

Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2020

A meeting of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council (MNRCC) was convened at 12:00 noon on January 16, 2020 in the 11th Floor Conference Room (11-A), Metro-North Offices - Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Ave. New York, NY.

Member Attendance

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

Staff Attendance

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

Approval of Agenda for January 16, 2020 meeting. (No quorum, therefore approval postponed to February 2020 meeting)

Approval of Minutes for November 13, 2019 meeting. (No quorum, therefore approval postponed to February 2020 meeting)

Chair's – Board Report attached.

R. Glucksman: There is a \$1 billion disparity of capital program funding between MNR and LIRR. Assemblywoman Amy Paulin discussed this issue at the last MNR/LIRR joint committee meeting, along with the proposed MNR parking fee increase – many spoke against it, including elected officials, and it was taken off the table.

R. Glucksman: Still no express train on the Pascack Valley Line. MNR previously withheld 10% from NJ Transit, which increased to 15 % in January, with service still not restored.

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E. Shannon: Suffern Station – It is not accessible and Access-A-Ride is not allowed to drive over the New Jersey border to the next closest accessible station. So, MNR is interested in having NJ Transit putting some money into the station and the station area to make it accessible. We are pushing for MNR ownership of the station, but not sure where this stands.

F. Corcoran: Five-to-seven years ago, in Bedford we took over the station there for just \$1. I can reach out to the mayor there.

Action Item: Ellyn to give names and phones numbers (Suffern mayor) to Francis so he can call and support taking over the station.

R. Glucksman: Orrin and I attended the December NJ Transit Board meeting. I asked them about the reduction in payments from MNR and whether they needed the money with no answer.

Four new NJ Transit Board members have been appointed – while they are good, only one is a committed rail user.

R. Glucksman: New shelter at the Nanuet Station.

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Action Item: Send LIRR brochure to Mark Mannix at MNR.

Action Item: Send Lisa's Joint Legislative Hearing testimony to MNRCC members.

Action Item: Ask MNRCC members who wants to be on the MTA's press list. Talk to Aaron Donovan about getting MNRCC members on the press list.

E. Shannon: Discussion of potential new MNRCC members – Our LIRRCC enabling legislation says the County executives have to send up ten names, three for filling vacancies. While this is not the same for the MNRCC, we've been sending up three names, and will continue to look at this.

R. Glucksman: Next week's MNR Committee meeting agenda: New MTA Police Chief McGrann will present – crimes are down; PTC will be discussed.

E. Shannon: The Speed Unit that has increased speeds on the subway will be looking at this approach for the railroads. Combining this with the capital program – finding out where MNR is with this – can see where speeds can be improved and where investments need to be made.

R. Glucksman: Extended revenue service demonstration on the Hudson line for PTC. They are continuing to install PTC with the hope to have it completed by July.

R. Glucksman: The new Origin and Destination survey is out.

E. Shannon: MTA's Planning Department – everything has been moved under Janno Lieber. Planning is now under him – wonder if it was done differently under his

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leadership. Interesting to see what he is doing with that department, as he is highly skilled at what he does. MTA Planning, capital construction, and real estate are all under him now.

Adjourned

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daglian
Executive Director