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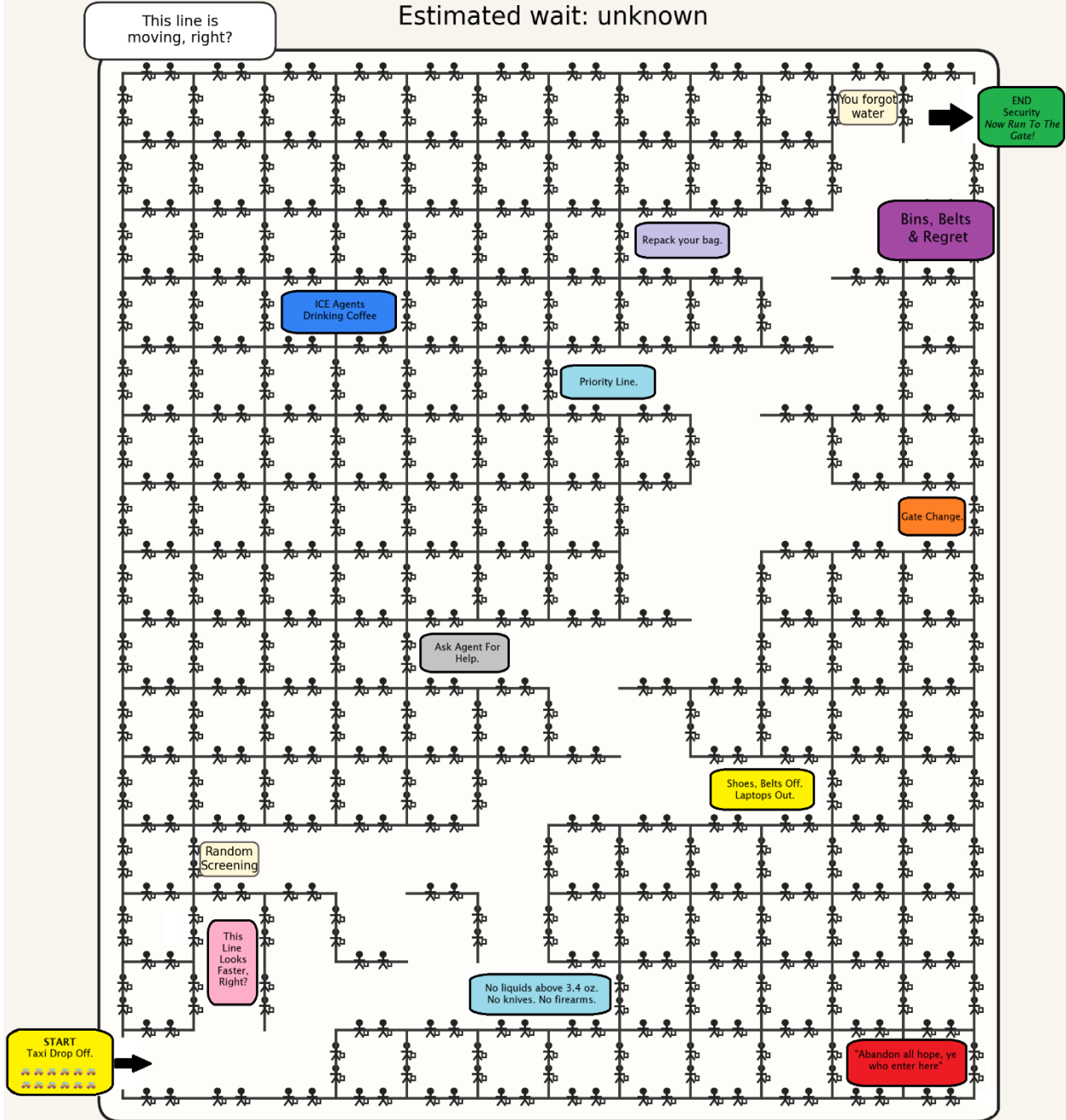
## All Games. No Fun.

*We Couldn't Fix Transit. So We Made This.*

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# BOMA–New Jersey

## April 2026 – *Game Issue* 🧑‍🎮

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#### Making It Up As We Go: Navigating A System Under Strain

I wasn't planning to write an April 2026 Transportation report after last month's epic. My plan was to focus on work deadlines, taxes, maybe even take an actual vacation. Let things run for a bit without trying to make sense of them. But the month had other ideas.

