate Voting Session
	Organization of the 218th Legislature
	State of the State Address

New Road Named After Governor Christie in Morris Plains

Earlier this week, Governor Chris Christie and his wife, Mary Pat, were on hand at Central Park of Morris County in Morris Plains to break ground on a new access road that will bear his name. Governor Chris Christie Drive will allow cut-through access to facilities in the park, alleviating traffic on local streets.



JOC Hosts Port Performance North America Conference, Dec 12 & 13



PORT PERFORMANCE NORTH AMERICA CONFERENCE

The Journal of Commerce will host its annual Port Performance North America Conference on December 12 & 13 at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel. The theme this year: “Improving Port Performance Amid a Sea of Disruption.” Featured topics include: Extended Gates, Trucker

Appointments, Cargo Visibility, Chassis Dislocation, The Longshore Labor Landscape, and Shipper-Terminal Relationships.

Bi-State President Jeff Bader and PANYNJ Assistant Director of Port Commerce Bethann Rooney will be among the participants on the 9:30am panel, “New York-New Jersey: Adjusting to the New Mega Ships.” The panel will be moderated by Hugh Morley, Senior Editor at the JOC and frequent attendee at our monthly Bi-State meetings.

According to the Journal of Commerce, the objective for this year’s Port Performance North America Conference is “to bring together representatives of shipping lines, marine terminals, engineering companies, port authorities, importers and exporters, motor carriers and labor unions to identify best practices and options to improve productivity at container terminals that, at times, have become a bottleneck in the North American supply chain.” For more information, visit <https://events.joc.com/port-performance>

Join us for our next
General Member Meeting
Tuesday December 5th @ 1000 hours*
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ

Presentations Scheduled for December:

- Profit Tools: [Intermodal Optimization Platform](#)
- Chris Rotondo, USDOT, ELD Compliance

Visit our [website](#) for info on the [Benefits of Membership](#) and a [Membership Application](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 5	General Member Meeting
Dec. 12	First Night of Chanukah
Dec. 12-13	JOC.com Port Performance NA
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 1	New Year’s Day



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