

Member Attendance

Mark Epstein (Chair)	On Phone
Gerard P. Bringmann (Vice Chair)	On Phone
Sheila Carpenter	Absent
Raymond Pagano	Absent
Bryan Peranzo	On Phone
Marilyn Poterson	Absent
Larry Rubinstein	Absent

Staff Attendance

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

Non-member Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Ryan Attard	LIRR

***Approval of Agenda for January 9, 2020 meeting.
Approval of Minutes for October 10, 2019 meeting.***

Chair's Report attached.

Ryan Attard, LIRR External Affairs, LIRR Update

Penn Station

- They are pushing barricades further back in front of the old ticket office in preparation for the new escalator location.
- Relocating the TVMs
- Finding alternatives to retail options, so businesses stay open later in the project.

Third Track

- [New Hyde street level grade-cross elimination](#)
- Nassau interlocking switch work began on Jan 4, near Mineola station
- Continued work on crossings along the Montauk branch and signaling tables

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Meet Your Manager Feedback - Branch Line Managers (BLM)

- Majority of questions are on train service or scheduling of trains. The BLM's speak with Service Planning monthly.
- The BLM's receive positive responses when requests for station improvements are implemented, like a new bench or relocating trash bins or salt boxes that impede busy platform flow.
- Customers have been more vocal about the homeless at stations, which is relayed to MTA Police.

M9s

- M9s are receiving mostly positive reviews. There are some complaints about the middle seat because people don't like to sit there.

LIRR Update Discussion

Penn Station

M. Epstein: Some complaints from taller people that some ceilings at Penn are too low.

When will the other stores be closing? **RYAN: Action Item**

G. Bringmann: When is the estimated completion date on Penn Station renewal? [End of 2020](#)

L. Daglian: How does Penn Station renewal fit into the larger context of station expansion and the completion of Moynihan and how does that work with service? **RYAN: Action Item**

M9s

G. Bringmann: Is the first delivery of M9s to replace M3s and is the second delivery for added capacity on ESA? There might be more than 200 M3s still in service.

R. Attard: We have conditionally accepted 26 M9 cars, which are operating in passenger service in 3 consists. All 202 M9 cars are scheduled to be in passenger service by March 31, 2021.

M. Epstein: We were told all M3s will be replaced by 2024. That might be after the second order.

G. Bringmann: M9A procurement has not gone through yet.

LIRR Snow Response

R. Attard: Snow Letter Response: The LIRR Station department is responsible for 5 LIRR stations: Babylon, Mineola, Hicksville and Ronkonkoma. The LIRR Engineering department is responsible for the remaining 119 LIRR stations. The labor response to snow is determined by forecast and time. For small snow days, 35 gangs cover 3.5 stations each. Stations take about an hour to clear. The goal is to clear high ridership stations before morning rush hour. Very large snow events require heavy snow equipment. On Dec 2 / 3 the forecast kept shifting and the storm was larger than expected. As a result, we will look at our response for areas to improve. We are also working with municipalities on parking maintenance and responsibilities in border areas.

G. Bringmann: Ice events can be more dangerous than snow events. Three people slipped and fell at the Stewart Manor platform.

M. Epstein: We would like a written response to our letter. **RYAN: Action Item.**

L. Daglian: Could you share the outline you prepared for this meeting along with answers to questions. **RYAN: Action Item**

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Waiting Rooms and LIRR Homeless Issues

G. Bringmann: Do the Branch Line Managers follow up with MTA PD on reports of homeless? We have problems on the Babylon branch.

R. Attard: If someone has a ticket you can't ask them to leave a waiting room. Legislation changed on stringent laws for panhandling. You can call MTA PD directly for issues at stations.

M. Epstein: There is an increase in panhandling at Penn Station on the trains when the train waits in the station. The train should be a safe place.

G. Bringmann: Hunterspoint Ave. Station is cold and the waiting rooms need doors and heaters.

Meet the Manager Events

G. Bringmann: How do the Meet the Manager events decide stations to host events?

R. Attard: Each BLM has an average of 20-25 stations and they visit 1-2 a week. They are supposed to visit all stations throughout a year 2-3 times. If there is a community need or several complaints, we will schedule a meeting for that station. The director sets the schedule to make it as even as possible.

LIRR Train Schedule

M. Epstein: The new schedule that went into effect, how long will that be for?

R. Attard: I think until March.

Capital Plan

L. Daglian: Is the Capital Plan handled through the LIRR or is it handed over to Construction and Development and what is role of the LIRR?

R. Attard: It is still relatively new and as things roll out, we will have a better understanding.

State Comptroller Audit

L. Daglian: Do you have a formal response to the State Comptroller's audit that you could share with us? **RYAN: Action Item**

G. Bringmann: Where are we at with updating the LIRRCC posters in stations?

S. Binesh: We provided Hector with updated posters several months ago and it is not our role to distribute posters ourselves. Hector previously said they are switching to digital for many of their content and are moving away from paper. **Action Item**

B. Peranzo: Can our posters be included on the screens inside the M9s?

R. Attard: I would have to ask.

Discuss taxi issues at LI stations next time.

Adjourned

Action Items for Ryan/LIRR

- LIRRCC meeting with Leslie on Third Track timelines
- LIRRCC meeting with Real Estate on Taxi issues at LI stations
- When will the other stores at Penn Station be closing?
- How does Penn Station work fit into the larger context of station expansion and completion of Moynihan and how does that work with service?

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- The LIRRCC would like a written response to their Snow Removal letter
- Ryan to share her meeting outline along with answers to questions
- Formal response to the State Comptroller's audit
- Follow up on the potential to have LIRR posters displayed digitally

Audio Recording: [Part 1 of 1](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian
Executive Director