

**PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, June 30, 2008**

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**MINUTES of the Meeting of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Monday, June 30, 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. Anthony J. Sartor  
 Hon. David S. Steiner

**NEW YORK**

Hon. Henry R. Silverman, Vice-Chairman  
 Hon. Bruce A. Blakeman  
 Hon. Michael J. Chasanoff  
 Hon. H. Sidney Holmes III  
 Hon. David S. Mack

Christopher O. Ward, President  
 Ernesto L. Butcher, Vice-President  
 Darrell B. Buchbinder, Counsel

Susan M. Baer  
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 Karen E. Eastman  
 Michael G. Fabiano  
 Ziomara Y. Foster  
 Michael B. Francois  
 Isabel M. Gonzalez  
 Glenn P. Guzi  
 Linda C. Handel  
 Mary Lee Hannell  
 Alan H. Hicks  
 Howard G. Kadin  
 Victoria C. Kelly  
 Kevin J. Kirchman  
 Louis J. LaCapra  
 Richard M. Larrabee  
 Marc LaVorgna  
 Susan Bass Levin  
 Francis J. Lombardi  
 Thomas P. Maher  
 Candace McAdams  
 James E. McCoy

Sanjay S. Mody  
Christopher J. Mohr  
Anne Marie C. Mulligan  
Lynn A. Nerney  
Summer Oesch  
Tony F. Oliver  
Diane Paonessa  
Samuel J. Plumeri  
Desiree Ramos  
Alan L. Reiss  
Richard R. Roper  
Stephen H. Sigmund  
Timothy G. Stickelman  
Gerald B. Stoughton  
Ralph Tragale  
Lillian D. Valenti  
Sheree Van Duyne  
Peter J. Zipf

Guests:

Sonia Frontera  
Stacie O'Brien

Public Speakers:

Glenn Corbett  
Aimee Hartman  
Patrick Kwan  
Al Niedermeyer  
Nancy Niedermeyer  
Valerie Sicignano  
Imre Szabo  
Janice Tietjen

The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Coscia at 1:41 p.m. and ended at 2:19 p.m. The Board met in executive session prior to the public session. Director Blakeman was present for a portion of the public session.

### **Action on Minutes**

The Vice-President submitted for approval Minutes of the meeting of May 22, 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 for 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 June 30, 2008, which included discussion of two items for PATH rail station upgrades and capacity enhancements at the Exchange Place and Grove Street stations, in preparation for ten-car train operations, and the report was received.

### **Staff Report**

A presentation was made by staff on China Center New York LLC – Lease Agreement for Space in One World Trade Center, the Freedom Tower.

The President provided an update on the status of redevelopment efforts at the World Trade Center site.

**PATH – EXCHANGE PLACE STATION – EMERGENCY EGRESS – PLANNING AUTHORIZATION**

It was recommended that the Board authorize \$5.5 million in planning work for the construction of emergency egress stairs at the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Exchange Place Station, in preparation for ten-car train operations.

The PATH Exchange Place Station, located in Jersey City, New Jersey, was opened to the public in 1909 and was renovated in 1987. It was renovated again in 2003 as a result of damage from the attacks on September 11, 2001, when Exchange Place Station was used to facilitate pumping operations to clear the under-river tunnels between Exchange Place Station and the World Trade Center. The station renovations included construction of new crossovers at the west end of the station and extension of the platforms to accommodate future ten-car train operations. This authorization would provide for an additional egress stair from the train platform to the surface level, a depth of approximately 75 feet. The station, as currently designed, meets the established National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines for operation of seven or eight-car trains. The additional egress is required to facilitate a ten-car train operation.

Work to be undertaken as part of this planning authorization would include: the evaluation of alternative designs, in order to meet the needs of PATH and the requirements of the NFPA, including investigation of impacts on the surrounding community; preparation and submission of environmental permit applications, real estate appraisals, title searches, topographical and title surveys; and entry agreements with property owners for site investigations and surveys, including indemnification provisions in connection with the potential acquisition of permanent and temporary interests that may be necessary to effectuate the project.

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

**RESOLVED**, that planning and design work for a project to undertake the construction of emergency egress at the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Exchange Place Station, including payments for professional and advisory services, staff and administrative costs, facility force work and financial expenses, at a total estimated cost of \$5.5 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, 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, preparation and submission of environmental permit applications, and other planning and project support necessary for the planning of 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 such other agreements as may be needed to effectuate the planning work for the foregoing project, covering, among other things, environmental studies, appraisals, surveys, title searches, and title insurance, as may be necessary for the acquisition of permanent and temporary interests as part of 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 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 – GROVE STREET STATION – CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS AND STATION MODERNIZATION – PLANNING AUTHORIZATION**

It was recommended that the Board authorize \$6.5 million in planning work for capacity enhancements and modernization of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Grove Street Station, in order to accommodate ten-car train operations and ensure that the station meets the access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The PATH Grove Street Station, located in Jersey City, New Jersey, was opened to the public in 1910. The existing center platform currently can accommodate trains of up to eight cars in length. The requested planning authorization would support the design of an expanded station, the inclusion of elevator access in order to meet the requirements of the ADA and measures to meet Port Authority sustainability guidelines.

Work to be undertaken pursuant to 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, real estate appraisals, title searches, topographical and title surveys; and entry agreements with property owners for site investigations and surveys, including indemnification provisions in connection with the potential acquisition of permanent and temporary interests that may be necessary to effectuate the project.

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

**RESOLVED**, that planning and design work for a project to undertake capacity enhancements and station modernization of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Grove Street Station, including payments for professional and advisory services, staff and administrative costs, facility force work and financial expenses, at a total estimated cost of \$6.5 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, 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, preparation and submission of environmental permit applications, and other planning and project support necessary for the planning of 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 agreements with public and private entities and execute documents, including, but not limited to, conveyances and indemnification provisions, as may be needed to effectuate the planning for the foregoing project, covering, among other things, the relocation of utilities and the transfer of property interests to and from PATH; to make related payments and incur associated costs and expenses; and to enter into agreements for environmental studies, appraisals, surveys, title searches, and title insurance, as may be necessary for the acquisition of

permanent and temporary interests; in each case, pursuant to authority granted in the By-Laws or other resolution adopted by the Board; 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.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

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Vice President and General Manager