

METRO-NORTH RAILROAD COMMUTER COUNCIL
MINUTES OF Thursday, October 19, 2017

A meeting of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council (MNRCC) was convened at 12:00 PM on Thursday, October 19, 2017 in the 12th floor conference room at the Metro-North Offices – Graybar Building at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York.

The following members were present:

Randolph Glucksman
Orrin Getz
Rhonda Herman

The following member was on the phone:

Francena Amparo

The following members were absent:

Richard Cataggio
Francis Corcoran

In addition, the following persons were present:

William Henderson	-PCAC Executive Director
Ellyn Shannon	-PCAC Associate Director
Bradley Brashears	-PCAC Transportation Planner
Karyl Cafiero	-PCAC Research Associate
Shaun Wong	-PCAC Intern

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Time Point

Video Part 1	
0:17	<p>Approval of Agenda and Minutes The agenda for the <i>October 19, 2017</i> meeting was approved. The minutes of the <i>July 20, 2017</i> meeting were approved.</p> <p>Chairs Report The Chair's Report was distributed previously. There were no questions or comments.</p>
03:00	Bill Henderson discussed the current status of new members and the members and staff discussed needs for new members
10:33	The members and staff discussed the status of the Penn Station Access project
	Orrin Getz said that extension of the #7 subway line to Secaucus would be a very important project. Lincoln Tunnel at 115% capacity. Ronnie Hakim supported it while at NJ Transit.
	Ellyn Shannon said Scott Rechler was a proponent of the extension of the #7 line before coming to the board.
	Randolph Glucksman stated that both Gateway and the #7 line extension can be built.
	Mr. Getz said that Penn Station access service could be operated jointly with NJ Transit. There was brief discussion of the service to home NFL games and that this service was discontinued this year by action of NJ Transit.
Video Part 2	
00:32	Goals for the coming year were discussed. Ms. Shannon said that the first goal should be securing new members to fill vacancies. A second goal was examining needs in the West of Hudson territory in anticipation of a new New Jersey State
00:39	Mr. Henderson announced Angela Bellisio's departure from PCAC.
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	Hudson territory in anticipation of change at NJ Transit with a new State administration.
05:00	Mr. Getz noted that New Jersey Transit had to cancel Columbus Day weekend trains due to a lack of crews.
05:55	Mr. Glucksman said that NJ Transit is losing crews to Metro North because of their higher pay and pension.
06:45	Ms. Shannon stated that Bloustein School is working on a project on how to recruit for New Jersey Transit.
07:25	Mr. Getz stated that he spoke to union leader and they are down 200 members of staff.
27:50	Discussion about station cleaning and maintenance in White Plains.
31:30	The Council agreed to ask for Metro-North staff to come to next month's meeting to talk about station cleaning.
Video Part 3	
00:54	Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Henderson
Executive Director