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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:

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1266-i to read as follows:

S 1266-I. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. 1. THERE IS HEREBY CREATED WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY A PERMANENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS OF THE THREE OPERATING AGENCIES' COUNCILS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

2. THE THREE OPERATING AGENCIES' COUNCILS SHALL BE (A) THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED FOUR-A OF THIS ARTICLE; (B) THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD COMMUTER'S COUNCIL, AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX-D OF THIS TITLE; AND (C) THE METRO-NORTH RAIL COMMUTER'S COUNCIL AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX-E OF THIS TITLE.

3. SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AS A COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE THREE OPERATING AGENCIES COUNCILS PROVIDING A REGIONAL AND BALANCED PERSPECTIVE TO THEIR WORK. SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL BE A SOURCE OF INFORMED, TIMELY ADVICE TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES ABOUT FINANCE, OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, PLANNING, SERVICE ISSUES AND THE CAPITAL PROGRAM PLANS AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE-B OF THIS TITLE AS WELL AS ANY OTHER CAPITAL PLANS OF THE AUTHORITY. SUCH COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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

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OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES AS THE THREE OPERATING AGENCIES' COUNCILS.

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

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

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

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

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

S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 1204-a of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 483 of the laws of 1981, is 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 AND CAPITAL PROGRAM PLANS AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE-B OF THIS TITLE AND ANY OTHER CAPITAL PLANS 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.

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

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

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

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

S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.