Pattern for Progress is gathering federal, state and local experts to discuss regional infrastructure issues for a half-day infrastructure conference 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, at Anthony’s Pier 9, New Windsor.

The morning will open with Congressman Sean Maloney who serves on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to give the federal perspective. Joan McDonald, commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation, will speak about transportation infrastructure in New York. A panel of local municipal officials, engineering experts and water resource specialists will discuss water and wastewater infrastructure issues. New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli will speak during lunch on how government finances are impacting infrastructure in New York State.

Graham Trelstad of the planning and engineering firm AKRF and Pattern for Progress infrastructure specialist March Gallagher will provide opening remarks at the conference in order to frame the issues the region is now facing in infrastructure.

Event sponsors include the Port Authority of NY & NJ, Advance Testing, The Chazen Companies, AKRF, Barton & Loguidice, Holt Construction, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Tectonic Engineering, and United Water. Sponsors of the 50th anniversary year at Pattern for Progress and of this event include Westchester Medical Center, Sterling National Bank and Crystal Run Healthcare.

The May 18 conference includes continental breakfast and a buffet lunch. Admission is $60 for members; $70 for non-members and $35 for municipal or school officials and employees. Sponsorships are available. Please call the Pattern office at 845-565-4900 or email rdegroat@pfprogress.org for information, or see pattern-for-progress.org.

Michael Welti Joins Staff

Michael A. Welti, AICP, has joined the Pattern staff as Vice President for Urban and Regional Planning and Director of the Center for Housing Solutions. Mike brings 20 years of experience as a certified planner in both the public and private sectors to Pattern. His areas of expertise include urban design, transportation planning and grantsmanship. Mike holds a Master’s degree in regional planning from the University of Albany. Most recently, Mike has worked as the director of planning and development for the City of Peekskill. Prior to that, he was director of planning services at Behan Planning and Design and previously was a senior planner and senior project manager at The Chazen Companies. Mike resides in Hopewell Junction with his wife and two children.

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Pamela Edington, Ed Harrison and Michael Oates are the three newest additions to the Pattern for Progress Board of Directors. Dr. Edington is president of Dutchess Community College, a position she took in August 2014. Ed Harrison is general manager at Stewart International Airport; he has been with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey since 1993. Mike Oates, the former CEO of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp., is CEO of the small-business investment firm, Hudson River Ventures. The Board of Directors now numbers 43 and is chaired by Michael Quinn.

Pattern’s Jonathan Drapkin (far left) and March Gallagher (far right) moderated as County Executives (in center, from left) Rob Astorino of Westchester, MaryEllen Odell of Putnam and Ed Day of Rockland discussed streamlining economic development, the cost of fixing roads and bridges and ways to cut government expenses at an April 20 panel discussion in Tarrytown.