It kept building - one story into the next. Fuel spikes tied to a confusing war. Policy fights showing up in airport security lines. Delays stacking on delays. The system didn't break, but it definitely doesn't behave.

It feels familiar, not because there's a clear plan, but because there isn't one. A key moment in *Raiders of the Lost Ark* captures it perfectly.

**Indy:** "Get back to Cairo, get us some transport to England. Boat, plane, anything... Meet me at Omar's. Be ready for me; I'm going after that truck."

**Sallah:** "How?"

**Indy:** "I don't know. I'm making this up as I go."



That's the energy this month. Just as **Indy** regroups, mounts the horse, and charges toward the truck, we keep moving forward...

Across airports, rail, roads, and policy, the volume keeps building. We're moving toward a destination without a clean path, adjusting in real time, figuring out the next move before the last one fully settles.

And that's why there are both key news updates and games in this report.

Neither to distract from what's happening nor to make light of it. It's a way to process it differently. Something bounded. Something solvable. A way to step back just enough to see the patterns, reset, and keep going.

We'll proceed the same way we're all moving through the system right now: one step at a time, occasionally stopping to figure out the next move, and trusting that our actions will get us to our next destination.

And then, like **Indy**, we sit down, savor the moment, and have a drink... even if the Ark ends up in some anonymous warehouse.

March was a month in which our transportation system, already under pressure, was tested from multiple directions at once. A widening conflict with Iran disrupted global aviation ✈️, rerouting flights and increasing travel times 🕒. The war caused oil prices to surge 📈, pushing gasoline 🛢️ prices sharply higher and affecting everything from commuting 🚗 to freight 📦 and airline pricing 💰. Meanwhile, U.S. policy disputes over immigration enforcement and tactics spilled into the funding debate over the Department of Homeland Security, disrupting TSA operations and creating long lines and uncertainty at airports nationwide. These pressures exposed deeper structural vulnerabilities: airports and air traffic control systems 🛫 operate with staffing shortages and aging infrastructure ⚠️, contributing to a series of serious incidents, including a fatal runway collision at LaGuardia and a near-collision and operational disruptions at Newark.

On the ground... the strain is just as visible. Transit ridership is rising (along with crime), driven in part by congestion pricing and shifting commuter patterns. Major infrastructure upgrades, from new subway cars to long-delayed expansions like the Second Avenue Subway and Gateway Tunnel, remain years away from full impact. The region continues to rely on infrastructure that is being pushed to its limits: the new NJ Portal Bridge replacement was opened ahead of schedule as the existing crossing faced mounting pressure. It feels like living inside an action movie: systems under pressure, failures narrowly avoided, and critical fixes arriving just in time. The reality is that lasting solutions are more gradual in their arrival and the pressure continues.

As **Indiana Jones** observed, "It's not the years, it's the mileage."

Below is a detailed review of the month's transportation developments, with sourcing included after each item.

**Feel free to skip around. This report is meant to be explored, not read straight through.**

🧑‍🎮 **Games** 🧑‍🎮 are in black. 📰 **News** 📰 is in blue. Appropriate for this bruising month.



Let's get our bearings and connect with our daily realities in this disorienting month:  
Play **BOMA Transportation Connections**  
Choose groups of 4 that fit in their category. Two puzzles for you to solve. Play here or online.  
Answers are at the end of the report.

# BOMA-NY Transportation

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Puzzle 

by Codes & Regs

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| WHITESTONE | BATTERY   | VERRAZZANO   | BROOKLYN  |
| ROOSEVELT  | LIBERTY   | WILLIAMSBURG | LINCOLN   |
| MIDTOWN    | KOCH      | WASHINGTON   | GOVERNORS |
| ELLIS      | MANHATTAN | HOLLAND      | RFK       |

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# BOMA-NJ Transportation

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Puzzle 

by BOMA

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| MEADOWLANDS  | JETS       | TOLLBOOTH   | RED BULLS     |
| PORTAL       | GIANTS     | DRISCOLL    | RARITAN BAY   |
| JUGHANDLE    | NEWARK BAY | DEVILS      | SKYWAY        |
| PINE BARRENS | EZ-PASS    | GREAT SWAMP | NO SELF-SERVE |

[Play online by clicking here or on the above image.](#)

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Let's start the news where people felt the greatest frustration and fears.

