

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, comprised of the New York City Transit Authority and MTA Bus Committee, the Joint Long Island Rail Road Committee and Metro-North Commuter Railroad Committee, the Capital Program Committee, the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Safety Committee**

**Monday, November 18, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**2 Broadway**

**New York, NY 10004**

The following Committee Members were present:

Hon. Janno Lieber. Chair & CEO  
Hon. Andrew Albert  
Hon. Gerard Bringmann  
Hon. Norman Brown  
Hon. Samuel Chu  
Hon. Randy Glucksman  
Hon. Michael Fleischer  
Hon. Marc W. Herbst  
Hon. David Jones  
Hon. Blanca Lopez  
Hon. David Mack  
Hon. Haeda B. Mihaltzes  
Hon. Dr. John-Ross Rizzo  
Hon. Lisa Sorin  
Hon. Vincent Tessitore, Jr.  
Hon. Midori Valdivia  
Hon. Neal Zuckerman

The following Committee Members were absent:

Hon. Meera Joshi  
Hon. Daniel Garodnick  
Hon. John Samuelsen

Demetrius Crichlow, President NYCTA, Catherine Rinaldi, President, Metro-North Railroad, Rob Free, President, LIRR, Jamie Torres-Springer, President, MTA C&D, Catherine Sheridan, President, B&T, Shanifah Rieara, Senior Advisor for Communications and Policy/ Chief Customer Officer, Laura Wiles, MTA Chief of Staff, Evan Eisland, C&D General Counsel also attended the meeting.

A recorded audio public safety announcement was played.

## 1. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

The MTA Moderator announced that the following public speakers will speak either virtually or in person.

The MTA Moderator reminded public speakers of the rules of conduct and decorum as well as the two minute time limit per speaker. The Moderator advised that all public comments will be recorded, published to the MTA website and available for MTA Board Members' review.

The following individuals provided comment (\*live virtual comments):

Debra Greif, BFSSAC

Brian Fritsch, PCAC

Jason Anthony, LIRR ADA Task Force

Christopher Greif, NYCTRC & ACTA LIRR Metro North ASA

David Kupferberg, private citizen

Gian Pedulla, NYC Public Schools

Ron Mitchell, PRIVATE citizen\*

Murray Bodin, private citizen

Monica Barty, private citizen

Mike Howard, BCID/ Passengers United

Michael

Ring,

DIA

Evam Yamkey, BCID

Iris Kelley, DIA

Joe Rappaport, BCID

Kathleen Collin, private citizen

Monique Johnson, private citizen

Jean Ryan, DIA

Edwards Schrodeder, private citizen

Elizabeth Valdez, BSID

Miriam Fisher, private citizen\*

Nicolas Vargas, Brooklyn Cener for the Disabled\*

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds\*

Eman Rimawi-Doster, NYLPI\*

Refer to the video recording of the meeting produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records for the content of the speakers' statements.

Chair Lieber thanked members of the public for their comments.

## **2. B&T PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Sheridan stated that year-to-date, TBTA's total support to mass transit is on target. Overall, TBTA's budget is performing well and TBTA should bring in a record surplus this year due to a combination of increased revenue and lower expenses. Toll revenue year-to-date is up 5.5% compared to the same period last year. Overall revenue recovery from all forms of collection is 63% through October.

Noting that new state legislation went into effect on September 1, 2024 allowing TBTA to enter and enforce civil judgments for unpaid toll violations without court proceedings, President Sheridan stated that as of mid-November, more than 70,000 judgment warning notices have been mailed to persistent toll violators, resulting in more than \$1.2 million collected in less than 3 months. Toll revenue recovered from customers with DMV-suspended vehicle registrations is almost 100% since the start of the referral program in 2016. As to customer behavior, unbillable transactions for 2024 are projected to be down \$3.3 million, or 0.01% as a percentage of overall transactions.

Turning to roadside enforcement, President Sheridan stated that license plate reader-generated vehicle interdictions are up 104% year-to-date vs. 2023. So far this year, TBTA has conducted 54 joint operations. These operations have resulted in 658 arrests, over \$25.2 million assessed, nearly 30,000 summonses issued, and more than 3,000 vehicles towed.

Regarding safety, President Sheridan reported that even with increased traffic, collisions are down more than 16% for the same period vs. 2023.

