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Introduced by M. of A. GONZALEZ-ROJAS, GALLAGHER, JACKSON, EPSTEIN, SIMON, SEAWRIGHT, FERNANDEZ, CRUZ, DINOWITZ, GOTTFRIED, CARROLL, RICHARDSON, ANDERSON, QUART, HEVESI, SEPTIMO, RODRIGUEZ, JEAN-PIERRE, FALL, BARNWELL, FORREST, CUSICK, STECK, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The metropolitan transportation authority shall, in  
2 consultation with the Long Island Rail Road Commuter's Council, the  
3 Metro-North Rail Commuter Council and the New York City Transit Authori-  
4 ty Advisory Council, develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle  
5 and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated  
6 by the authority. One component of the strategic action plan shall be to  
7 develop and monitor capital projects to allow for and/or expand bicycle  
8 access on all bridges operated by the authority and provide for bicycle  
9 parking at all passenger stations operated by the authority. The strate-  
10 gic action plan shall also include a review of the authority's capital  
11 program plans in effect on and after January first, two thousand twenty,  
12 to determine the impact of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian  
13 access and shall include any proposed amendments and modifications to  
14 such capital program plans that the authority deems necessary to accom-  
15 plish the purposes of this section. Within one year of the effective  
16 date of this act, the chairman of the metropolitan transportation  
17 authority shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary pres-  
18 ident of the senate, speaker of the assembly and mayor of the city of

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 New York, detailing the strategic action plan conducted pursuant to this  
2 act.

3 § 2. Section 1269-b of the public authorities law is amended by adding  
4 a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

5 11. In formulating its capital program plans, the authority shall  
6 consider the impact of any proposed plan, amendment or modification  
7 submitted pursuant to this section on bicycle and pedestrian accessibil-  
8 ity. Such consideration shall be made in consultation with the Long  
9 Island rail road commuter's council, the Metro-North rail commuter coun-  
10 cil and the New York city transit authority advisory council.

11 § 3. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1266-e of the public authorities  
12 law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 669 of the laws of 1986 and  
13 subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 396 of the laws of 1998, are amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 1. There is hereby created the Metro-North rail commuter council to  
16 study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with respect to the  
17 maintenance and operation of those portions of, if any, the Hudson,  
18 Harlem, New Haven, Pascack Valley and Port Jervis commuter railroad  
19 lines remaining within the metropolitan commuter transportation  
20 district. Such council shall study and investigate all aspects of the  
21 day to day operation of such railroad lines, monitor their performance  
22 and recommend changes to improve the efficiency of the operation there-  
23 of. Such council shall study and make recommendations in regard to  
24 improving bicycle and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other  
25 facilities operated by such railroad lines.

26 2. Such council shall consist of [~~eleven~~] twelve members and shall be  
27 commuters who regularly use the transportation services of such railroad  
28 lines. At least five of such members shall be residents of the county of  
29 Westchester. Of the other [~~six~~] seven members, at least one of such  
30 members shall be a resident of each of the counties of Rockland, Putnam,  
31 Dutchess, Orange and Bronx, provided that such county has not withdrawn  
32 from the metropolitan commuter transportation district pursuant to  
33 section twelve hundred seventy-nine-b of this [~~article~~] title; provided  
34 further, should only the county of Putnam remain in the metropolitan  
35 commuter transportation district then membership on such council shall  
36 consist of [~~seven~~] eight members, [~~five~~] six of whom reside in the coun-  
37 ty of Westchester and two of whom reside in the county of Putnam.  
38 Members shall be appointed by the governor. In making such appointments  
39 the governor shall consult with and solicit recommendations from local  
40 officials and to the extent possible appoint members who represent the  
41 ridership of the several commuter railroad lines. Provided, however,  
42 that one member shall be appointed who has a demonstrated expertise or  
43 interest in the promotion and development of improved bicycle and pedes-  
44 trian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the  
45 authority and its subsidiaries. Vacancies occurring in the membership of  
46 the council shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

47 § 4. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1266-d of the public authorities  
48 law, subdivision 1 as added by chapter 482 of the laws of 1981, and  
49 subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 396 of the laws of 1998, are amended  
50 to read as follows:

51 1. There is hereby created the Long Island rail road commuter's coun-  
52 cil, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with  
53 respect to the maintenance and operation of the Long Island rail road.  
54 Such council shall study and investigate all aspects of the day to day  
55 operations of such railroad, monitor its performance and recommend  
56 changes to improve the efficiency of the operation thereof. Such coun-

cil shall study and make recommendations in regard to improving bicycle and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the Long Island Railroad.

2. Such council shall consist of [~~twelve~~] thirteen members who shall be commuters who regularly use the transportation services of such railroad, and who shall be residents of Nassau, Suffolk, Queens or Brooklyn county. Members shall be appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the county executive of each such county, provided, however, that such members shall be chosen from a list of ten names submitted by each such county executive and provided further however that no more than six members of such council shall be residents of either such county. Provided, however, that one member shall be appointed on the recommendation of the borough president of Queens and one member shall be appointed on the recommendation of the borough president of Brooklyn. Provided, however, that one member shall be appointed who has a demonstrated expertise or interest in the promotion and development of improved bicycle and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the authority and its subsidiaries. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the council shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments, provided, however, that such vacancy shall be filled from a list of three names submitted by each such county executive.

§ 5. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1204-e of the public authorities law, as renumbered by section 2 of part H of chapter 25 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as follows:

1. There is hereby created the New York city transit authority advisory council, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with respect to the maintenance and operation of the New York city transit authority, its subsidiaries and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority. Such council shall study and investigate all aspects of the day to day operations of such authority, its subsidiaries and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority, monitor their performance and recommend changes to improve the efficiency of the operation thereof. Such council shall study and make recommendations in regard to improving bicycle and pedestrian access on trains and buses, and at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the authority, its subsidiaries and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority.

2. Such council shall consist of [~~fifteen~~] eighteen members who shall be commuters who regularly use the transportation services of such authorities. [~~Five~~] Eight of such members shall be appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York; five upon the recommendation of the president of the city council of the city of New York; and five other members appointed upon the recommendation one by each of the borough presidents of the boroughs of the city of New York. Provided, however, that three members recommended by the mayor of New York shall have a demonstrated expertise or interest in the promotion and development of improved bicycle and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the metropolitan transportation authority, as created by section twelve hundred sixty-three of this article, and such authority's subsidiaries. The chairman shall be a member selected by the membership of the committee. Each of the members shall serve for a term of two years, provided, however, that of the first appointments, two appointed upon the recommendation of the mayor and two appointed upon the recommendation of the president of the city council shall serve for a term of one year. Vacancies occurring

1 other than by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as  
2 the original appointments for the balance of the unexpired term.  
3 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.