

PATH Riders' Council Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2016 – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Journal Square Transportation Center

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order/Agenda Review
- II. Welcome
- III. Update: Harrison Station Project
- IV. Update: Grove Street Station Project
- V. Update: World Trade Center (WTC) Hub
- VI. Overview: Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) – Safety & Security
- VII. System Maps on Platforms
- VIII. Discussion: Community Association Outreach
- IX. Discussion: PRC Member Composition and Format
- X. Next Steps/Adjournment

ATTENDEES (PRC MEMBERS):

1. Lewis Battista
2. Philip Burford
3. Dave Ho
4. Ralph Jimenez
5. Terry Karney
6. Anthony Lupena
7. Stewart Mader
8. Thomas Miller
9. Noreen Redden
10. Rudolph Scott
11. Sridhar Shankar

ATTENDEES (STAFF):

1. Dominic Acque (Port Authority Police Department, PATH COMMAND)
2. Cheryl Ann Albiez (Senior Public Information Officer, Media Relations, PANYNJ)
3. Radomir Bulayev (Superintendent, Power, Signals & Communications, PATH)
4. John Burkhard (Superintendent, Way & Structures, PATH)
5. Rebecca Cassidy (Principal Financial Analyst, PATH)
6. Clarelle DeGraffe (Deputy Director, PATH)
7. Linda Doss (Customer Service Rep., Operations Support, PATH)
8. Frank Gallo (Assistant Director, Capital Project Management, PATH)
9. Jessica Mills (Coordinator of Marketing and Customer Service Programs, Operations Support, PATH)
10. Atul Ragoowansi (Senior Project Manager, PATH)
11. Juan Carlos Rojas (Senior External Relations Rep., Gov. and Community Relations, PANYNJ)
12. Inspector Robert Terrett (Port Authority Police Department, PATH COMMAND)
13. Ellen Thomsen (Project Manager, PATH)

I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

- Meeting convened 6:02 PM
- Meeting was called to order by Stewart Mader and was seconded by Tom Miller, Terry Karney and Dave Ho – 6:02 PM

II. Welcome

- **Clarelle DeGraffe** opened the meeting by welcoming the PRC members and thanked them for their steady support to PATH, especially during the winter storms.

III. Update: Harrison Station Project

- **Ellen Thomsen** gave a brief presentation on the progress of the work being done at the Harrison station.
 - Ridership projected to increase from 16,000/day today to 55,000/day by 2032
 - 4 Modern, ADA-compliant head houses
 - Phase 1: Northeast (2Q17)/Southeast (4Q18) head houses
 - Phase 2: Northwest (4Q19)/Southwest (4Q19) head houses

IV. Update: Grove Street Station Project

- **Atul Ragoowansi** gave a brief presentation of the progress of the work being done at the Grove Street station
 - New elevator at Southwest entrance to Grove St. – to mezzanine level
 - Lift from mezzanine level to platform level
 - Elevator designed with concrete walls for flood mitigation
 - Cuts completed from street level to mezzanine.

V. Update: WTC Hub

- **Jessica Mills** introduced Rebecca Cassidy, who will stand in for her while she is on maternity leave and Frank Gallo, the new Assistant Director of Capital Projects who transferred to PATH from the World Trade Center, Port Authority and gave a brief overview of progress of work at the World Trade Center
 - Eastern portion of Oculus & Dey Street Connection to Fulton Center and 2,3,4,5,A,C,J,Z,R opens May 26, 2PM
 - New access from Oculus to corner of Vesey & Church expected to open during summer months
 - Remaining new PATH platforms expected to open by year-end

VI. Overview: Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) – Safety & Security

- PAPD PATH Command – **Inspector Robert Terrett** and **Lieutenant Dominic Acque** gave a brief overview on policing and safety
 - **Robert Terrett** introduced himself and spoke about his experience as a law enforcement officer with 3 years of service on the Port Authority Police force, and was previously MTA commanding officer for Penn & GCT
 - This is his 28th year of service in transportation law enforcement
 - He explained the vital link between New York & New Jersey and the economies of cities it serves
 - He described some PAPD initiatives, which include a Security Awareness program (random bag inspection), homeless outreach, RAD (Radiological Detection), and FEED (Fare Evasion Enforcement Detection), just to name a few
 - He explained that response time for police officer on a national average is approximately 8-10 mins; for PAPD, the response time is 2-3 mins

VII. System Maps on Platforms

- **Dave Ho**
 - Add literature racks and maybe line maps
 - Dave will compile list of suggested locations

VIII. Discussion: Community Association Outreach

- **Stewart Mader** made a motion to move City outreach to July; it was seconded by Terry Karney

IX. Discussion: PRC Member Composition and Format

- **Asif Sandhu/Terry Karney** – Briefing Book of notes/info
- **Noreen Redden** suggested that resource members – non-voting members start
- **Stewart Mader** – Onboarding meeting with rapid presentations for new members
- **Stewart Mader** – Revise Bylaws; **Linda Doss** – will circulate for review and PRC suggestions for July meeting
- Increase PRC term limit from 2 to 3 terms?
- **Atul Roogawansi** stated that there are 13 stations and if there should be one member representing each station?

X. Next Steps/Adjournment

- July meeting
- Community outreach
- Slides that PRC can use for outreach: cover useful system info, safety, capital projects, importance of real estate development as funding source, etc.
- Briefing Book for new PRC members
- Bylaws re-visited
- Motion to Adjourn – Terry Karney; Seconded – Tom Miller
- Meeting Adjourned 8:04PM