

**PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

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**MINUTES of the Meeting of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 2 Montgomery Street, City, County and State of New Jersey**

**PRESENT:**

**NEW JERSEY**

Hon. John J. Degnan, Chairman  
 Hon. Richard H. Bagger  
 Hon. William P. Schuber  
 Hon. David Steiner  
 Hon. Caren Z. Turner

Patrick J. Foye, President  
 Michael E. Farbiarz, Counsel

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 Robert E. Galvin  
 Matthew Gilhooley  
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 Glenn P. Guzi  
 Linda C. Handel  
 MaryLee Hannell  
 Gary Heard  
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 Cristina M. Lado  
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**NEW YORK**

Hon. Michael D. Fascitelli  
 Hon. Kenneth Lipper  
 Hon. Jeffrey H. Lynford

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 Stephen Marinko  
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 Michael G. Massiah  
 Thomas Matthew  
 Daniel G. McCarron  
 Elizabeth M. McCarthy  
 James E. McCoy  
 Mark F. Muriello  
 Maria Oliveri  
 Ida Perich  
 Steven P. Plate  
 Alan L. Reiss  
 Beth E. Siegel  
 James A. Starace  
 Lillian D. Valenti  
 Sheree R. Van Duyne  
 Anni Zhu

Guests:

Ali Chaudhry  
 Mary Maples

Speakers:

Murray Bodin, Member of the Public  
 Katharine Horsman, Brompton Bicycle Inc.

Dustin Jones, United for Equal Access  
 Tina Payne, Unite Here, Local 100  
 Cody Petit-Frere, Unite Here, Local 100  
 Mabel Richards, Unite Here, Local 100  
 Irene Rogers, Unite Here, Local 100

Connor Sargent, NYCeWheels

Sherry Scalercio-Isenberg, Member of the Public

Neile Weissman, Complete George

Topic:

Transportation Issues  
 Widening of Paths on George Washington  
 Bridge  
 Equal Access at New York City Airports  
 Airport Workers' Protection  
 Airport Workers' Protection  
 Working Conditions at LaGuardia Airport  
 Working Conditions at John F. Kennedy  
 International Airport  
 Widening of Paths on George Washington  
 Bridge  
 Americans with Disabilities Act Alleged  
 Violation  
 Widening of Paths on George Washington  
 Bridge

The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Degnan at 1:10 p.m. and ended at 2:19 p.m. The Board also met in executive session prior to the public session.

### **Action on Minutes**

Counsel submitted for approval Minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2017. He reported that copies of these Minutes were delivered to the Governors of New York (in electronic form) and New Jersey (in paper form) on May 1, 2017. Counsel reported further that the time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey had expired at midnight on May 15, 2017.

Whereupon, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2017.

### **Report of Committee on Capital Planning, Execution and Asset Management**

The Committee on Capital Planning, Execution and Asset Management reported, for information, on matters discussed in public session at its meeting on June 15, 2017, which included discussion of an item that authorizes a project for the replacement of the escalators at the Newport PATH Station, and the report was received.

## **PATH – NEWPORT STATION – REPLACEMENT OF ESCALATORS - PROJECT AUTHORIZATION**

It was recommended that the Board authorize a project for the replacement of four escalators at the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Newport Station in Jersey City, New Jersey, at an estimated total project cost of \$27 million.

The Newport Station escalators move people between the station entrance and the upper mezzanine, and are the primary means of access and egress to and from the trains.

In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy and its associated storm surge resulted in severe flooding, which caused significant damage to PATH facilities and equipment, requiring the entire PATH system to shut down for approximately two weeks before partial service was restored. The PATH system did not return to full service until four months after the storm.

PATH performed immediate repairs of damaged escalator components at Newport Station to restore service following the storm. However, among other things, salt residue from flooding penetrated throughout the escalator infrastructure, which residue could not be cleaned by flushing or power washing. This has resulted in accelerated corrosion to metal, electrical and electronic components of the escalators.

In addition to incurring storm-related damage, the escalators are approximately 30 years old and have exceeded their estimated useful life. The proposed replacement of the escalators would provide for the installation of heavy duty escalators designed for mass transit use with continuous operations. The project would be sequenced in a manner that would minimize disruptions to Newport Station users. There would be no impact to train service.

At its meeting of December 4, 2013, the Board authorized preliminary program funding to define projects to be developed, executed, and delivered under a multi-year Storm Mitigation and Resilience Program, and authorized the provision of \$108 million, of which \$81 million was allocated for PATH facilities, excluding those at the World Trade Center site, to retain architectural and engineering design services and federally required integrity monitoring services to support the program. The amount authorized for Stage I services (i.e., preliminary design and development of a construction cost estimate and schedule) was limited to \$1.5 million per project. PATH previously retained Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, P.C. (Gannett) to perform architectural and engineering services from the existing list of pre-qualified consultants retained pursuant to the Port Authority Board's December 4, 2013 action, to support planning work for the PATH Newport Station escalator replacement project, and Gannett also would provide support for the final design and construction of the project.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Directors Bagger, Degnan, Fascitelli, Lipper, Lynford, Schuber, Steiner and Turner voting in favor. Counsel confirmed that sufficient affirmative votes were cast for the action to be taken, a quorum of the Board being present.

**RESOLVED**, that a project for the replacement of four escalators at the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Newport Station in Jersey City, New Jersey, at an estimated total project cost of \$27 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 construction contracts, contracts for professional and advisory services, and such other contracts and agreements as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing project; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the form of all agreements, contracts and other documents in connection with the foregoing project shall be subject to the approval of Counsel or his authorized representative, and the terms of such contracts, agreements and other documents shall be subject to review by Counsel or his authorized representative.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

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Counsel