Shifting to a historic note, President Sheridan gave a slide presentation spotlighting the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 21<sup>st</sup> of the opening of the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge. Refer to the video recording of the meeting, produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records, for the details of the presentation.

## **3. NYCT PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Demetrius Crichlow, NYCT President, discussed NYCT's various efforts to improve ridership and safety, with recent milestones being reached across the system. He noted October was the busiest month for NYCT since the pandemic, with nearly 114 million subway rides and over 40 million bus rides. This is 10 million and 3 million more subway and bus riders than the same month in 2023. When the 1 billionth subway rider tapped into Atlantic Avenue-Barclay Center on November 4, it was two weeks earlier than the same milestone last year, and two months earlier than 2020.

President Crichlow reported on the opening of the new Paratransit Assessment Center in Manhattan, which will provide assessments to 75 customers a week. The opening was one of the improvements which have led to record-breaking ridership on Paratransit, which has seen the first 40,000-customer day in the service's history in October.

President Crichlow provided an update on NYCT's fare evasion reduction efforts on its subways and buses such as a new EAGLE teams deployment model to enforce fare payments on buses. Since the model was implemented, EAGLE team personnel are deployed on roughly 1,500 bus trips per day and about 80 locations each week. Ridership has notably, increased by about 20% on stops and routes where the EAGLE teams are present, and students at these stops are tapping with OMNY cards 24% more than last year.

It was also mentioned since 2022, unarmed security guards are positioned at exit gates in subway stations. Starting in October, guards will be strategically, redeployed to maximize their presence and impact on fare payment. President Crichlow noted Jay Street-MetroTech as an example. By efficiently deploying guards at this station, NYCT reduced costs by 60% while still increasing the amounts of fares paid. Overall, the new deployment strategies are changing customer behavior on buses and subways.

President Crichlow then presented October's KPIs. On subways, customer journey performance time was 84.8% and service delivered was 95.2%. The first of two planned work periods to replace switches at 59th Street-Columbus Circle was also just completed, which will provide better service to nearly half a million daily riders at the station.

On buses, NYCT saw similar progress in availability and service delivered (95.8%). Bus ridership increased for the second consecutive month, with a weekday average of 1.46 million paid customers. Paratransit saw a 19% increase in total ridership and a 22% increase in total trips compared to October 2023.

Refer to the video recording of the meeting, produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records, for the details.

#### **4. LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

LIRR President Rob Free ("President Free") stated that the LIRR continues to see explosive ridership growth. Total ridership for the month of October was 7.2 million customers, which represents 88.2% of October 2019 ridership. October total ridership increased 16.8% over October 2023 and 16.7% compared to year-to-date ("YTD") 2023. The average weekday ridership for the month of October was 261,914 customers. The total monthly ridership to Grand Central Madison hit another record with almost 1.72 million customers, based on load weight. Total commutation ridership was 2.79 million customers and total customers with monthly tickets was 2.72 million. Non-Commutation ridership in October was the highest in recorded history at 4.3 million customers. That is six months in a row that non-commutation ridership has exceeded 4 million customers. YTD non-commutation ridership is at 38.9 million customers and represents a 21.8% increase over YTD 2023.

President Free reported that in October, on-time-performance (“OTP”) was 95.95%, above the goal of 94%, and YTD OTP was also above the 94% goal at 95.6%.

President Free stated that LIRR will operate a holiday schedule on Thanksgiving Day with six extra westbound trains in the morning for those attending the parade in Manhattan, and nine extra eastbound early-afternoon trains.

President Free reported on LIRR efforts to combat fare evasion. Issuances of “Commitment to Pay” invoices are down by 59% compared to baseline. The Penn Station Pre-Boarding Validation pilot was used 65 times since its inception, representing 360,000 customers validated, which has a positive impact on the farebox operating revenue.

President Free stated that the LIRR implemented a Station Spruce-Up program aiming to complete spruce-ups at eleven stations, some big and some not so big. LIRR in-house forces completed spruce-ups at ten of the eleven stations and the eleventh station is almost completed, pending delivery and installation of one final door. Depending on the needs of the station, these spruce-ups include repairs and improvements such as new paint, brighter and more energy-efficient lighting, bathroom facelifts, floor and wall tile replacements, signage, and platform improvements. President Free thanked the crews for doing an incredible job.