## AIRPORTS, TSA, AVIATION

### 1. Homeland Security shutdown disrupts TSA operations and airport travel nationwide

The Department of Homeland Security shutdown led to unpaid TSA workers, increased absenteeism, and long security lines at major airports including JFK, LaGuardia, and Newark. Federal responses included deploying ICE personnel and directing continued pay for TSA workers while funding negotiations remained unresolved. NYT | AP | USA Today

### 2. ICE deployed at airports as TSA staffing shortages impact security operations



Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel were deployed to assist with crowd management and checkpoint operations during TSA staffing shortages. The move raised questions about roles, training, and the intersection of immigration enforcement and airport operations. Gothamist | NJ.com

### **3. Airport delays and long TSA lines disrupt travel across New York region**

Passengers experienced extended wait times, missed flights, and rebooking challenges as staffing shortages and high demand strained airport operations. Lines at checkpoints stretched across terminals, with travelers arriving hours early to clear security. NY1 | Fox 5

### **4. LaGuardia runway collision between Air Canada aircraft and fire truck prompts investigation**

An Air Canada regional jet collided with a Port Authority fire truck while landing at LaGuardia Airport, killing two pilots and injuring dozens. The crash led to runway closures, flight cancellations, and an ongoing federal investigation into runway safety procedures. NYT | NYT Video | NYT Update

### **5. Newark Airport experiences multiple disruptions including tower evacuation and near-collision**

Newark Liberty International Airport faced a series of incidents including a control tower evacuation, brush fire near the airfield, and a reported near-collision between aircraft. The disruptions led to ground stops, delays, and increased scrutiny of airport operations. ABC | Fox 5 | ABC7

### **6. Aviation system faces strain from staffing shortages and operational complexity**

Recent incidents, delays, and staffing challenges highlighted pressure on the U.S. aviation system, particularly in high-volume regions such as New York. The conditions contributed to operational instability and increased focus on system capacity and safety. Atlantic | AP

**We also felt and will continue to feel the effects of this war in our pockets.**

## **🌍 GLOBAL + FUEL + AIR TRAVEL ECONOMICS**

### **1. Iran war disrupts global transportation networks, rerouting flights and impacting travel**

Airspace restrictions across the Middle East forced airlines to reroute long-haul flights, increasing travel times and fuel consumption. The disruptions affected global aviation, logistics, and tourism patterns. CN Traveler | CNBC

### **2. Gasoline prices jump as Strait of Hormuz disruption drives fuel costs higher**

Gasoline prices increased sharply, with national prices nearing \$4 per gallon as oil supply disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz pushed up crude and refined fuel costs. The increase affects commuting, freight, and transportation costs across the region. NJ.com | Hill | Stanford

### **3. Jet fuel price increases drive higher airline operating costs and fares**

Rising oil prices increased jet fuel costs for airlines, contributing to fare increases and operational adjustments. Airlines warned of continued pricing pressure tied to fuel markets. NYT | ABC7

**Meanwhile, NY and NJ are moving ahead with infrastructure upgrades.**

## **🚆 TRANSIT, RAIL, INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **1. MTA advances major subway car procurement to modernize aging fleet**

The MTA approved a large-scale purchase of new subway cars with open gangway designs and updated interiors. The new fleet is intended to replace aging equipment across multiple lines. Fox 5 | ABC7

### **2. Second Avenue Subway expansion faces federal funding dispute and legal action**

New York officials filed legal action over federal funding decisions affecting the Second Avenue Subway project while continuing development work. The dispute highlights tensions over infrastructure funding. NY1

### **3. Gateway Tunnel project advances toward major construction phase**

Preparations continued for construction of the Gateway Tunnel, a key project to expand rail capacity between New Jersey and New York. The project is central to long-term improvements in Northeast Corridor service. NJ.com

### **4. Portal Bridge replacement improves rail reliability between New Jersey and New York**

The new Portal Bridge opened ahead of schedule, improving reliability for NJ Transit and Amtrak service across the Hackensack River. The project replaces aging infrastructure prone to delays. NorthJersey

### **5. Penn Station redevelopment plans continue amid competing proposals**

Plans to redesign Penn Station remain under discussion, including proposals involving changes to Madison Square Garden and private development options. The project continues to evolve with multiple stakeholders. Gothamist



