

Subject NYSDOT Grant for Connecting Services	
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4	President	2	General Counsel
1	Executive Vice-President & COO	3	MNR Financial Liaison

Internal Approvals (cont.)							
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Narrative

PURPOSE:
To obtain MTA Board approval to enter into a contract to accept up to \$365,000 in a Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grant from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to support connecting services covering the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

DISCUSSION:
Metro-North has worked with NYSDOT to implement various projects to improve access to Metro-North stations. These projects, which include connecting buses (e.g., Hudson Link, Newburgh-Beacon Shuttle, Dutchess LOOP, HARTransit, etc.), the Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry, the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry and Guaranteed Ride Home programs, create station access/egress and increase ridership and revenue for the Railroad, as well as reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the roads.

Over the past fifteen years, Metro-North has received over \$5 million from similar NYSDOT (CMAQ) grants. These funds have been used for a variety of operational and marketing activities: providing customer information (e.g., signage, kiosks, pocket timetables, etc.); marketing/advertising to launch and support these services; supporting Metro-North's Guaranteed Ride Home programs; for customer parking and miscellaneous operational improvements. Metro-North plans to use the funds from the new CMAQ grant in a similar fashion, working with our regional partners to maintain service quality and improve station access.

BUDGET IMPACT:
No budget impacts. These monies allow for projects that would not otherwise be implemented.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the MTA Board grant approval to enter into a contract to accept up to \$365,000 in a Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grant from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to support connecting services, covering the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.