

**PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

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**MINUTES of the Meeting of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Thursday, March 27, 2008 at  
225 Park Avenue South, City, County and State of New York**

**PRESENT:**

**NEW JERSEY**

Hon. Anthony R. Coscia, Chairman  
Hon. Virginia S. Bauer  
Hon. Raymond M. Pocino  
Hon. David S. Steiner

**NEW YORK**

Hon. Henry R. Silverman, Vice-Chairman  
Hon. Michael J. Chasanoff  
Hon. Christine A. Ferer  
Hon. David S. Mack

Anthony E. Shorris, President  
Ernesto L. Butcher, Vice-President and General Manager  
Darrell B. Buchbinder, Counsel

Diana E. Beecher  
A. Paul Blanco  
John D. Brill  
Rosemary Chiricolo  
Arthur J. Cifelli  
Steven J. Coleman  
William R. DeCota  
Michael P. DePallo  
Michael P. Dombrowski  
John J. Drobny  
Karen E. Eastman  
Michael G. Fabiano  
Michael B. Francois  
Jennifer Friedberg  
Cedrick T. Fulton  
William H. Goldstein  
Linda C. Handel  
Mary Lee Hannell  
Alan H. Hicks  
Lawrence S. Hofrichter  
Kevin J. Kirchman  
Jason E. Kirin  
Joseph J. Kucich  
Louis J. LaCapra  
Christina M. Lado  
Richard M. Larrabee  
Marc LaVorgna  
Susan Bass Levin  
Francis J. Lombardi  
Candace McAdams  
James E. McCoy  
Sanjay S. Mody  
Christopher J. Mohr  
Anne Marie C. Mulligan

Lynn A. Nerney  
Tony F. Oliver  
Steven P. Plate  
Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr.  
Andrew M. Rachlin  
Desiree Ramos  
Richard R. Roper  
George Sarrinikolaou  
Stephen H. Sigmund  
Timothy G. Stickelman  
Gerry B. Stoughton  
Nairi H. Tashjian  
Ralph Tragale  
Lillian D. Valenti  
Sheree Van Duyne  
Christopher R. Zeppie

Guests:

Sonia Frontera  
Andrea Roitman

Public Speaker:

Patricia Campos

The public session was called to order by Chairman Coscia at 1:45 p.m. and ended at 2:32 p.m. The Board met in executive session prior to the public session.

### **Action on Minutes**

The Vice-President submitted for approval Minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2008. He reported that copies of these Minutes were sent to all of the Directors and to the Governors of New York and New Jersey. He reported further that the time of action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey has expired.

Whereupon, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Minutes.

### **Report of Committee on Capital Programs/Agency Planning**

The Committee on Capital Programs/Agency Planning reported, for information, on matters discussed in public session at its meeting on March 27, 2008, which included discussion of an item for planning to upgrade and expand PATH's Harrison Station in Harrison, New Jersey, and the report was received.

### **President's Report**

The President provided a status report on various projects and accomplishments since the Board's last meeting.

### **Staff Reports**

Presentations were made on:

- 1) Port Authority Sustainability Program Authorization;
- 2) World Trade Center Site – Construction Update; and
- 3) John F. Kennedy International Airport – Delay Reduction Program – Planning Authorization

## **PATH – REPLACEMENT/UPGRADE OF HARRISON STATION – PLANNING AUTHORIZATION**

It was recommended that the Board authorize \$5.7 million in planning work, to include design services for the replacement and upgrade of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) Harrison Station.

The PATH Harrison Station, located in Harrison, New Jersey, was built in 1936, and its structural and infrastructure elements, such as platforms, canopies, mechanical and electrical systems, have reached the end of their useful life.

Currently, there are a number of developers who have begun construction and are planning to execute projects of a substantial scope in Harrison. These projects include residential and commercial development, as well as a sports stadium, which is expected to result in increased population in Harrison. Consequently, the PATH Harrison Station is expected to experience an increase in ridership. The various development plans call for a mix of uses that capitalize on the presence of the PATH Harrison Station. The proposed authorization is necessary for the planning and design of a new station at Harrison that: will accommodate 10-car trains, is in compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, meets the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 130) standards, and adheres to Port Authority sustainability guidelines.

In January 2008, staff completed an Urban Design and Planning Study for the PATH Harrison Station, based on the anticipated development of the area. The study report included: validation of prior studies, contextual urban analysis with station planning concepts, an order-of-magnitude construction cost estimate, updated traffic analysis, and analysis of occupant loads, pedestrian and vehicular circulation counts, vertical circulation requirements, utilities and potential property acquisitions.