## 6. Subway ridership increases as congestion pricing influences travel behavior

Transit data showed increased subway ridership by 8% linked in part to congestion pricing policies, indicating shifts in commuter behavior toward public transit. Crain's

## 7. Modern fare gates reduce fare evasion and improve station access

The MTA expanded modern fare gates across the system and reported reduced fare evasion at select stations while improving passenger flow through entrances. Gothamist | NY1

## 8. Cell service expansion improves connectivity in New York City subway tunnels

Wireless service expanded to additional subway tunnels and stations, allowing riders to maintain connectivity underground. The rollout is part of ongoing infrastructure upgrades. amNY | Time Out

## 9. PATH service improvements increase frequency and reliability between New York and New Jersey

The PATH system implemented service changes aimed at improving reliability and frequency across key routes connecting New York and New Jersey. Port Authority

## 10. NJ Transit directed to improve service reliability and rider experience

New Jersey officials directed NJ Transit to address delays, communication issues, and rider concerns through targeted improvements. NJ.com

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### It's time to take a break and play Wait, Wait... Don't Tell BOMA

**Game 1: Two Lies... One Truth - One of these is real. Two are made up. Guess which story A, B, or C was transportation news this month. (Answer is at the end of the report)**

#### A. NJ Transit's Hadrosaur Mascot Initiative

NJ Transit has reportedly launched a new rider engagement campaign built around New Jersey's official state dinosaur, the Hadrosaur.

Officials say the mascot is intended to signal that the system is "evolving, not extinct," though early rider feedback suggests many regular commuters interpreted the message as more of a status update.

The rollout began at Secaucus Junction with a coordinated appearance alongside several New Jersey minor league mascots, including Sparkee and Slider of the Somerset Patriots, as well as Buster from the Jersey Shore BlueClaws.

The Hadrosaur will appear on platforms during peak delays, pose with stalled trains, and eventually be incorporated into onboard announcements designed to "better reflect the lived rider experience."

One themed announcement under consideration includes:

- **Mechanical Trouble:**

"We apologize for the delay. The locomotive is currently experiencing a *Tyrannosaurus wreck*. Our crew is working to ensure we don't go extinct on the tracks today."

Future plans include a campaign encouraging riders to "travel back in time to a more reliable commute," though officials declined to clarify which era that refers to.

Though if it did, it might be the first time an official campaign aligned perfectly with customer sentiment.



#### B. Wildlife Mitigation Patrols Along Bike Corridors

NYC is reportedly testing new "wildlife mitigation patrols" along several high-traffic bike corridors following an increase in incidents involving aggressive birds near waterfront routes.

Transportation officials say geese, gulls, and other territorial species have increasingly interfered with cyclists along the Hudson River Greenway and near ferry landings, occasionally forcing riders to slow, dismount, or enter into what one report described as "a negotiated standoff."

The initiative comes amid broader concerns about avian flu, with officials noting that while the risk to cyclists remains low, "close interactions with birds that clearly believe they own the right-of-way" are being monitored.



Officials also pointed to recent regional incidents involving more assertive wildlife behavior, including reports of delivery drivers being chased by wild turkeys in Connecticut and a Staten Island bus briefly halted after a turkey refused to yield the roadway.

The pilot program would deploy trained personnel to discourage nesting near protected lanes, respond to reported “avian conflicts,” and advise riders on de-escalation techniques.

Early guidance includes maintaining eye contact, avoiding sudden movements that could escalate the situation, and under no circumstances attempting to befriend a swan, a reference one official described as “a lesson we thought humanity had already learned from Greek mythology.”

Additional signage under consideration would remind riders not to feed wildlife and not to ask Canada geese for directions to Wawa, despite what their branding may suggest.

Officials emphasized that the goal is coexistence, though the birds appeared to have already established operational control of portions of the corridor... and that in at least a few cases, cyclists were not negotiating with wildlife, but with something closer to organized resistance.

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### C. Staten Island Ferry Restores Onboard Alcohol Service

In a move aimed at improving the passenger experience, the Staten Island Ferry has restored onboard alcohol service after a multi-year hiatus.

City officials say the return of beer and wine is part of a broader effort to enhance ridership and reposition the ferry as both a commuter route and a waterfront experience.