President Free stated that Tropical Storm Sandy brought devastation to our region. The LIRR system, especially the West End, took on a devastating amount of water during the storm surge. LIRR continues with waterproofing and system hardening projects to meet the climate resiliency roadmap. This includes the Long Island City flood wall project. Since the station and yard are so close to the East River and Newtown Creek, it was imperative to protect it from another destructive and costly weather event. The LIRR is close to substantial completion of this project, which included a perimeter flood wall with nine flood gates, three pumping stations, backup generators and relocated utilities. This month, LIRR performed a successful test of the wall. President Free thanked their partners in Construction and Development and LIRR’s amazing employees.

President Free reported on the new ways that LIRR is exploring eco-friendly operations. On November 4, the LIRR launched a pilot to test the use of renewable diesel fuel in one of the yard locomotives. This fuel presents an opportunity to reduce greenhouse emissions by up to 78% compared to traditional diesel and shows a lot of promise in terms of cold-weather performance, as it does not have the freezing and storage challenges of biodiesel fuels. This test will help determine the benefits and scalability of renewable diesel. LIRR will also be performing a cost assessment, analyzing impacts to performance and maintenance. This pilot, in addition to other investments in clean technology, further illustrate LIRR’s commitment to a cleaner and more environmentally friendly service.

President Free acknowledged the passing of Van Ritshie, who was the voice on LIRR’s M7 and Metro-North’s M7 and M8 trains.

President Free ended this month with a note of congratulations to Kara Mercado, Executive Assistant to the LIRR President, who retires after an incredible 35-year run at the railroad. Kara is

a well-loved and invaluable member of the LIRR team who was instrumental in managing the Committee agenda and wrangling all the content for the meetings and the Board books every month, which is no small task. President Free wished Kara a long and healthy retirement and thanked her for her amazing work and support.

The complete presentation is filed with the records of this meeting. The video recording of the meeting produced by the MTA and maintained in the MTA records contains a complete record of President Free's remarks.

## **5. METRO-NORTH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Metro-North President Catherine Rinaldi ("President Rinaldi") stated that October was a strong month for Metro-North ridership, with a total of 6.5 million riders, an increase of 13% from September and a 16.2% increase from October 2023. Metro-North's average weekday ridership of 230,449 is a post-pandemic record, at 79.2% of pre-COVID levels in October 2019. Average weekend ridership of 131,666 is 2.2% higher than pre-COVID levels in October 2019. Metro-North set several days of record ridership to and from Yankee Stadium for the World Series. Metro-North has operated several additional Leaf Peeper trains on the Hudson Line in October to accommodate everyone who wants to explore the villages and scenic beauty of the Hudson Valley. Metro-North planned to end the extra trains on November 10, which is usually when the ridership tapers off, but large numbers continue to ride, so Metro-North operated additional trains this past weekend. Service will be added this Saturday for the game at Yankees Station between Notre Dame and Army.

Metro-North's service-delivered rate, a measure of service reliability, for October was 99.9%. Systemwide OTP for October was 98.5%, above goal of 94%, while YTD OTP was also above goal at 98.4%. This is the best October OTP and the highest YTD OTP in Metro-North history. The Mean Distance Between Failures (MDBF) for the fleet was 297,411 miles in September 2024, above the goal of 200,000 miles. YTD MBDF performance also remains above goal at 315,364 miles.

President Rinaldi reported that Metro-North's initiatives that have been put in place to address fare evasion in response to the Blue-Ribbon Panel's report have yielded positive results. Fare-not-collected rates have continued to improve, decreasing from 5.7% in 2022, to 2.8% in 2023, and to 2.4% through the end of October. Credit goes to MNR's strong partnership with labor leaders and to train crews who are doing an outstanding job of collecting fares every day. Increased management oversight in the field along with improved MTAPD response times and expanded train patrols are also key drivers in these improvements. October has traditionally been one of the highest ridership months of the year, and with holidays and vacations affecting ridership in November, Metro-North expects a slight decrease this month.

President Rinaldi provided the holiday train schedule. Metro-North will have extra service on Wednesday, November 27, the day before Thanksgiving, and special schedules on Thanksgiving

Day and on Friday, November 29. There will be expanded service on Saturday, November 30 and on Sunday, December 1, including the Shoppers Special service on the New Haven Line.