Work to be undertaken under this planning authorization would include the evaluation of alternate designs to meet the needs of PATH and the surrounding community, preparation and submission of environmental permit applications, and other necessary due diligence activities that may be necessary to effectuate the project.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted with Directors Bauer, Chasanoff, Ferer, Mack, Pocino, Silverman and Steiner voting in favor; none against; Director Coscia recused:

**RESOLVED**, that planning and design work for the replacement of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) Harrison Station, including payments for professional and advisory services, staff and administrative costs, facility force work and financial expenses, at a total estimated cost of \$5.7 million, be and it hereby is authorized; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the President be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of PATH Corporation, to take action with respect to the award of contracts for professional and advisory services as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing planning and design work, including preparation and submission of environmental permit

applications and other planning and project support necessary for the planning of the project to replace the PATH Harrison Station, pursuant to authority granted in the By-Laws or other resolution adopted by the Board; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the President be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of PATH Corporation, to enter into other agreements as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing planning work, pursuant to authority granted in the By-Laws or other resolution adopted by the Board, including agreements for environmental studies and other necessary due diligence activities that may be necessary in connection with planning for the replacement of the PATH Harrison Station; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the form of all contracts and agreements in connection with the foregoing planning work shall be subject to the approval of Counsel or his authorized representative.

**PATH – JOURNAL SQUARE TRANSPORTATION CENTER - ADJUSTMENT OF FEES FOR BUS SERVICES**

It was recommended that the Board authorize the President of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) to revise bus carrier fees for departure, thru-route and charter bus operations at PATH’s Journal Square Transportation Center (JSTC), and to enter into agreements with the bus carriers using JSTC to effectuate the revised fees.

The proposed changes in bus carrier fees are designed to increase fees at JSTC to reflect the rate of inflation and prevent increases in operating deficits at that facility due to inflation.

The bus carrier fees previously authorized by the Board in April 1975 implemented fees by setting a “Schedule of Charges,” with no provision for increases or expiration date. The currently proposed charges for bus departure services at JSTC would increase, effective as of May 1, 2008, from the current \$0.50/departure to \$0.75/departure, \$0.25/thru-route to \$0.40/thru-route and \$7.50/charter to \$11.25/charter.

Thereafter, the charter fee would increase annually based on increases in the regional Consumer Price Index (CPI), commencing on January 1, 2009, while the departure fee and the thru-route departure fee would first increase incrementally over a six-year period (including the initial increase referred to above), as set forth below, and then would increase annually based on increases in the CPI, commencing on January 1 of the seventh year.

<u>Terminal Departure</u>	<u>Thru-Route Departure</u>
Year 1 - \$0.75	Year 1 - \$0.40
Year 2 - \$0.95	Year 2 - \$0.55
Year 3 - \$1.15	Year 3 - \$0.70
Year 4 - \$1.35	Year 4 - \$0.85
Year 5 - \$1.55	Year 5 - \$1.00
Year 6 - \$1.75	Year 6 - \$1.15

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted with Directors Bauer, Chasanoff, Coscia, Ferer, Mack, Pocino, Silverman and Steiner voting in favor; none against:

**RESOLVED**, that the President be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation, to revise bus carrier fees at Journal Square Transportation Center, and to enter into agreements with the bus carriers using this facility to effectuate the revised fees; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the form of such agreements and related documents shall be subject to the approval of Counsel or his authorized representative.

**PATH – AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY BOULEVARD COLUMBUS BRIDGE**

It was recommended that the Board authorize the President of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) to enter into: (1) an agreement with Hudson County, New Jersey (County), pursuant to which PATH would provide the County with \$250,000 toward a portion of the cost of the County's project to rehabilitate the John F. Kennedy Boulevard Columbus Bridge (Columbus Bridge), which will provide benefits to PATH by ensuring safe passage under the Columbus Bridge for PATH rail operations; and (2) agreements with the County and/or other entities for PATH to provide temporary construction easements, rights-of-way and/or other property interests as may be necessary in connection with the bridge rehabilitation project.

The County currently is undertaking a project to provide for the rehabilitation of the Columbus Bridge, at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million. The bridge is located in the Journal Square section of Jersey City and is directly above PATH rail system tracks between the Journal Square Transportation Center and Harrison Station. In the past, fragments of concrete have fallen from the bridge onto PATH rail tracks, which has necessitated the use of PATH facility forces to remove the debris. The potential for additional concrete fragments falling from the bridge continues to exist, posing a possible hazard to the safe operation of the PATH system. The project will include removal of deteriorated concrete, repair of areas with reinforced concrete and replacement of the compression seal in the deck joints. The rehabilitation of the Columbus Bridge will ensure safe passage of PATH trains under this bridge and mitigate the negative impacts of concrete falling onto the tracks.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted with Directors Bauer, Chasanoff, Coscia, Ferer, Mack, Pocino, Silverman and Steiner voting in favor; none against:

**RESOLVED**, that the President be and he hereby is authorized, for and on behalf of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH), to enter into: (1) an agreement with Hudson County, New Jersey (County), pursuant to which PATH would provide the County with \$250,000 toward a portion of the cost of the County's project to rehabilitate the John F. Kennedy Boulevard Columbus Bridge, which passes above PATH rail system tracks in Jersey City, New Jersey; and (2) agreements with the County and/or other entities for PATH to provide temporary construction easements, rights-of-way and/or other property interests as may be necessary in connection with the bridge rehabilitation project; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the form of the foregoing agreements shall be subject to the approval of Counsel or his authorized representative.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

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Vice-President and General Manager