

# Growing the Region

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## BRIEFS

NY/NJ Airports Post Double-Digit Growth During August 2012  
 Air passenger traffic in the New York metropolitan region [increased by 10.2 percent](#) in August compared to the same month last year, reaching 10.8 million passengers and breaking a five-year-old record for the busiest month ever for the [Port Authority's airport system](#). August also marked the best month ever for international traffic in the system, exceeding the 4-million passenger threshold for the first time in the system's history.

Port Authority to Fund Waterfront Park in Newark  
 The Port Authority Board of Commissioners Oct. 18 [approved a contribution of \\$1.3 million to Essex County](#) for the development of the Riverbank Park Extension in Newark. The site includes more than 12 acres of public open space and waterfront access along the banks of the Passaic River. The action by the Board continues an extensive Port Authority of New York and New Jersey initiative that [preserves open space habitat and wetlands](#) with public access on both sides of the Hudson River.



GWB Necklace Lights Glow Pink in October for Breast Cancer Awareness  
 The 156 LED necklace lights on the [George Washington Bridge](#) are shining pink during October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Established 28



*A rendering of Cortlandt Way at the World Trade Center.*

### Street Level Shopping Concourse Approved for Cortlandt Way at the World Trade Center Board Action Allows Construction of Retail Space to Begin

A major street-level shopping concourse, envisioned as a way to revitalize the street life in Lower Manhattan, will take shape on the World Trade Center site's Cortlandt Way.

At its monthly meeting Oct. 18, the Port Authority Board of Commissioners [approved an \\$11.1 million construction contract](#) with T.B. Penick & Sons Inc. to build Cortlandt Way. The street-level shopping concourse at the World Trade Center site will be a pedestrian walkway lined with retail space between Towers 3 and 4 and between Church and Greenwich streets. Work is scheduled to begin later this year, and when complete, the corridor will feature approximately 16,000 square feet of retail space.

Earlier this year, the Board authorized [a joint venture with the Westfield Group](#) - a major, global property owner - to develop, lease and operate up to 450,000 square feet of shopping and dining space at the World Trade Center site, including Cortlandt Way. Under the agreement, Westfield will invest \$612.5 million for a 50 percent share of the venture with the Port Authority.

years ago in order to heighten awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure, the color pink has become a symbol for Breast Cancer Awareness.

#### Did you Know?

You can [download an app](#) to your phone that will call the Port Authority Police hotline number. Remember, if you see suspicious activity or packages while you're traveling through Port Authority facilities, pick up the phone and report it by calling 800-828-PAPD (7273). "Stay alert. Be aware. Speak up."

#### Public Meetings

The next meeting of the Port Authority Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, November 15. Visit the Port Authority [website](#) to view minutes and actions from previous Board of Commissioners meetings and to view schedules for future meetings. [Webcasts](#) from the October 18 Board and committee meetings are also available online.



## High-Speed Taxiways Approved for Newark Liberty

On Oct. 18, the Port Authority commissioners [authorized a \\$31.5 million rehabilitation](#) of Taxiway P at [Newark Liberty International Airport](#). The project will include the realignment of two high-speed taxiways that will create more than 200 jobs, save an average of nearly \$10 million annually, and help aircraft maneuver to and from gates quicker. The action will minimize idling time, thus helping to reduce pollution by decreasing the amount of fuel being burned.

The 10,500-foot-long Taxiway P handles approximately 190,000 aircraft movements annually on a taxiway design that is more than five decades old. The rehabilitation work will include completion of two new high-speed taxiways for connections to adjacent Runway 4R-22L. It will accommodate both current and forecasted future aircraft fleet.

The new high-speed taxiways are part of larger efforts to reduce idling, taxiing and approach times of aircraft at Newark Liberty. These efforts include plans to keep planes at gates longer with a more precisely timed departure system, and use of NextGen satellite technology to improve the efficiency of flight operations.

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