On Friday, November 1, Metro-North unveiled the first two of the new Siemens SC-42 Charger locomotives at Harmon Shop. The locomotives arrived ahead of schedule and within budget. These SC-42 Chargers are part of a 27-locomotive order that the Board approved in 2021, along with six locomotives being purchased by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. The new locomotives are replacing the aging fleet of 27 GE P32AC-DM Genesis locomotives, which have served customers for over 25 years. These locomotives will enhance reliability and environmental responsibility, transitioning between electric and diesel power across Metro-North's 102-mile third-rail territory, which is a substantial improvement over the existing fleet's limited electric range. Compliant with Tier 4 environmental specifications, these locomotives significantly reduce pollutants, cutting airborne emissions by over 85 percent. The remaining 31 units will arrive over the next three years. President Rinaldi thanked the MNR employees—from procurement to operations—and partners at Siemens Mobility, who have made this milestone possible.

During the annual Veterans Day Wreath Hanging Ceremony at Grand Central Terminal on Monday, November 11, Metro-North honored the Nation's veterans' invaluable contributions and unwavering dedication, including Metro-North employees who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Attended by veterans, employees, commuters, and visitors, this ceremony expressed gratitude for the nearly 400 veterans in Metro-North's workforce. Performances by the MTAPD Pipes and Drums Band and MTAPD Officer James Volpe made the event even more memorable. President Rinaldi thanked all the veterans for their service, to "our own" American Legion Commodore Vanderbilt Post #158 for organizing this meaningful event, and to the MTAPD Pipes and Drums and MTAPD Officer James Volpe for their contributions to a truly special ceremony.

After the Veterans Day ceremony, President Rinaldi officiated the opening of the Holiday Fair in Grand Central Terminal's Vanderbilt Hall alongside LIRR President Free, the Costa Rica Ambassador to the UN, Maritza Chan, and representatives from the Costa Rica Tourism Board, this year's sponsor. The event featured traditional Costa Rican dancers and showcased 36 local artisans and small businesses who will be creating a memorable holiday shopping experience in the splendor of Grand Central Terminal. In addition to the Holiday Fair, Grand Central Terminal hosts several seasonal events. One of the favorites is the famous Holiday Train Show in the New York Transit Museum Shop. There's also the Thanksgiving Market in the Biltmore Room, which creates a festive and welcoming atmosphere for passengers, residents, and the hundreds of thousands of visitors to New York City each holiday, supporting small businesses and celebrating the spirit of New York this holiday season.

President Rinaldi stated that as a treat for this holiday season, Metro-North will begin operation of a specially decorated train on Friday, November 29, the day after Thanksgiving. The train will be decorated with holiday lights on the exterior to bring extra joy and magic to riders and will feature special holiday-themed announcements in the interior. The specially decorated train will operate on regularly scheduled trains on electrified segments of all three East of Hudson lines until the New Year.

President Rinaldi reported on the winter preparedness plan. Metro-North's Winter Preparedness Plan is designed to ensure operational functionality and the safety of customers and employees. This comprehensive plan is a year-round effort, beginning with summer maintenance on 375 specialized pieces of snow-clearing equipment and focusing on infrastructure readiness by autumn. The Maintenance of Way ("MofW") department focuses on snow melters and switch heaters while the Maintenance of Equipment (MofE) team pays special attention to power collectors, doors, couplers and HVAC systems. This coordinated approach, supported by external partners and MTA headquarters, enables Metro-North to respond effectively to winter's challenges, ensuring safe and reliable service for customers throughout the season.

President Rinaldi shared news of the retirement of Metro-North Chief of Executive Office Operations Tony Greco, after 32 years of dedicated service. Tony began as a coach cleaner and rose through roles such as customer service representative, ticket seller, and assignment clerk. His dedication, resourcefulness, and love for his work have left an enduring legacy at Metro-North. President Rinaldi wished Tony well in his retirement.

President Rinaldi wished all employees and customers a Happy Thanksgiving.

