

# Growing the Region

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## BRIEFS

### Solar Impulse 2 Picks JFK Airport as a Stopping Point on First "Round-the-World Flight"

Officials with the Port Authority and the Solar Impulse 2 experimental aircraft announced on Jan. 20 that the Solar Impulse 2, which this spring will undertake the world's first solar-powered around-the-world aircraft flight, will stop at JFK along its route likely in May or June.

Solar Impulse 2 will follow in the flight path of Solar Impulse 1, which landed at JFK in 2013 to end inaugural trans-America solar-powered flight.

For additional details, [read press release](#).

### Bayonne Bridge Periodic Daytime Off-Peak Weekday Closures to Begin Wednesday, February 4



**An 84-Ton Pier Capital Segment for the Bayonne**

## Port Authority Airports Set New Record With More Than 117 Million Passengers Traveling in 2014

More than 117 million passengers traveled through Port Authority airports in 2014, surpassing the record set in 2013 by more than three million fliers -- or a roughly 3 percent jump.

The increase in passenger traffic fuels regional economic growth, with an estimated additional 4,000 jobs and \$700 million in economic benefits whenever another million fliers are added to the airports' ranks.



Overall, passenger growth primarily was driven by international travel, which rose 6 percent, while domestic growth showed a 1.5 percent increase. Systemwide, there were 75.2 million international passengers, according to Port Authority estimates.

For additional details, [read press release](#).

## Port of New York and New Jersey Sets Annual Cargo Volume Record for 2014

On February 2, the Port Authority announced that annual cargo volumes in the Port of New York and New Jersey set a new record in 2014, surpassing the previous record set in 2012.

During the year, the

### Bridge

The Port Authority will implement its first six-hour daytime off-peak closure of the Bayonne Bridge on Wednesday, February 4, at 9 a.m., weather permitting.

Additional six-hour closures are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, February 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day.

For the latest Bayonne Bridge "Raise the Roadway" Project closures, [visit the Port Authority website](#).

### Did You Know?



*Holland Tunnel Interior*

If you are interested in historic photos of Port Authority facilities or events, you may find them in the Port Authority archives. Visit our [website](#) to view photos that are available for purchase.

### Public Meetings

The next meeting of the Port Authority Board of Commissioners will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 2 Montgomery St., Jersey City, NJ. A schedule of public meetings is published on the [Port Authority website](#).

[Minutes](#) of previous Board of Commissioners meetings as well as [webcasts](#) of the meetings are available online.

port handled 3,342,286 cargo containers, an increase of 5.4 percent over the previous year and 4.1 percent more than in 2012, when the previous annual record was established. The record volumes allowed the port to maintain its position as the busiest on the East Coast with nearly 30 percent of the total market share.



*Port Newark*

ExpressRail, the Port Authority's ship-to-rail system serving New York and New Jersey marine terminals, also set a new record, handling 465,405 containers during the year, up 9.3 percent over 2013.

For additional details, [read press release](#).

## Port Authority Selects Cushman & Wakefield as the Retail Agent for the Port Authority Bus Terminal

On January 26, the Port Authority selected Cushman and Wakefield, the global commercial real estate services firm, as the exclusive retail agent for the Port Authority Bus Terminal, located on 42nd Street and Eighth Avenue in the heart of Times Square.



*Main Floor of the Port Authority Bus Terminal*

Entering into a retail brokerage agreement with Cushman and Wakefield offers the Port Authority the opportunity to work with a team of experts, who are experienced in the real estate industry, and who will collaborate with the Port Authority to create and implement a strategy to enhance the retail offerings, optimize revenues at the Bus Terminal, and provide an improved customer experience for our commuters and the neighborhood.

For additional details, read [press release](#).

In addition, three transportation experts with deep roots in managing the operations, customer service and long-term strategic planning of critical regional transportation assets have been selected to lead the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Lincoln Tunnel.

Read [press release](#) for details.

## **Cross Harbor Freight Program Public Hearings Rescheduled and Public Comment Period Extended**

The last two public hearings to gather input on the Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Cross Harbor Freight Program have been rescheduled for February 25 on Long Island, and March 3, 2015 in Queens, and the public comment period has been extended and will remain open until 5 p.m. on March 20, 2015.



Comments may be provided in writing either at the public hearings, by mail or via email. Please [read press release](#) for specific details on times and locations of the public hearings and email and mailing addresses.

The DEIS is available to download at [www.crossharborstudy.com](http://www.crossharborstudy.com).

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