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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:

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  
22 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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1 OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND  
2 AFFILIATES AS THE THREE OPERATING AGENCIES' COUNCILS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

55 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.