

Commissioners Confirmed

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on June 6 announced that the State Senate unanimously confirmed the nominations of Port Authority Vice Chairman **Scott Rechler**, **Rossana Rosado**, and **James Rubin** to the PA Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Rechler will begin a new six-year term. He is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of RXR Realty LLC, a leading real estate operating and investment company in the New York tristate area.

Since 1999, Ms. Rosado has been Publisher and CEO of El Diario/La Prensa, the oldest Spanish-language daily newspaper in the Northeast.

Mr. Rubin is a commentator and lecturer on U.S. foreign policy and world affairs and is currently President of the Atlantic Partnership. He also serves as Counselor on Competitiveness and International Affairs at Empire State Development.



Scott Rechler



Rossanna Rosado



James Rubin

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About That 'Helix Fix'...

Deputy Executive Director **Bill Baroni** and Weehawken Mayor Richard Turner visited local residents in Weehawken on June 2 to share information and hear concerns about the Port Authority's Helix Fix project, a three-year effort starting in August to replace the roadway of the Route 495 approach to the Lincoln Tunnel.

Mr. Baroni and Mayor Turner, who conducted a similar round of visits in March, went door to door in the community to lay out the project's purpose, construction schedules, and duration.

They also discussed its benefits, which include improved riding surface and safety, reduced delays for periodic maintenance, and a large boost in economic activity – 470 job-years, \$27 million in wages, and \$123 million in economic activity over the

life of the project.

More information about the project is available at www.panynj.gov/thehelixfix.



Mr. Baroni (right) and Mayor Turner discuss the Lincoln Tunnel Helix Rehabilitation Project with a local resident during a door-to-door visit in March.

PA Awards \$450 Million to M/W/SBES

The Port Authority awarded \$450 million in contracts to minority-owned, women-owned, and small businesses in 2011, representing 18.5 percent of all agency contract awards that year. The 18.5 percent participation rate exceeded the agency's goal of 17 percent.

The \$450 million in awards came from PA direct contracts and subcontracts awarded for work at its facilities, as well as World Trade Center redevelopment project contracts and aviation tenant work.

These contracts resulted in significant economic benefits for

the Port District, including more than 3,800 jobs in the region, more than \$235 million in wages, and about \$755 million in regional economic activity.

In addition, the PA's program matches M/W/SBES with some of the region's leading construction companies to increase their ability to bid successfully on larger contracts. Twenty-six M/W/SBES participated in the Mentor-Protégé Program in 2011. Eight protégé firms were awarded PA contracts totaling approximately \$7.3 million.

Achievements

'Lifetime Achievement'

Retired PAPD Detective **Robert May** received the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Asian Federal Officers at the organization's 21st Annual Banquet and Awards Gala last month.

He was honored for his "several decades of excellent law enforcement work and unselfish service to his fellow officers and the communities he served."

Robert May (left) receives his award from U.S. Postal Service Special Agent Eric Lawson, the society's historian.



Perfect at EWR

Newark Liberty International and Teterboro airports on May 23 recognized 127 staff members who achieved perfect attendance in 2011.

New Jersey Airports General Manager **Huntley Lawrence** led the recognition ceremony, assisted by Plant, Structures & Redevelopment Manager **Virginia Trubek**, Airport Maintenance Services Manager **Ken Dulski**, and Airport Operations Manager **Diane Papaiani**.

John Geddes and **Al Kosakowski**, both with 29 consecutive years of perfect attendance, lead the two facilities, followed by **Jim Stamper** {26}, **Jeff Spruill** {25}, **Pat Bonner** {24}, **Steve DeSanto** {23}, **John McGee** {23}, and **Rosemary Albach** {21}.

Perfect in SPM

Seventeen Security Project Management staff members were recognized for perfect attendance in 2011 at a ceremony on May 18 at the Port Authority Technical Center.

"I am very proud that 81 percent of SPM staff achieved perfect attendance last year," said Director **John Drobny**. "Our employees take pride in their work, and they recognize that superior performance begins with coming to work every day."



Patricia Bonny

John Drobny (right) congratulates staff members on their year of perfect attendance. Program Manager Chuck Clinton (center, rear) leads the unit with 22 consecutive years.

Calendar

Diversity Summit

The Port Authority will hold its first Diversity and Inclusion Summit at Cooper Union, 7 E. 7th Street in Manhattan, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on June 14.

Its objective is to make the PA community aware of the benefits of diversity and the value of fostering an inclusive work environment. See Employee Bulletins for details.

Memorial Golf Outing

PATH's 4th Annual **Jim Reilly** Memorial Golf Outing is set for August 27 at Rossmoor Golf Course in Monroe Township.

All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association. See Employee Bulletins for details.

Annual Meeting

XCEL Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting, election, and dinner on June 21, 6 p.m., at the Sheraton-Lincoln Harbor Hotel in Jersey City. The dinner is free for all XCEL members. RSVP to events@xcelfcu.org

Jazz in Brooklyn

Retiree and jazz vocalist **Steve Cromity** will perform on June 10, 6 to 9 p.m., at Two Steps Down, 240 DeKalb Avenue at Vanderbilt Avenue. For more info, contact him at acorns4u@aol.com.

Jazz in Jersey

Retiree **Joe Frame** and his jazz ensemble Framework will perform in front of Metuchen Borough Hall on June 8 from 8:30 to 10 p.m. during Metuchen's Junebug ArtFest. Contact him at jframejr@msn.com for more details.

President to Visit WTC Site

President Barack Obama is scheduled to visit the World Trade Center site on June 14, where he will be briefed on construction progress. The president last visited the site in September to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Enterprise to Port Jersey



Tony Gwazdowski

Before making the last leg of its journey to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum on June 6, the space shuttle Enterprise underwent its final preparations at the Port Jersey-Port Authority Marine Terminal in Jersey City. The museum anticipates opening the shuttle exhibit to the public on July 19.

Small Fire Quickly Extinguished at One WTC

Construction workers quickly extinguished smoldering plywood on the 89th floor of One World Trade Center on June 1. Executive Director **Pat Foye** was at the scene, where he reported that construction workers used fire extinguishers, and the FDNY then doused the adjoining floors as a precaution. There were no injuries or structural damage and work on the site continued.