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## **6. C&D PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Construction & Development ("C&D") President Jamie Torres-Springer ("President Torres-Springer") began his remarks by stating that C&D has already completed \$2.8 billion of work in 2024, with many more completions planned by the end of the year. President Torres-Springer then highlighted the following accomplishments in November: major progress towards making the three-station 14<sup>th</sup> St 1/2/3/F/M/L complex fully ADA accessible by completing the mezzanine to platform elevator on the Uptown side of the 1/2/3, following other elevator openings this summer, and completed glass mosaics by artist Fred Thomaselli of native bird species; the completion of five ADA stations with more to open by the end of 2024 and more than 30 in construction; the completion of ADA upgrades at Massapequa Park station on the Babylon branch, the fourth LIRR station made ADA accessible in 2024.

President Torres-Springer reported on the town hall event held the previous week in the Rockaways to inform riders of the resiliency and rehabilitation work C&D will be performing on the A and S lines this winter. President Torres-Springer explained that to be able to continue providing service to the Rockaway Peninsula for the next 50 years, C&D must fully reconstruct the 65-year-old Hammels Y, which connects Jamaica Bay to the viaduct that runs across the Rockaways peninsula. C&D must also rehabilitate the systems on the South Channel Bridge. To make these critical upgrades, President Torres-Springer explained that the MTA must fully close service during construction. NYCT and C&D are working to provide transit alternatives during the outage including free shuttle buses, steep discounts on the LIRR Far Rockaways branch, and a



free shuttle train serving all stations on the peninsula between Far Rockaway and Rockaway Park. President Torres-Springer reiterated C&D's commitment to completing the work within 16 weeks, starting with the closure in January.

President Torres-Springer shared that C&D is holding a series of town hall events on the 2025-2029 Capital Plan to provide information to the public and solicit feedback on the plan. Senator Leroy Comrie recently joined a town hall at the Queens Public Library main branch in Jamaica, and C&D held a town hall event in Grand Central station. C&D will be holding more town hall events in the future, including one at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

President Torres-Springer shared that full design would begin on the Interborough Express and that C&D had released a request for proposals for a preliminary engineering team to advance the project. With funding for the 2025-2029 capital plan, C&D will be able to complete design for NYC's first light rail line which will serve more than 100,000 daily riders and connect neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Queens.

President Torres-Springer noted that as part of Governor Kathy Hochel's Executive Order 30 initiative to build housing near transit, C&D released a request for proposals to redevelop a site at Beacon station on the Hudson line. This is an opportunity to use the Governor's Redevelopment of Underutilized Sites for Housing initiative (RUSH), which provides up to \$24 million to enable the developer to replace commuter parking.

President Torres-Springer then provided an update on the Vacant Retail Activation Program, which aims to fill vacant retail units in the subway system with creative installations and cultural programming. The program has now activated 12 units in nine stations and is working with over a dozen partners, including the Whitney Museum of American Art and ChaShaMa. The Vacant Unit Activation Program website lists available units.

## **7. SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Hamann reported that safety metrics continue to positively reflect the efforts of safety and operating departments across all agencies. Customer accident and injury rates and employee loss time accidents have decreased in the past year. Subway fires have declined by over 25% on a rolling 12-month basis. Additionally, major crimes within the subway system have reduced by nearly 15% in the most recent 28 days, due to the collaborative work of Federal, State, and Local partners.

Mr. Hamann noted that updates to the National Transportation Safety Board's previously issued recommendations and the railroads grade crossing grants updates can be found in the committee book.

## **8. PRESENTATION ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM**

Dr. Daria Luisi highlighted the MTA's commitment to maintaining a drug-free workplace to ensure safety for employees and customers, as well as compliance with federal regulations. Over 100,000 drug tests are conducted annually across seven clinical sites, with employee positivity rates consistency below 1%, significantly lower than the national average of 2% and job applicant rates, which have risen to over 5% since the legalization of marijuana in New York. The MTA

plans to enhance its testing program by introducing oral fluid testing, which better detects recent drug use, reduces invasive collection methods, and streamlines post-incident processes. Lab-based oral fluid testing is federally approved but awaiting certification for DOT use, while rapid oral fluid testing is available for non-DOT scenarios such as reasonable suspicion or post-accident cases.

Board Member Mack asked what occurs if an employee consumes poppy seeds in their food prior to drug testing. Dr. Luisi clarified that if an employee's test results in a non-negative, it is not automatically declared as a positive. The medical review officer (MRO) will review the test and identify what caused the non-negative result before informing OHS.

