



# Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020

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A meeting of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council (MNRCC) was convened at 12:00 noon on February 20, 2020 as a Conference call on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor at 2 Broadway, New York

## **Member Attendance**

Randolph Glucksman (Chair)	Phone
Orrin Getz (Vice Chair)	Phone
Francena Amparo	Phone
Richard Cataggio	Phone
Francis T. Corcoran	Phone

## **Staff Attendance**

Lisa Daglian (Executive Director)	Present
Ellyn Shannon (Associate Director)	Absent
Bradley Brashears (Planning Manager)	Absent
Sheila Binesh (Transportation Planner)	Present
Deborah Morrison (Administrative Assistant)	Absent

*This meeting was held as a conference call*

***Approval of Agenda for February 20, 2020 meeting.***

***Approval of Minutes for January 16, 2020 meeting.***

***Chair's and Board Report attached.***

*Discussion of Railroad Discount Pilot*

The new proposed Railroad Discount enabled by the Outer Borough Transportation Account, which was legislatively created by the state as part of the FY19 budget, still needs MTA Board approval. The \$50 million a year in funding comes through the For-Hire Vehicle fee that was implemented as part of the first phase of congestion pricing. It will provide a 10% discount for travel within the City on Metro-North for monthly, weekly, one-way, round-trip and 10-trip tickets, during peak and off-peak times. There is also a 10% discount for travel within the City on LIRR for weekly, one-way, round-trip and 10-trip tickets, during peak and off-peak times. LIRR monthly tickets for travel within the City will be discounted 20%. The Pilot could be implemented as soon as May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. Metro-North does not seem to be concerned about this.

- As PCAC's revolving lead on the MTA Board, Randy will participate in and sit on more Committees.
- PTC implementation is moving along well on Metro-North, not as much for New Jersey Transit.
- Follow up with Pat Foye and Cathy Rinaldi regarding Suffern station.
- Review the Harriman Station Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project.
- Francis will follow up with Suffern Village stakeholders about the experiences of the Bedford Station TOD Project to share lessons learned.
- Metro-North has said they will consider **setting up an alternative routes webpage in the case of service disruptions**, like the one for LIRR. **Action Item.**
- Discussion on if Council members should be sent the MTA Press Clips or only Metro-North related articles (no resolution)
- **Action Item Follow-up: Can Yankee Stadium be used as a stop for Upstate commuters?** It could be used as a park-and-ride. There is one train per hour. (MNR has indicated they will look at the issue and advise.)

***Adjourned***

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian  
Executive Director