

METRO-NORTH RAILROAD COMMUTER COUNCIL
MINUTES OF Thursday, January 11, 2018

A meeting of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council (MNRCC) was convened at 4:30 PM on January 11, 2018 in the 10th floor conference room at the Metro-North offices – Graybar Building at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

The following members were present:

Randolph Glucksman
Orrin Getz

The following members were on the phone:

Francena Amparo
Richard Cataggio

The following members were absent:

Francis Corcoran
Rhonda Herman

In addition, the following persons were present:

William Henderson	-PCAC Executive Director
Bradley Brashears	-PCAC Planning Manager
Ansel Lurio	-Concerned citizen

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00:15	Approval of Agenda The agenda for the January 11, 2018 meeting was approved.
00:24	Approval of Minutes The minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.
01:27	Chair's Report Randolph Glucksman gave the Chair's report. The written Chair's report is attached to these minutes.
03:24	Board Report
04:51	E. Shannon: How will the hiring freeze get implemented? How this will impact MNR – will elevators/escalators be considered “critical”? An area the Council might want to inquire about.
08:34	R. Glucksman: Who can we get these answers from? E. Shannon: Probably Cathy Rinaldi Action Item: Ask C. Rinaldi how MNR is approaching the hiring freeze?
12:09	A. Lurio: It seems there are less conductors on the trains in rush hours. Conductors do not have time to put out the bridge – plate, so he cannot get on the train and left on the platform. i.e 125 th Street, Mount Vernon. With the hiring freeze this is a concern.
15:05	E. Shannon: Is this worse on the New Haven Line? A.Lurio : It seems to be worse on the trains that stop at Fordham at peak hour going out.
17:16	O. Getz: Suggests getting the train number so we can report the issue. A.Lurio: It's the 6:30 #1270 from Harlem to Harrison Action Item: Report 6:30 #1270 from Harlem to Harrison for not extending bridge-plate. (Occurred Tuesday 1/09/2018)
24:56	Old Business

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24:58	MTA funding issues: State of the State discussion – Congestion pricing, MoveNY, FixNYC Commission
28:18	W. Henderson: Direction, are we in favor of congestion pricing? Are there any concerns? F. Amparo: Undecided R. Cataggio: Undecided
Video Part 2	
00:37	F. Amparo: How will this impact the payroll tax? W. Henderson: I don't think it will.
02:28	O. Getz is for congestion pricing. W. Henderson: When we get something more concrete we can come back to this and get the Council's opinion before we say anything public.
04:29	R. Glucksman: Gateway? W. Henderson: Federal government never made a commitment to cover 50% of the project. Might get wrapped into infrastructure bill - possibility a public-private partnership.
08:16	E. Shannon: Surcharge for riders? Or will New York State have the ability to pay so riders do not have to?
11:00	E. Shannon: Talk with elected officials to encourage the State to cover the surcharge so it's not out of the riders' pockets.
12:18	R. Glucksman: Outreach to legislators? W. Henderson: We should meet with new county executive (George Latimer) in North White Plains. Action Item: Schedule meeting with county executive and speak with Assembly member Amy Paulin at the next PCAC meeting.
14:00	E. Shannon: Suggests reaching out to George Latimer because all the members are being held up in Albany, leaving critical areas of this Council unrepresented. Making calls to the governor's office.

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16:55	O. Getz: Woodbury Common Station – We should push for the building of this station discussion.
19:19	E. Shannon: The MTA is doing more with T.O.D and speaking with Jano Lieber in making this station a destination would be helpful.
21:00	O. Getz: Sufferin Train Station is derelict station owned by NJ Transit and is need of attention – should be owned by MNR – is a possibility for T.O.D.
21:35	O. Getz: A group called “Bridges” conducted a report requested by State Senator David Carlucci to review Sufferin Station’s barriers to accessibility. W. Henderson: We would like to see this report. Action Item: O. Getz will get copy of the report and MTA response for MNRCC/PCAC staff to review.
26:12	O. Getz: Trains keep breaking-down in the tunnels. A Secaucus train going to NYC was stopped in the tunnel for an hour due to a broken-down Amtrak train at Penn Station.
28:07	E. Shannon: Is it useful to submit MNR Committee Book to NJ Transit to see what MNR is doing when 10 or more trains are delayed? O. Getz: Brings MNR Committee Books to NJ Transit meetings. E. Shannon: It could be valuable to resubmit to incoming NJ Transit leadership.
30:17	R. Glucksman: Keeping a spreadsheet tracking cancellations and delays on Port Jervis and Pascack Valley lines since December.
32:28	Adjourned

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Henderson
Executive Director