# Staff Summary

 Subject

 NYSDOT Grant for Connecting Services

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1	Executive Vice President & COO-7	3	MNR Financial Liaison		

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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, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

#### **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 and Newburgh-Beacon Ferry, 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 plus 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, etc.); marketing/advertising to launch and support these services; 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, 2025 through December 31,2025.

The legal name of MTA Metro-North Railroad is Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company



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