

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 25, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. GONZALEZ-ROJAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

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; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, 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. Section 1 of a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the
2 public authorities law relating to requiring the metropolitan transpor-
3 tation authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle
4 and pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed
5 in legislative bills numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Section 1. The metropolitan transportation authority shall~~[, in~~
8 ~~consultation with the Long Island Rail Road Commuter's Council, the~~
9 ~~Metro North Rail Commuter Council and the New York City Transit Authori-~~
10 ~~ty Advisory Council,]~~ develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle
11 and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated
12 by the authority or its affiliates or subsidiaries. ~~[One component of~~
13 ~~the]~~ The strategic action plan shall ~~[be to develop and monitor]~~ consid-
14 er capital projects to allow for and/or expand bicycle access on all
15 bridges operated by the authority or its affiliates or subsidiaries,
16 provide for bicycle parking at all passenger stations operated by the
17 authority or its affiliates or subsidiaries, and, where feasible, expand
18 bicycle access on equipment as such term is defined in paragraph 5 of
19 section 1261 of the public authorities law. The strategic action plan

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

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1 shall also include a review of the authority's and the Triborough bridge
2 and tunnel authority's capital program plans in effect on and after
3 January first, two thousand twenty, to determine the impact of such
4 projects on bicycle and pedestrian access [~~and shall include any~~
5 ~~proposed amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that~~
6 ~~the authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this~~
7 ~~section~~]. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the chair-
8 person of the metropolitan transportation authority shall submit a writ-
9 ten report to the governor, temporary president of the senate, speaker
10 of the assembly and mayor of the city of New York, detailing the strate-
11 gic action plan conducted pursuant to this act. Such report shall be
12 made available to the public on the metropolitan transportation authori-
13 ty's website.

14 § 2. Subdivision 11 of section 1269-b of the public authorities law,
15 as added by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authori-
16 ties law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority
17 to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian
18 access at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative
19 bills numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, is amended to read as follows:

20 11. In formulating their capital program plans, the authority and its
21 affiliates and subsidiaries shall consider [~~the impact of any proposed~~
22 ~~plan, amendment or modification submitted pursuant to this section on]~~
23 bicycle and pedestrian accessibility. [~~Such consideration shall be made~~
24 ~~in consultation with the Long Island rail road commuter's council, the~~
25 ~~Metro-North rail commuter council and the New York city transit authori-~~
26 ~~ty advisory council.~~]

27 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 1266-e of the public authorities law, as
28 amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities
29 law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to
30 develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access
31 at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative bills
32 numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, is amended to read as follows:

33 1. There is hereby created the Metro-North rail commuter council to
34 study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with respect to the
35 maintenance and operation of those portions of, if any, the Hudson,
36 Harlem, New Haven, Pascack Valley and Port Jervis commuter railroad
37 lines remaining within the metropolitan commuter transportation
38 district. Such council shall study and investigate all aspects of the
39 day to day operation of such railroad lines, monitor their performance
40 and recommend changes to improve the efficiency of the operation there-
41 of. Such council shall study and make recommendations in regard to
42 improving bicycle and pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other
43 facilities operated by such railroad lines and submit such recommenda-
44 tions to the metropolitan transportation authority on or before June
45 first, two thousand twenty-two and every five years thereafter.

46 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 1266-d of the public authorities law, as
47 amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities
48 law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to
49 develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access
50 at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative bills
51 numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 changes to improve the efficiency of the operation thereof. Such council
2 shall study and make recommendations in regard to improving bicycle and
3 pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by
4 the Long Island Railroad and submit such recommendations to the metro-
5 politan transportation authority on or before June first, two thousand
6 twenty-two and every five years thereafter.

7 § 5. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1204-e of the public authorities
8 law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public
9 authorities law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation
10 authority to develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and
11 pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in
12 legislative bills numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, are amended to read
13 as follows:

14 1. There is hereby created the New York city transit authority advi-
15 sory council, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations
16 with respect to the maintenance and operation of the New York city tran-
17 sit authority, its subsidiaries and the Staten Island rapid transit
18 operating authority. Such council shall study and investigate all
19 aspects of the day to day operations of such authority, its subsidiaries
20 and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority, monitor their
21 performance and recommend changes to improve the efficiency of the oper-
22 ation thereof. Such council shall study and make recommendations in
23 regard to improving bicycle and pedestrian access on trains and buses,
24 and at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the authority,
25 its affiliates and subsidiaries and the Staten Island rapid transit
26 operating authority and submit such recommendations to the metropolitan
27 transportation authority on or before June first, two thousand twenty-
28 two and every five years thereafter.

29 2. Such council shall consist of [~~eighteen~~] sixteen members who shall
30 be commuters who regularly use the transportation services of such
31 authorities. [~~Eight~~] Six of such members shall be appointed by the
32 governor upon the recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York;
33 five upon the recommendation of the president of the city council of the
34 city of New York; and five other members appointed upon the recommenda-
35 tion one by each of the borough presidents of the boroughs of the city
36 of New York. Provided, however, that [~~three members~~] one member recom-
37 mended by the mayor of New York shall have a demonstrated expertise or
38 interest in the promotion and development of improved bicycle and pedes-
39 trian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by the
40 metropolitan transportation authority, as created by section twelve
41 hundred sixty-three of this article, and such authority's affiliates and
42 subsidiaries. The chairman shall be a member selected by the membership
43 of the committee. Each of the members shall serve for a term of two
44 years, provided, however, that of the first appointments, two appointed
45 upon the recommendation of the mayor and two appointed upon the recom-
46 mendation of the president of the city council shall serve for a term of
47 one year. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be
48 filled in the same manner as the original appointments for the balance
49 of the unexpired term.

50 § 6. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
51 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities
52 law relating to requiring the metropolitan transportation authority to
53 develop a strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access
54 at its bridges and passenger stations, as proposed in legislative bills
55 numbers S. 4943-B and A. 6235-B, takes effect.