The service will initially be available on select sailings, with designated areas for purchase and consumption, and what planners describe as “flexible interpretations of the workday.”

Officials note that the policy aligns with long-standing rider behavior, which for years has included quietly bringing your own drinks and pretending the Statue of Liberty is making eye contact.

The move could increase demand for ferry ownership itself, following the well-documented purchase of a retired Staten Island ferry by Pete Davidson and Colin Jost.

Sources say the comedians remain open to selling and may even be willing to pour a few drinks and walk interested buyers through the numbers for anyone who finds themselves sufficiently relaxed midway through the harbor.

Because after a long day navigating the transit system, the shortest distance between Manhattan and Staten Island may once again include a drink... a view... and a conversation about whether you’d like to own a boat.



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### Back on the ground....

#### STREETS, BIKE LANES, PUBLIC SPACE

##### 1. 14th Street redesign advances as permanent bus-priority corridor

Plans moved forward to redesign 14th Street with bus priority, pedestrian improvements, and reduced through traffic. NYC DOT

##### 2. Ninth Avenue redesign introduces new bus lanes, bike infrastructure, and traffic changes

The redesign of Ninth Avenue includes changes to traffic flow, expanded bike lanes, and improved safety features. NYC DOT

##### 3. Protected bike lane network expands across Manhattan and Brooklyn

Projects in Greenwich Village, Prospect Park, and the Brooklyn Bridge corridor expanded protected bike infrastructure and improved connectivity. Streetsblog | Gothamist

##### 4. Summer Streets program expands car-free access across New York City

The city expanded its Summer Streets program to provide more car-free routes for pedestrians and cyclists. Streetsblog

##### 5. New York City moves to decriminalize bicycle violations while suburbs increase enforcement

New York City is shifting toward decriminalizing certain bicycle-related violations, reducing criminal penalties and emphasizing civil enforcement, while jurisdictions such as Nassau County have increased enforcement actions targeting e-bike use. NY Post



It's time for a refresh and palate cleanser.

### Let's play BOMA Transportation Strands –

*Because That's What Our Transportation Network Is Hanging By* Strands is a word search game with a theme. There are two puzzles to solve. To play, find the 7 words or phrases ("strands") that fit the theme. Letters can connect horizontally, vertically, and diagonally. If a guessed word turns **blue**, it's a theme word. If it turns **yellow**, it's the 7<sup>th</sup> word, the spangram, a longer word or item that explains what the strands have in common. [A sample of a completed game is on the right.](#) →



Play by hand. Alternatively, click on each puzzle to play it online.

Answers are at the back of this report and appear online as you complete the puzzles.

## Start Honking

Author: *Anonymous* | Completions: 0

THEME

Morning Stress

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## Evening Ritual

Author: *Anonymous* | Completions: 0

THEME

Transit Home

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**The pressure on the system shows up first on our streets, where it's hardest to ignore.**

**🚗 ROADS, DRIVING, PARKING, POLICY**

**1. Pothole damage increases across New York City and New Jersey following winter weather**

Winter conditions led to increased potholes, affecting roads, vehicles, and bus operations across the region. Gothamist

**2. Lawmakers call for increased funding and staffing for road repairs**

Officials called for more resources and personnel to address infrastructure maintenance needs and deteriorating road conditions. NY Post

**3. Automated toll enforcement penalties draw criticism from drivers**

Drivers in New York and New Jersey raised concerns about high fines for toll violations, prompting calls for reform of automated enforcement systems. NJ.com

**4. Street parking conflicts in New York City highlight demand for limited curb space**

Drivers used cones and barriers to reserve parking spaces amid increasing competition for curb space in New York City. NY Post

**5. New York City considers eliminating free street parking as part of budget planning**

City officials discussed removing free parking to address budget shortfalls and manage street usage. Time Out

**6. New York State rejects proposed car insurance reforms affecting drivers**

State lawmakers declined to include car insurance reforms in the budget, leaving current policies in place. Streetsblog

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**And are we ready for what comes next?**

**🤖 FUTURE / TECHNOLOGY / OTHER**

**1. Delivery robots face challenges after crashes in Philadelphia and Chicago**

Incidents involving delivery robots colliding with infrastructure in Philadelphia and Chicago raised concerns about reliability in urban environments. CBS | Fox 29

