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Elliot G. Sander, Executive Director and CEO of MTA, to Address Area's Leading Business Advocacy Group, Jan. 30

Will Discuss Impact of State, MTA Budgets on Westchester, Proposed Fare and Toll Increases and Other Issues

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK (January 7, 2009) Elliot G. "Lee" Sander, Executive Director and CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), will address members and guests of The Westchester County Association (WCA) as part of the leading business advocacy group's Distinguished Speaker Series, 8:00-9:30 AM, Friday, January 30 at the New York Power Authority, 123 Main Street (enter on Hamilton Avenue only), White Plains.



Mr. Sander will focus on the following topics:

- The 2009 New York State and MTA budgets and how they may impact Westchester

- Proposed MTA fare and toll increases
- The rollout of the MTA Capital Plan and other issues.

There will be a Q&A session with Mr. Sander following his presentation.

Mr. Sander assumed the MTA's top position on January 1, 2007. He oversees the largest public transportation network and toll authority in North America which comprises seven agencies— New York City Transit, Long Island Rail Road, Metro North Railroad, MTA Bridges and Tunnels, MTA Bus Company, MTA Capital Construction, and Long Island Bus—and has approximately 70,000 employees, an annual operating budget of \$10 billion a \$22 billion, five- year capital budget and is responsible for the travel of 8.3 million transit customers and 1.4 million bridge and tunnel users daily. The MTA carries one-third of all the nation's users of mass transit, and two thirds of all the nation's rail riders.

Mr. Sander has more than 30 years of experience in the public, private, and academic sectors, where he has specialized in organizational “turn-arounds”, managing large capital projects and programs, and developing and implementing progressive transportation policy.

There is no charge for the presentation which includes continental breakfast. But online reservations are required at www.westchester.org. Seating is limited. For more information, please contact The WCA at 914-948-6444.

The event is sponsored by Plunkett & Jaffe Group and McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP and hosted by The New York Power Authority.

The Westchester County Association (www.westchester.org) is the preeminent business membership organization in Westchester County. The Association is committed to business advocacy, economic vitality and to providing a strong and clear voice for the interests of businesses on the regional, national and international levels. Its key objectives are: promoting positive economic development in the region; fostering business development; and providing its members with access and interaction with key public and private sector individuals, agencies and organizations.