# PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION

# MINUTES Thursday, March 25, 2021

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# MINUTES of the Meeting of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Thursday, March 25, 2021 via teleconference.

#### PRESENT:

#### **NEW JERSEY**

Hon. Kevin J. O'Toole, Chairman

Hon. Richard H. Bagger Hon. Kevin P. McCabe Hon. Raymond M. Pocino

Richard Cotton, President Michael E. Farbiarz, Counsel

James K. Allen Jr.

Justin E. Bernbach

John Bilich

Michael Bock

Benjamin M. Branham

Mark Burkhardt

Brian Caraveo

Ana Carvajalino

Rebecca L. Cassidy

Edward T. Cetnar

Janet D. Cox

Jeffrey Croissant

Clarelle D. DeGraffe

Michael P. Dombrowski

Diannae C. Ehler

Benjamin Feldman

Amy H. Fisher

Robert E. Galvin

Jaime Garcia

Erik H. George

Robert Gibbon

Connor J. Glory

Mary Lee Hannell

Milena Kosc-Garcia

Cristina M. Lado

Huntley A. Lawrence

Michael G. Massiah

Elizabeth M. McCarthy

James E. McCoy

#### **NEW YORK**

Hon. Jeffrey H. Lynford, Vice Chairman

Hon. Leecia R. Eve Hon. Gary LaBarbera

Hon. Rosana Rosado

Tobi Mettle

Alec Nadeau

Jason Nielsen

Daniel Olbrich

Hersh K. Parekh

Steven P. Plate

Alan L. Reiss

Jessica Russ

Peter D. Simon

James A. Starace

Stephen C. Sudol

Derek H. Utter

Lillian D. Valenti

Matthew Vecchione

# Guests:

Edmund Caulfield, Associate Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey Dr. Mehmet Oz, Cardiothoracic Surgeon

### <u>Public Commenters</u>:

Liam Blank, Tri-State Transportation Campaign Charlene Talarico Neile Weissman, Complete George

## Topic:

Federal Aid for the Port Authority Port Authority Personnel Matters GWB Bike Paths The public meeting was called to order by Chairman O'Toole at 12:21 p.m. and ended at 1:20 p.m. The Board also met in executive session prior to the public session.

#### **Report on Prior Meeting's Minutes**

Copies of the Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2021 were delivered in electronic form to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on February 12, 2021. The time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on March 1, 2021.

#### Chairman's Report

The Chairman advised that due to the ongoing public health crisis posed by COVID-19, and in light of the recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the States of New York and New Jersey, today's meeting is being held via teleconference, with audio of the proceedings simultaneously webcast on the Port Authority's website.

The Chairman also advised that as part of the Port Authority's public speakers' program, three written statements were received and provided to the Directors and other relevant staff prior to today's Board Meeting. The written statements will also be filed with the transcripts of today's meetings on the Port Authority's website.

# PATH - EXCHANGE PLACE STATION - REPLACEMENT OF SUMP PUMPS AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

It was recommended that the Board authorize a project for the replacement of three sump pumps and rehabilitation of associated infrastructure at the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Exchange Place Station, at an estimated total project cost of \$25 million.

The Exchange Place Station mechanical room houses three sump pumps that keep the station and track areas free of standing water on a continuous basis. The mechanical room is located below the station level and the Hudson River. All three sump pumps and related plumbing and electrical infrastructure were inundated with brackish water and sustained extensive flooding from Superstorm Sandy and latent saltwater damage, reducing their life expectancy.

The existing sump pumps and associated electrical infrastructure equipment require continuous maintenance and repairs to remain functional.

The proposed project would provide for the replacement of the sump pumps and related infrastructure, including wiring, conduits and piping within the mechanical room, in order to maintain a state of good repair and reliable operations. The project also would provide for the replacement of steel stairs that provide access to the mechanical room and installation of a removable floor grating and a gantry system to lift the old pump and lower the new pump into place to provide improved access to the sump pumps.

In accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection permit requirements, a new filtration system also would be installed as part of the project to remove accumulated zinc deposits from the water before it is pumped into the Hudson River.

It is anticipated that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) would reimburse the Port Authority up to 90 percent of eligible project costs.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Directors Bagger, Eve, LaBarbera, Lynford, McCabe, O'Toole, Pocino and Rosado 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 three sump pumps and rehabilitation of associated infrastructure at the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Exchange Place Station, at an estimated total project cost of \$25 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, 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, agreements and 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.
Counsel