**2. Drone delivery testing expands in New Jersey logistics pilots**

Companies continued testing drone delivery systems in New Jersey as part of last-mile logistics development. News12 NJ

**3. Air taxi testing planned in New York and New Jersey region**

Federal programs selected companies to test urban air mobility services in the region. NY Post

**4. BYD introduces faster electric vehicle charging technology**

New EV charging technology aims to reduce charging time and improve usability. Wired

**5. New Jersey considers return to blue license plates with yellow lettering**

Officials discussed bringing back the state's older blue license plate design with yellow lettering. NorthJersey



**TIME TO PLAY COMMUTER BINGO: PICK A CARD - GET THREE IN A ROW.**



(★ = Free Space) *How Do You Win? If you win, you lose.*

## NJ TRANSIT

|                      |                    |                      |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| SIGNAL ISSUES        | EARLIER CONGESTION | AMTRAK INTERFERENCE  |
| HELD BETWEEN STOPS   | ★                  | OVERHEAD WIRE ISSUES |
| DELAYED INDEFINITELY | NO A/C IN CAR      | STUCK IN TUNNEL      |

## SUBWAY

|                      |                    |                  |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| TRAIN TRAFFIC AHEAD  | WE'RE BEING HELD   | SICK PASSENGER   |
| EXPRESS → LOCAL      | ★                  | DOOR MALFUNCTION |
| MISSED IT BY SECONDS | NEXT TRAIN: 12 MIN | PLATFORM PACKED  |

## AIR TRAVEL

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| GATE CHANGE   | BOARDING SOON | ZONE CONFUSION    |
| ON THE TARMAC | ★             | AWAITING CREW     |
| SHORT DELAY   | NO WIFI       | DEPLANING DELAYED |

## OY VEY

|                         |                      |                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| SPILLED MY COFFEE       | MISSED IT BY SECONDS | WHY IS THIS HAPPENING  |
| STUCK NEXT TO LOUD CALL | ★                    | THIS IS TAKING FOREVER |
| SHOULD'VE STAYED HOME   | WRONG TRAIN/CAR      | DAY ALREADY RUINED     |

If you've filled and lived one card, our condolences, you've suffered through them all.



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**Game 2: Two Lies... One Truth - One of these is real. Two are made up. Guess which story A, B, or C was transportation news this month. (Answer is at the end of the report)**

**A. Hamptons Cannonball “Rocking Good Time” Rebrand**

The LIRR is reportedly exploring a rebrand of the Hamptons Cannonball as part of an effort to attract younger, experience-driven riders.

Concepts describe the service as a “rocking rail experience.” Each departure would begin with a full-platform audio launch of the Breeders’ 1993 hit *Cannonball*, with its infectious bass line serving as an earworm.

Onboard programming would include a condensed screening of *The Cannonball Run*, edited to match the train’s approximate 96-minute travel time, allowing passengers to arrive just in time for the ending, but just early enough to miss the closing-credit bloopers.

Officials say this was intentional, noting that “the bloopers remain one of the last shared cultural experiences we have, and should be earned.”

**Because for many riders, the Cannonball has always been less about speed... and more about remembering a time when things felt faster and looser, including movies like *The Cannonball Run*, which, officials noted, “they simply do not make anymore.”**



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**B. Mets Launch Direct New Jersey Coach Service to Citi Field**

Facing parking constraints tied to ongoing construction near Citi Field, the New York Mets have launched a new direct coach service connecting multiple locations in New Jersey to the ballpark.

Team officials say the initiative is designed to expand access while reducing congestion, particularly for fans who would otherwise attempt to drive, park, and then begin a second, more emotional journey.

Routes originate from several park-and-ride locations, with service timed to align with first pitch and return trips scheduled after the game, or earlier, depending on bullpen performance and personal thresholds.

The program is also part of a broader effort to attract new regional audiences, including those from across the Hudson, with early promotional tie-ins already under discussion.

These include a planned “Sopranos Night,” timed to coincide with the current Queens exhibition exploring the show’s production and legacy, where arriving passengers would be greeted with themed content, curated clips, and a general sense that they’ve taken a slightly more organized version of a very familiar trip.

***Because nothing says New York baseball quite like leaving New Jersey... on a bus...***


***to watch the Mets...***

***and wondering if this was, in fact, the plan all along.***



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**C. West Side Formula 1 Feasibility Proposal**

A coalition of business and tourism groups, with early interest reportedly from major New York developers including Vornado and Related, has floated a proposal to study the feasibility of a Formula 1-style race  circuit along Manhattan’s West Side.



