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Introduced by M. of A. NOLAN, MARKEY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. AUBRY, COLTON, GLICK, JACOBS, PHEFFER, WRIGHT -- 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 establishing a permanent citizen's advisory committee to the metropolitan transportation authority

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 1266-i to read as follows:
3 S 1266-I. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTA-
4 TION AUTHORITY. 1. THERE IS HEREBY CREATED WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN
5 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY A PERMANENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE
6 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES AND
7 EFFORTS OF THE THREE OPERATING AGENCIES' COUNCILS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVI-
8 SION TWO OF THIS SECTION.
9 2. THE THREE OPERATING AGENCIES' COUNCILS SHALL BE (A) THE NEW YORK
10 CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTION
11 TWELVE HUNDRED FOUR-A OF THIS ARTICLE; (B) THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD
12 COMMUTER'S COUNCIL, AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX-D
13 OF THIS TITLE; AND (C) THE METRO-NORTH RAIL COMMUTER'S COUNCIL AS ESTAB-
14 LISHED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX-E OF THIS TITLE.
15 3. SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AS A COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE THREE
16 OPERATING AGENCIES COUNCILS PROVIDING A REGIONAL AND BALANCED PERSPEC-
17 TIVE TO THEIR WORK. SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL BE A SOURCE OF INFORMED, TIMELY
18 ADVICE TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, ITS SUBSIDIARIES
19 AND AFFILIATES ABOUT FINANCE, OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, PLANNING, SERVICE
20 ISSUES AND THE CAPITAL PROGRAM PLANS AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION TWELVE
21 HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE-B OF THIS TITLE AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CAPITAL PLANS OF

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

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1 THE AUTHORITY. SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO INFORMATION
2 OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND
3 AFFILIATES AS THE THREE OPERATING AGENCIES' COUNCILS.

4 4. SUCH COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY
5 TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD COMMUTER'S
6 COUNCIL, AND THE METRO-NORTH RAIL COMMUTER'S COUNCIL.

7 5. THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR
8 SERVICES BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES
9 INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

10 6. THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE ADEQUATE
11 RESOURCES AND OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR THE PERMANENT CITIZENS ADVISORY
12 COMMITTEE TO THE MTA WHICH SHALL INCLUDE APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR STAFF
13 THAT IS SELECTED, DEDICATED TO AND CONTROLLED BY THE PERMANENT CITIZENS
14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE MTA FOR THE PERMANENT CITIZENS ADVISORY
15 COMMITTEE.

16 7. THE PERMANENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE METROPOLITAN
17 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND THE AUTHORITY MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS
18 WITH EACH OTHER TO FACILITATE THIS SECTION.

19 8. NOTHING IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL AFFECT ANY PRESENT AGREEMENTS
20 BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND ANY ORGANIZATION.

21 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 1204-a of the public authorities law, as
22 added by chapter 483 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

23 1. There is hereby created the New York city transit authority advi-
24 sory council, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations
25 with respect to the maintenance [and], operation AND CAPITAL PROGRAM
26 PLANS AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE-B OF THIS
27 TITLE AND ANY OTHER CAPITAL PLANS of the New York city transit authori-
28 ty, its subsidiaries and the Staten Island rapid transit operating
29 authority. Such council shall study and investigate all aspects of the
30 day to day operations of such authority, its subsidiaries and the Staten
31 Island rapid transit operating authority, monitor their performance and
32 recommend changes to improve the efficiency of the operation thereof.

33 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 1266-d of the public authorities law, as
34 added by chapter 482 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

35 1. There is hereby created the Long Island rail road commuter's coun-
36 cil, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with
37 respect to the maintenance [and], operation AND CAPITAL PROGRAM PLANS AS
38 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE-B OF THIS TITLE AND ANY
39 OTHER CAPITAL PLANS of the Long Island rail road. Such council shall
40 study and investigate all aspects of the day to day operations of such
41 railroad, monitor its performance and recommend changes to improve the
42 efficiency of the operation thereof.

43 S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 1266-e of the public authorities law, as
44 amended by chapter 669 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as
45 follows:

46 1. There is hereby created the Metro-North rail commuter council to
47 study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with respect to the
48 maintenance [and], operation AND CAPITAL PROGRAM PLANS AS ESTABLISHED IN
49 SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE-B OF THIS TITLE AND ANY OTHER CAPITAL
50 PLANS of those portions of, if any, the Hudson, Harlem, New Haven,
51 Pascack Valley and Port Jervis commuter railroad lines remaining within
52 the metropolitan commuter transportation district. Such council shall
53 study and investigate all aspects of the day to day operation of such
54 railroad lines, monitor their performance and recommend changes to
55 improve the efficiency of the operation thereof.

56 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.