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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a committee on safety within the metropolitan transportation authority

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 1263 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 549 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The chairman shall establish committees to assist him in the performance of his duties and shall appoint members of the authority to such committees. Among such committees, there shall be a committee on operations of the New York city transit authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority; a committee on operations of the Long Island Rail Road and the metropolitan suburban bus authority; a committee on operations of the Metro-North commuter railroad; a committee on operations of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority; a committee on finance; [and] a committee on capital program oversight; AND A COMMITTEE ON SAFETY. In addition to such appointed members, each of the non-voting members referred to in subparagraph two of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section shall serve on the committee on capital program oversight, the committee on finance, THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, the committee on operations of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, and the operations committee relevant to the commuter council that recommended such member. The alternate non-voting members shall each serve on the respective operations committee relevant to the commuter council that recommended each member. The committee on capital program

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

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oversight AND THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY shall include not less than three members, and shall include the chairpersons of the committee on operations of the New York city transit authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority, the committee on operations of the Long Island Rail Road and the metropolitan suburban bus authority, and the committee on operations of the Metro-North commuter railroad. [Such] THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY SHALL CONVENE AT LEAST ONCE ANNUALLY AND EACH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY ANY AND ALL INITIATIVES, CONCERNS, IMPROVEMENTS, OR FAILURES INVOLVING THE SAFETY OF: (1) CUSTOMERS; (2) EMPLOYEES; AND (3) THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, IN RELATION TO AUTHORITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES. THE CAPITAL PROGRAM committee shall, with respect to any approved or proposed capital program plans, (i) monitor the current and future availability of funds to be utilized for such plans approved or proposed to be submitted to the metropolitan transportation capital program review board as provided in section twelve hundred sixty-nine-b of this title; (ii) monitor the contract awards of the metropolitan transportation authority and the New York city transit authority to insure that such awards are consistent with (A) provisions of law authorizing United States content and New York state content; (B) collective bargaining agreements; (C) provisions of law providing for participation by minority and women-owned businesses; (D) New York state labor laws; (E) competitive bidding requirements including those regarding sole source contracts; and (F) any other relevant requirements established by law; (iii) monitor the award of contracts to determine if such awards are consistent with the manner in which the work was traditionally performed in the past provided, however, that any such determination shall not be admissible as evidence in any arbitration or judicial proceeding; (iv) review the relationship between capital expenditures pursuant to each such capital program plan and current and future operating budget requirements; (v) monitor the progress of capital elements described in each capital program plan approved as provided in section twelve hundred sixty-nine-b of this title; (vi) monitor the expenditures incurred and to be incurred for each such element; and (vii) identify capital elements not progressing on schedule, ascertain responsibility therefor and recommend those actions required or appropriate to accelerate their implementation. The CAPITAL PROGRAM committee shall issue a quarterly report on its activities and findings, and shall in connection with the preparation of such quarterly report, consult with the state division of the budget, the state department of transportation, the members of the metropolitan transportation authority capital program review board and any other group the committee deems relevant, including public employee organizations, and, at least annually, with a nationally recognized independent transit engineering firm. Such report shall be made available to the members of the authority, to the members of the metropolitan transportation authority capital program review board, and the directors of the municipal assistance corporation for the city of New York.

S 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 1263 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 494 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The chairman shall establish committees to assist him in the performance of his duties and shall appoint members of the authority to such committees. Among such committees, there shall be a committee on operations of the New York city transit authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority and the Staten Island rapid

transit operating authority; a committee on operations of the Long Island Rail Road and the metropolitan suburban bus authority; a committee on operations of the Metro-North commuter railroad; a committee on operations of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority; a committee on finance; [and] a committee on capital program oversight; AND A COMMITTEE ON SAFETY. The committee on capital program oversight shall include not less than [three] FOUR members, and shall include the chairpersons of the committee on operations of the New York city transit authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority, the committee on operations of the Long Island Rail Road and the metropolitan suburban bus authority, [and] the committee on operations of the Metro-North commuter railroad, AND THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY. [Such] THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY SHALL CONVENE AT LEAST ONCE ANNUALLY AND EACH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY ANY AND ALL INITIATIVES, CONCERNS, IMPROVEMENTS, OR FAILURES INVOLVING THE SAFETY OF: (1) CUSTOMERS; (2) EMPLOYEES; AND (3) THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, IN RELATION TO AUTHORITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES. THE CAPITAL PROGRAM committee shall, with respect to any approved or proposed capital program plans, (i) monitor the current and future availability of funds to be utilized for such plans approved or proposed to be submitted to the metropolitan transportation capital program review board as provided in section twelve hundred sixty-nine-b of this title; (ii) monitor the contract awards of the metropolitan transportation authority and the New York city transit authority to insure that such awards are consistent with (A) provisions of law authorizing United States content and New York state content; (B) collective bargaining agreements; (C) provisions of law providing for participation by minority and women-owned businesses; (D) New York state labor laws; (E) competitive bidding requirements including those regarding sole source contracts; and (F) any other relevant requirements established by law; (iii) monitor the award of contracts to determine if such awards are consistent with the manner in which the work was traditionally performed in the past provided, however, that any such determination shall not be admissible as evidence in any arbitration or judicial proceeding; (iv) review the relationship between capital expenditures pursuant to each such capital program plan and current and future operating budget requirements; (v) monitor the progress of capital elements described in each capital program plan approved as provided in section twelve hundred sixty-nine-b of this title; (vi) monitor the expenditures incurred and to be incurred for each such element; and (vii) identify capital elements not progressing on schedule, ascertain responsibility therefor and recommend those actions required or appropriate to accelerate their implementation. The CAPITAL PROGRAM committee shall issue a quarterly report on its activities and findings, and shall in connection with the preparation of such quarterly report, consult with the state division of the budget, the state department of transportation, the members of the metropolitan transportation authority capital program review board and any other group the committee deems relevant, including public employee organizations, and, at least annually, with a nationally recognized independent transit engineering firm. Such report shall be made available to the members of the authority, to the members of the metropolitan transportation authority capital program review board, and the directors of the municipal assistance corporation for the city of New York.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amendments to paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 1263 of the public

authorities law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to section 3 of chapter 549 of the laws of 1994, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.