

# ***West of Hudson Regional Transit Access Study***

Presentation to  
The Stewart Airport Commission  
July 29, 2008

## **Organization of Project Team**

- Metro-North Railroad – Sponsor, along with Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- In collaboration with
  - New York State Department of Transportation
  - New Jersey Transit

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- FTA Federal Lead Agency

## Project Context

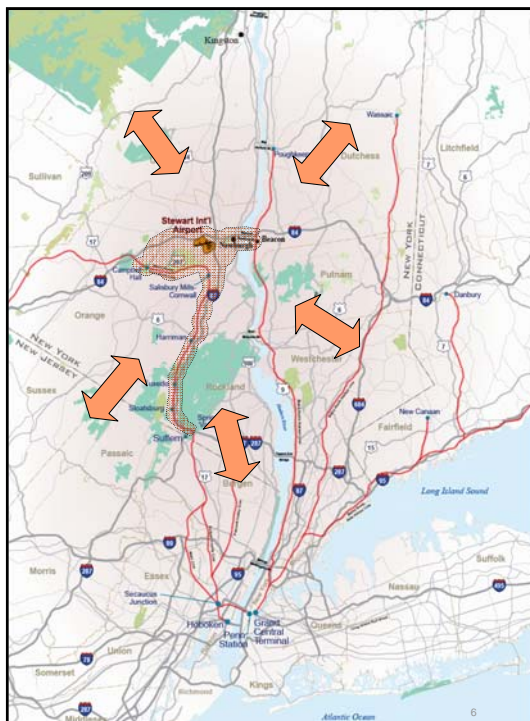
- Orange County - fastest population and employment growth
- Rapid Residential and Commercial Development
- Port Jervis Line - fastest growth in ridership
- Stewart Airport - key component for growth

## Background

- The Transit Access to Stewart Airport (SWF) Feasibility Study, sponsored by MNR and NYSDOT, was completed in December 2003, and recommended an AA/EIS as a next step.
- \$40 million authorized under SAFETEA-LU in 2005, for design and construction.

## Project Purpose

- Provide reliable and improved transit service to:
  - Improve mobility & transit access from West of Hudson region to Lower Hudson Valley & NYC
  - Improve transit access to Stewart Airport
  - Support regional economic growth
  - Encourage transit oriented development



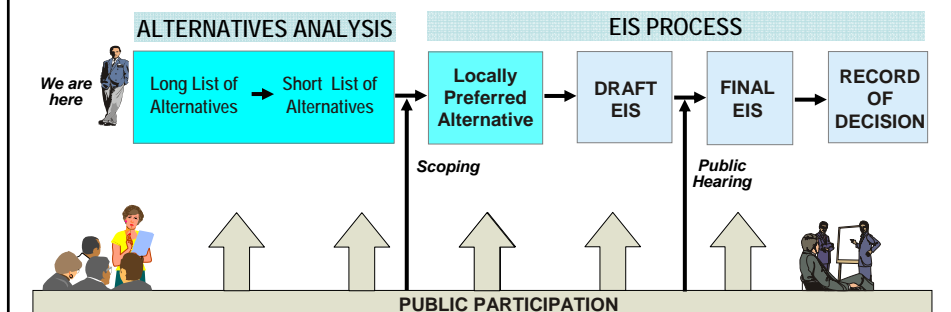
## Proposed Study Area

- General Study Area
- Project Limits

## Coordination with local planning efforts

- New Windsor Master Plan
- Newburgh Land Use & Transportation Study
- OCTC Long Range Transportation Plan
- Other agency studies & initiatives
- Planned NJT improvements
- Current ongoing residential and commercial development efforts

## Study Steps



## Current Activities

- Data collection
- Inventory of Existing Conditions
- Evaluation of Forecasting Models
- Market Surveys
- Mapping/GIS
- Develop Outreach Plan

## Next Steps

- Initiate Outreach
- Identification of long list of alternatives
- Development of screening criteria
- Analysis and screening of long list of alternatives
- Identification of short list of alternatives

## Public Outreach Strategy

- Continuous Collaboration & Coordination
- Meetings
  - Stakeholder briefings, Focus groups, Open Houses, Workshops
- Provide Feedback Mechanisms
  - Establish Point of contact for on-going dialogue and information exchange
  - On-line, Surveys
- Timely Information
  - Newsletters
  - Website

## Public Outreach - Participants

