

METRO-NORTH RAILROAD COMMUTER COUNCIL
MINUTES OF Thursday, April 19, 2018

A meeting of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council (MNRCC) was convened at 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 19, 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
Rhonda Herman

The following members were absent:

Richard Cataggio
Francis Corcoran

In addition, the following persons were present:

William Henderson	-PCAC Executive Director
Bradley Brashears	-PCAC Planning Manager
Sheila Binesh	-PCAC Transportation Planner
Rodney Chabot	-Concerned citizen
Richard Schulman	-Concerned citizen

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Video Part 1	
00:14	Approval of Agenda (April 19, 2018)
00:25	Approval of Minutes (February 15, 2018)
00:44	Chair's Report (attached)
1:03	White Plains Station construction discussion R. Herman: People are working around the station, and will you keep us posted on new details.
1:50	R. Glucksman: We will have Amtrak trains in Grand Central again this summer.
2:23	W. Henderson: TREX Plan discussion – combining all the commuter rail lines in the region and ran as one system. Will need additional East and Hudson River tunnels for \$71 billion.
6:25	R. Glucksman: The Freedom Ticket is still in progress. W. Henderson: Staff will be speaking with MNR regarding the next phase of Freedom Ticket.
7:09	Board Report The Board will be asked to approve the fare increases in Connecticut, while service cuts will happen. Additional time and resources for ESA.
8:40	Old Business
8:47	NJ Transit keeps cutting West of Hudson service discussion. Bottom line is NJ Transit is short crews.
12:21	R. Glucksman: “Adverse Weather Conditions Schedules”, MNRCC asked for these schedules and they were produced.
14:36	O. Getz: Service planning from NJ Transit is a big problem – they run weekend schedules during storm events which is does not account for peak service demand.

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15:26	<p>W. Henderson: Gives Albany update –</p> <p>Congestion pricing is off for another year – surcharge on for-hire-vehicles was approved.</p> <p>First year's money is going into the Subway Action Plan (SAP) \$838 million, which all has been committed to SAP.</p> <p>MNRCC New Member Update – 3 candidates have been sent to Albany and are waiting for approvals.</p> <p>One Westchester appointment is being pursued by Walter Zulig.</p> <p>Wilhelm Ronda's appointment for the Bronx seat is waiting for letter to be sent to Albany.</p>
21:03	<i>New Business</i>
21:09	<p>Federal infrastructure discussion –</p> <p>Money was allocated to transportation in general – which Amtrak and Gateway will have to compete for. Not enough to construct the Hudson River tunnel.</p>
25:08	<p>R. Glucksman: Amtrak summer schedule changes.</p> <p>W. Henderson: Amtrak says they will adjust their schedules so MNR passengers are not inconvenienced.</p> <p>Amtrak will not provide buses between Grand Central and Penn Station.</p>
32:36	<p>W. Henderson: Announces his retirement in the fall.</p>
33:00	<p>R. Glucksman: Cathy Rinaldi was appointed to MNR President.</p>
<i>Video Part 2</i>	
1:46	<p>O. Getz: Lower Transit Hudson Link discussion</p>

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	<p>R. Glucksman: Only local service is going to Tarrytown with no express service.</p> <p>O. Getz: Spoke to legislators to make sure express buses go to Tarrytown.</p>
5:12	<p>O. Getz: Suffern station needs to be made accessible. Station needs to be upgraded. Suffern community wants to do transit oriented development (TOD).</p>
6:35	<i>Adjourned</i>

Youtube video links:

[Video Part 1](#)

[Video Part 2](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Henderson
Executive Director