

# NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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## A CHANGING CITY: WEATHER AND CLIMATE

*Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm*

According to a federal report released this month by the National Centers for Environmental Information, this winter was the warmest on record in the contiguous United States. With a warming climate likely to raise sea levels and generate more extreme weather, superstorms like Sandy may no longer be once-in-a-lifetime occurrences. Looking ahead, MTA engineers, scientists, policy makers, and emergency planners must work together to navigate these changes and their impact on New York's transit system. On Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, join Earth and Environmental Scientist Adam Sobel at the New York Transit Museum for an engaging discussion on our changing climate, extreme weather, and its effects on transportation infrastructure.

**Adam Sobel** is an atmospheric scientist and Columbia University professor who specializes in the dynamics of climate and extreme weather events. Sobel was a prominent voice in local and national media in the days before, during, and after the landfall of Superstorm Sandy. In addition to authoring and co-authoring over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, Sobel wrote the book [\*Storm Surge: Hurricane Sandy and Our Changing Climate\*](#). He holds a Ph.D. in Meteorology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and currently serves as director of the Initiative on Extreme Weather and Climate at Columbia University.

Tickets are available at <http://bit.ly/AChangingCity> for \$10 (free for Museum members). Visit [www.mta.info/museum/programs](http://www.mta.info/museum/programs) for more information on Transit Museum programs and to purchase tickets.

**New York Transit Museum** programs explore the history, ingenuity, and inner workings of the transit system that is the lifeblood of our region. *AfterHours* at the Transit Museum provides an extended opportunity to explore the museum and features panels and programs with experts from the MTA, and the design, urban planning, and engineering fields – all set against the backdrop of the Museum's 1936 decommissioned subway station.

*A Changing City: Weather and Climate* is presented in conjunction with **Bringing Back the City: Mass Transit Responds to Crisis**, now on display at the Transit Museum in Downtown Brooklyn. Some of the exhibition's content, including videos and images, as well as details regarding panels and tours, are available at [www.BringingBacktheCity.com](http://www.BringingBacktheCity.com).

### **ABOUT BRINGING BACK THE CITY:**

The New York Transit Museum's exhibition, *Bringing Back the City: Mass Transit Responds to*

*Crisis*, offers a unique perspective on the vital, often unseen, work of New York's transit employees. Using the events of 9/11, the 2003 Northeast Blackout, Hurricane Sandy and other severe weather events as examples, the exhibition reveals the critical role that mass transit personnel play in preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters. Through a vibrant display of objects, photographs, media, and personal accounts, the exhibition highlights the technical and professional skills needed to restore public transportation service and get New Yorkers moving again after crisis strikes.

**ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:**

The New York Transit Museum, one of the city's leading cultural institutions, is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York metropolitan region through the presentation of exhibitions, tours, educational programs and workshops dealing with the cultural, social and technological history of public transportation. Since its inception more than a quarter century ago, the Museum – which is housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Downtown Brooklyn – has grown in scope and popularity. The New York Transit Museum operates a Gallery Annex in Grand Central Terminal that presents changing exhibitions. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation networks, the Museum strives to share through its public programs their rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

**What:** A CHANGING CITY: WEATHER AND CLIMATE

**When:** Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00)

**Where:** New York Transit Museum  
Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street

**Admission:** \$10/Free for Museum members

**Tickets:** <http://bit.ly/AChangingCity>  
Complimentary press passes available.

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