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As I am working on deadline on a story or stories, I would appreciate your making this available to me as soon as practical.

Thank you very much.

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## Board Meeting Transcript

December 4, 2013

Patrick Foye: Today the Port Authority board approved investments in ports, airports frankly across the agency including the World Trade Center of little under four hundred million dollars. For the year, the Port Authority board has approved nearly four billion dollars in expenditures. Those expenditures we made over a period of years. Each of those investments is in transportation infrastructure and the World Trade Center site and will support, retract, retain and create a significant number of jobs. Before taking your questions let me just make the following comment. I will be appearing before the New Jersey assembly committee on Monday. I stand by my email and will not be making any further comment or taking questions on that subject. Having said that I'd be happy to open up to your questions.

Steve Strunsky (Star Ledger): I'm sure I speak for all my colleagues and press when I say I too wish everyone happy holiday season. Bill, do you want to address the Assemblyman's comments that your explanation was improbable and too far fetch?

Bill Baroni: I have great affections for my former colleagues that were here today. I am going to stand by what I spent time with the Assembly Transportation Committee last week . I'm going to say what I said last week. So, I'm not going to get into a back forth.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): Bill, I have a question.

Bill Baroni: Sure.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): So, this was a traffic study. Almost what you claim as a traffic study on the world's busiest bridge. Probably the most profitable facilities of the Port Authority. Simply ask no question, when this decision was made was there sign off, approval or recommendation from either engineering department or other experts within the agency including the manager of the bridge or the head of bridges and tunnels. Yes or No?

Bill Baroni: I'm going to refer you to the extended two hours of questions and answers that I took with the Assembly Transportation Committee.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): It would just take two seconds, yes or no.

Bill Baroni: I'm going to stick with what I said last Monday. I'll leave it with Pat.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): Okay. I have a follow up because what you said before the assembly was that this was a traffic study. When you came to this podium previously, you wouldn't comment on it. So, it seems a little odd that you wouldn't comment on something that was innocuous as a traffic study. Why didn't you comment and why aren't you commenting today?

Bill Baroni: I'm not going to get into a back and forth over what I said and when. I'm going to stick with the two hours of testimony that I made with the Assembly Transportation Committee.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): How do you respond to the executive director's email?

Bill Baroni: I'm not going to. I'm going to refer you to the two hours of testimony I gave at the hearing last week.

Ted Mann (Wall Street Journal): Did you respond at all when you got that message?

Bill Baroni: Again, I'm going to stick with my testimony from last week.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): His email contradicts what you said.

Bill Baroni: I can assure you that I'm not going to get into a debate here today and I'm going to stick with my testimony from last week.

Anthony Hayes: Guys, we're going to move.

Ted Mann (Wall Street Journal): What other traffic pattern changes has mister Nunziato requested that the Port Authority enacted on any bridge?

Bill Baroni: I'm going to tell you, I'm going to stick with what I said last week.

Ted Mann (Wall Street Journal): Has that happened any other time?

Bill Baroni: I have no knowledge or answer of that question.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): You said in the Transportation Committee that mister Wildstein did this after he was told to do so by mister Nunziato or advised to do so. Is that something normal?

Bill Baroni: Again, I am going to refer you to the extended time I spent with the Transportation Committee.

Patrick Foye: Guys, I think we've exhausted this one. I am not going to speak beyond of what I've said. I am happy to take questions on the investments and actions taken today or any other Port Authority matter.

Steve Strunsky (Star Ledger): Any comment on the newly announce Deputy Mayor who used to run this agency? Do you think this job prepares you for the role of Deputy Mayor?

Patrick Foye: I think Tony Shorris is an incredibly able, capable public servant. I think the city of New York is lucky to have him and I think the time here spent at the Port Authority in his two stance undoubtedly will serve him well serving Mayor elect De Blasio.

Steve Strunsky (Star Ledger): Have you have any intention as serving as Deputy Mayor?

Patrick Foye: No, sir. Shawn, I didn't hear holiday greetings from you.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): Merry Merry Christmas and whatever other holiday you may celebrate.

Patrick Foye: Thank you.

Shawn Boburg (Bergen Record): Any update on the investigation or review into this ten dollar sale of the name transfer?

Patrick Foye: As you know, Governor Cuomo requested that Attorney General Schneiderman investigate that. I know that the Attorney General's office is underway in that process. We've had furnished a significant number of documents. We're committed as we told the Governor when he made that request to cooperating fully with Attorney General Schneiderman's investigation. Beyond that I don't have any comment.

Ted Mann (Wall Street Journal): Where's your Capital Plan and do you expect to see one soon? Is this a sign that it's hard to put together that we keep having meetings and not seeing them?

Patrick Foye: No, I don't think so Ted. An extraordinary amount of progress has been made on the Capital Plan. I think it's significant robust and I would stay tuned for the future board meeting. I would not draw any conclusions. Dave Porter.

Dave Porter (Associated Press): I hope everyone has a miserable holiday. The World Trade Center naming rights, I believe at the time when you first talked about it with us you said that there was going to be an internal investigation. I wonder if you could comment on when that will be completed? Addition to the Attorney General.

Patrick Foye: Obviously, while the Attorney General and state of New York is investigating, we're going to cede the field to the Attorney General. We have furnished, I don't know exactly how many pages or pounds of documents. But forward those to the Attorney General. Personnel here have been in contact with the Attorney General staff. We're committed as we said when the governor referred the matter to the Attorney General to cooperate fully. And we will continue to do that.

I think the news coming out of today's meeting is that the Board approved three hundred and seventy three million dollars in investments of the Airports, Ports, World Trade Center and frankly across our facilities. And for the year, the extraordinary sum approved by the Board of four billion dollars. Tens of thousands of jobs will be retained, created and the jobs are retracted to New York and New Jersey. That's good news. Happy holidays everyone.

Ted Mann (Wall Street Journal): About those projects that you just mentioned since you brought them up. The road projects near the Ports are you going to comment that those road projects should be paid for by the Authority as oppose to the state where the roads are.

Patrick Foye: There's no question Ted. We didn't say this in the Board Meeting perhaps we should have. The Port Authority has billions with a 'B' of dollars invested on both sides of the river in the Port of New York and New Jersey. Today's investment of over a hundred million dollars, I think is signed shows our continued commitment to that. The Ports obviously supports hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity. And in light of that, today's investments is good news. Happy holidays everybody.