

PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION

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Wednesday, December 17, 2008

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**MINUTES of the Meeting of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Wednesday,
December 17, 2008 at 225 Park Avenue South, City, County and State of New York**

PRESENT:

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

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Gerald B. Stoughton
Ralph Tragale
David B. Tweed
Lillian D. Valenti
Sheree R. Van Duyne
Andrew S. Warshaw
Peter J. Zipf

Guest:

Sonia Frontera

Public Speaker:

Sheikema Ashe

The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Coscia at 1:12 p.m. and ended at 1:34 p.m. The Board met in executive session and prior to today's public session on December 4, 2008.

Action on Minutes

The Vice-President submitted for approval Minutes of the meeting of July 24, 2008. He reported that copies of these Minutes were sent to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on July 28, 2008. He reported further that the time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on August 11, 2008.

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 December 17, 2008, which included discussion of an item for planning of improvements at PATH's Pavonia/Newport Station, and the report was received.

Report of Committee on Construction

The Committee on Construction reported, for information, on matters discussed in public session at its meeting on December 17, 2008, which included discussion of an item for the purchase and installation of new signage at various PATH stations, and the report was received.

PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION – PAVONIA/NEWPORT STATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PLANNING AUTHORIZATION

It was recommended that the Board authorize planning work, in an estimated amount of \$6.5 million, including payments for professional and advisory services, staff and administrative costs, facility force work and financial expenses, for improvements at the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Pavonia/Newport Station, including the extension of station platforms to accommodate eight-car trains, waterproofing work at the west end of the station and other station improvements. These improvements are necessary to serve the commuting public better, to accommodate forecast PATH ridership growth and to protect existing infrastructure.

The proposed work would consist of planning and design services for the extension of the station's two platforms to serve eight-car trains, and other station improvements, in order to accommodate the anticipated future increase in PATH ridership. Additionally, the proposed planning work would provide for waterproofing of the west end of the station, to address continued water infiltration onto the west end of the station platform, which could lead to deteriorating infrastructure and increased maintenance costs for the station.

This planning effort would be partially funded through federal funds in the amount of \$1.7 million.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted with Directors Bauer, Chasanoff, Coscia, Hochberg, Holmes, Mack, Sartor, Silverman and Steiner voting in favor; none against; Director Grayson abstaining:

RESOLVED, that planning and design work, in an estimated amount of \$6.5 million, including payments for professional and advisory services, staff and administrative costs, facility force work and financial expenses, for improvements to the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Pavonia/Newport Station, including extension of station platforms to accommodate eight-car trains, waterproofing of the west end of the station and other station improvements, 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, to take action with respect to the award of contracts for professional and advisory services as may be necessary to effectuate the planning and design work, the preparation and submission of environmental permit applications and other planning support necessary for the foregoing project, 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, to enter into preliminary agreements with public and private entities and to execute documents, including, without limitation, conveyances and indemnification provisions, as may be needed to effectuate the planning work for the foregoing project and which will cover, among other things: (1) relocation of utilities, (2) transfer of property interests to and from PATH, (3) making payments and incurring costs and expenses relating to utility relocation and transfers of property, and (4) environmental studies, appraisals, surveys, title searches and title insurance,

as may be necessary to obtain property in connection with the foregoing project; and it is further

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

PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION – COMPREHENSIVE SIGNAGE PROGRAM – PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT

It was recommended that the Board authorize: (1) a project for the installation of new static signs and variable message signs (VMS) at various Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) facilities, at an estimated total project cost of \$8.7 million; and (2) the President, PATH, to award Contract PAT 624.339, Comprehensive Signage, to Yonkers Electrical Contracting Corp., the lowest qualified bidder after public advertisement, at an estimated construction cost of \$4,291,000, inclusive of extra work and net cost work.

Prior studies completed in 2002 and 2006 regarding wayfinding signage for patrons using the PATH rail system found that the existing signage system did not follow established current industry principles, rules and guidelines for wayfinding and signage, and recommended the incorporation of VMS to display timely messages related to system operations to PATH patrons. The implementation of VMS also would reduce the amount of clutter in the stations, by eliminating the need for additional signs for routine track and train operational changes.

Contract PAT 624.339 would provide for the removal and replacement of static signage and the installation of 770 new static signs and VMS at the Newark, Harrison, Journal Square, Grove Street, Exchange Place, Pavonia/Newport, Hoboken, Christopher Street, 9th Street, 14th Street, 23rd Street, and 33rd Street PATH Stations. Signage for the World Trade Center (WTC) Station will be included under the WTC Transportation Hub construction contract, to coordinate better with construction activity at the WTC site. In addition, the installation of computers and software at the Hoban Control Center would enable PATH personnel to input and control messages to PATH patrons on a real-time basis. The VMS would provide information pertaining to track and operational changes. This sign program is part of PATH's overall customer service program.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted with Directors Bauer, Chasanoff, Coscia, Hochberg, Holmes, Mack, Sartor, Silverman and Steiner voting in favor; none against; Director Grayson abstaining:

RESOLVED, that a project for the installation of new static signs and variable message signs (VMS) at Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) stations (excluding the World Trade Center Station), at an estimated total project cost of \$8.7 million, including engineering, project and construction management, payments to contractors, allowances for extra work (if necessary) and net cost work, administrative and financial expenses, 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, to take action with respect to contracts for professional and advisory services and such other contracts and agreements as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing project, 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, to award Contract PAT 624.339, Comprehensive Signage, to Yonkers Electrical Contracting Corp., the lowest qualified bidder after public advertisement, at an estimated construction cost of \$4,291,000, inclusive of extra work and net cost work; and it is further

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

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

Vice-President