The concept would focus on areas near Hudson Yards, the West Side Highway, and the Javits Center, positioning the race as a global tourism draw tied to future international events.

Organizers emphasize the proposal is in early stages, though preliminary discussions have already addressed key logistical questions, including lane closures, spectator access, and whether drivers would be required to observe alternate-side parking rules.

Supporters say the event would represent a major milestone for the city, finally allowing Formula 1 to break the glass ceiling... appropriately enough, at the glass-walled Javits Center.

Transportation officials have raised a more immediate issue:

Would Formula 1 cars be subject to congestion pricing?

Early guidance suggests that while the vehicles may qualify for peak-hour surcharges, enforcement could prove difficult given that most of them would be traveling at speeds not typically associated with toll collection infrastructure.

However, officials confirmed that any car stopping for more than 30 seconds in Midtown would still receive a ticket... and, because of the extensive sponsor branding covering each vehicle, cars may also be classified as commercial vehicles, making them subject to New York City idling laws.

***Which means that for the first time in Formula 1 history, a race could be decided not by lap time...  
but by who gets fined first for excessive idling.  
And if Formula 1 ever does come to New York...  
will the drivers need to learn how to keep up with the City?***



# BOMA TRANSPORTATION REPORT - ANSWER KEY

## Connections 1: Make the Connections: Transit Edition

**Yellow — NYC Bridges:** BROOKLYN, MANHATTAN, WHITESTONE, WILLIAMSBURG

**Green — NYC Islands:** ELLIS, GOVERNORS, LIBERTY, ROOSEVELT

**Blue — NYC Tunnels:** BATTERY, HOLLAND, LINCOLN, MIDTOWN

**Purple — NYC Bridges Named After People:** KOCH, RFK, VERRAZZANO, WASHINGTON

## Connections 2: Make the Connections: Garden State Edition

**Yellow — Teams That Play In New Jersey:** GIANTS, JETS, DEVILS, RED BULLS

**Green — NJ Driving Realities:** JUGHANDLE, NO SELF-SERVE, EZPASS, TOLLBOOTH

**Blue — NJ Natural Areas:** MEADOWLANDS, PINE BARRENS, GREAT SWAMP, RARITAN BAY

**Purple — NJ Crossings Commuters Complain About:** DRISCOLL, NEWARK BAY, PORTAL, SKYWAY

## Strands 1: Morning Stress – Start Honking

**Spangram:** JERSEY DRIVING

**Theme words:** JUGHANDLE, PARKWAY, EZPASS, EXIT, TOLL, LANE

## Strands 2: Evening Ritual – Transit Home

**Spangram:** GRAND CENTRAL

**Theme words:** CLOCK, OYSTER, CEILING, SHUTTLE, RUSH, WHISPER

## Two Lies and A Truth

### Answer – Game 1

#### C. Staten Island Ferry Restores Onboard Alcohol Service

Yes, alcohol is back on the Staten Island Ferry.

Which means the city has officially improved the commute not by making it faster... but by making it easier to enjoy.

### Answer – Game 2

#### B. Mets Launch Direct New Jersey Coach Service to Citi Field

Yes, the Mets are running buses from New Jersey.

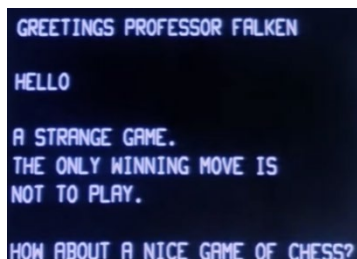
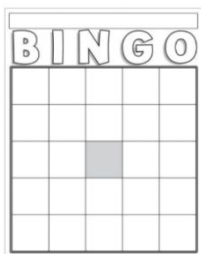
Because when parking disappears, the logical solution is simple: Bring New Jersey to Queens.

## Bingo

All answers are stressful.

To quote the supercomputer Joshua in *WarGames*:

"A STRANGE GAME.  
THE ONLY WINNING MOVE IS  
NOT TO PLAY.  
HOW ABOUT A NICE GAME OF CHESS?"



## Start Honking

Author: *Anonymous* | Completions: 0



## Evening Ritual

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