

PORT AUTHORITY TRANS-HUDSON CORPORATION

MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2023

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MINUTES of the Meeting of Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation held Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 150 Greenwich Street, New York City, New York and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

NEW JERSEY

Hon. Kevin J. O’Toole, Chairman
 Hon. J. Christian Bollwage
 Hon. George Helmy
 Hon. Joseph Kelley
 Hon. Kevin P. McCabe*
 Hon. Michelle E. Richardson*

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Hon. Jeffrey H. Lynford, Vice Chairman
 Hon. Steven M. Cohen
 Hon. Leecia R. Eve*
 Hon. Winston C. Fisher
 Hon. Gary LaBarbera
 Hon. Rossana Rosado*

Richard Cotton, President
 Amy H. Fisher, Acting Counsel

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 Jennifer S. Davis*
 Clarelle DeGraffe
 Christopher Diamond
 Alfred P. Doblin
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 Benjamin Feldman
 Robert E. Galvin
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 John Gay

Erik H. George*
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 Kirsten Hernandez*
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 Annessa H. Lau
 William Laventhal
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 Matthew F. Murray
 Clare O'Brien
 Jessica Ortiz
 Hersh K. Parekh
 Thomas Pietrykoski
 Alan L. Reiss*
 Jessica Russ*
 Peter D. Simon
 Dennis Stabile
 Debra M. Torres*
 Derek H. Utter
 Lenis Valens
 Lillian D. Valenti
 Lei Pei Wang
 Liz White

Guests:

Thomas Holl, Senior Counsel, Authorities Unit, Office of the Governor of New Jersey

Daniel J. Horwitz, former PATH Director

David Ullman, Assistant Secretary for Transportation, Office of the Governor of New York*

Public Commenters:

Matthew Buchys (Written Statement)

Christopher Greif

Debra Greif

Omar Vera

Neile Weissman

Jaquelyn Wells

Topics:

George Washington Bridge
& PATH

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George Washington Bridge Path

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* Remote participants via videoconference.

The public meeting was called to order by Chairman O’Toole at 12:24 p.m. and ended at 1:54 p.m. The Board also met in executive session prior to the public session. Director Cohen was not present for the executive session portion of the meeting.

Report on Prior Meeting’s Minutes

Copies of the Minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2023 were delivered in electronic form to the Governors of New York and New Jersey on June 23, 2023. The time for action by the Governors of New York and New Jersey expired at midnight on July 10, 2023.

PATH – HARRISON CAR MAINTENANCE FACILITY - INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE SEA WALL – PROJECT REAUTHORIZATION

It was recommended that the Board reauthorize a project for the design and construction of a permanent concrete sea wall to protect Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) rail system tracks and associated electrical and mechanical infrastructure located at the PATH right-of-way east of the Harrison Car Maintenance Facility (HCMF), at an estimated total project cost of \$44.73 million, an increase of \$1.83 million from the previously authorized amount of \$42.9 million.

As a result of Superstorm Sandy in 2012, certain PATH infrastructure located east of the HCMF along the Passaic River flooded, causing approximately four months of service outages, and damage to the tracks, electrical and signal equipment. Temporary flood protection measures, such as a four-foot-high, 2,700-linear-foot barrier along the Passaic River, were put in place in 2013 while permanent solutions were developed.

At previous meetings from November 2016 through July 2022, the Board authorized certain actions with respect to the implementation of the project, which includes removal of the temporary flood protection barrier and the design and construction of a 16.5-foot tall, 3,500-foot-long permanent concrete seawall along the portions of the PATH track right-of-way east of the HCMF that flooded as a result of the storm surge following Superstorm Sandy, at an estimated aggregate amount of \$42.9 million.

The proposed increase is needed to accommodate incremental internal costs required to complete the project, including PATH labor, engineering support, and agency allocations.

This project was awarded a competitive federal grant from the Federal Transit Administration; however, since that federal funding has been fully committed, PATH will be responsible for the incremental \$1.83 million in project costs.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Directors Bollwage, Cohen, Eve, Fisher, Helmy, Kelley, LaBarbera, Lynford, McCabe, O'Toole, Richardson 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 design and construction of a permanent concrete flood protection wall east of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) Harrison Car Maintenance Facility between the Harrison PATH Station and the Journal Square Transportation Center, at an estimated total project cost of \$44.73 million, an increase of \$1.83 million from the previously authorized amount of \$42.9 million, be and it hereby is reauthorized; 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 other documents in connection with the foregoing project shall be subject to the approval of Counsel or her authorized representative, and the terms of such contracts, agreements and other documents shall be subject to review by Counsel or her authorized representative.

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The Board approved a matter in executive session, which shall not be made available for public inspection until such time as litigation related to this matter has concluded.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned.

Acting Counsel