Board Member Bringmann asked how the MTA's drug testing program handles the issue of legalized marijuana. Dr. Luisi explained that although the state has legalized marijuana, the federal government has not. The MROs are federally certified. Consequently, the program presently has zero tolerance for marijuana. When marijuana is present on a job applicant's test results, the MRO will provide information to the job applicant to seek help before applying again to the MTA.

Chair Lieber commended Dr. Luisi's leadership and the OHS team's work, noting their role in helping the MTA navigate the COVID pandemic. Chair Lieber highlighted their collaboration with Patrick Warren to implement a comprehensive COVID testing program using oral fluid tests, which supported the treatment of many MTA employees.

Board Member Bringmann asked whether OHS still tests for sleep apnea and if those screenings are conducted at the same time as drug testing. Dr. Luisi explained that employees visiting an OHS clinic who meet the high-risk criteria are tested for obstructive sleep apnea, with affected individuals referred to a sleep specialist through an external vendor.

Board Member Tessitore asked whether the FRA drug testing program views oral fluid testing differently from the DOT program. Dr. Luisi clarified that the FRA is a DOT agency, and while the methodology for lab-based oral fluid testing has been federally approved, certification for laboratories and testing devices is still pending. Dr. Luisi added that the non-DOT population, not governed by the FRA but often under the MTA's purview, can utilize both lab-based and rapid oral fluid testing.

## **9. LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD PROCUREMENT**

President Free reported on one procurement item. LIRR seeks Board approval for a contract to Loduca Associates Inc. ("Loduca") for the partial demolition of the LIRR-owned section of the Alphapointe building located in Richmond Hill, New York. Loduca will supply all elements of the project including labor, parts, material, equipment, and supervision. For this competitively solicited public works contract, two proposals were received, one from Loduca and the second from Gramercy Group Inc. ("Gramercy"). Both firms were found to be technically qualified. Loduca submitted a best and final offer ("BAFO") of \$1,298,000 and Gramercy submitted a BAFO of \$2,856,000. The selection committee determined that Loduca's proposal met the technical requirements and provided the best value to the MTA.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the procurement item.

The details of this procurement item are contained in reports filed with the records of this meeting.

#### **10. C&D PROCUREMENT**

Evan Eisland, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, C&D, presented one procurement action to the Capital Program Committee.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Capital Program Committee voted to bring the following procurement action before the full MTA Board and recommended the following:

1. Award of a modification to a contract with Boyce Technologies, Inc. (Contract No. A37628) to add a new Emergency Elevator 2-Way Communication System into New York City Transit's existing Emergency Booth Communications System.

Refer to the staff summary and documentation filed with the records of this meeting for the details of this item, and refer to the video recording of the meeting, produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records, for Board members' and C&D representatives' comments.

#### **11. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair & CEO Lieber reminded the Board and the public that the November 2024 Financial Plan and the related proposed budget would be presented as part of the regular November 2024 Board meeting.

##### **A. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Kevin Willens, Chief Financial Officer presented highlights of the Financial Performance.

Mr. Willens stated that Net Operating results through October 2024 were favorable to the July 2024 Plan Forecast, which would provide a good foundation for the November 2024 Plan and the 2025 Budget that Jaibala Patel, Deputy Chief Financial Officer would present at the November 2024 Board Meeting.

##### **B. MTA HEADQUARTERS AND ALL-AGENCY ITEMS**

Lisette Camilo, Chief Administrative Officer reported one action item for MTA Headquarters. The action was found in the November 2024 Finance Committee Book.

The item was the ratification of a noncompetitive service contract awarded to Runwise Inc. (“Runwise”) in the amount of \$908,500 to add 38 additional NYC Transit locations to enable the MTA to remotely monitor boilers and automatically adjust boiler temperature settings based on indoor temperatures, outdoor conditions, and weather forecasts. To date, 11 locations have been implemented under this contract. This boiler management software is proprietary to Runwise.

In October 2023, the MTA signed a three-year pilot program agreement for \$350,000 to implement the Runwise system at seven MTA locations. The pilot program resulted in a reduction in fuel consumption across the MTA locations where this software was implemented. The MTA collected data on fuel savings for seven locations for 2–3 months of the heating season, finding \$139,000 in savings over the previous year, which if extrapolated over the heating season, would be \$411,000.

For the 38 added locations, savings over the heating season is conservatively estimated at 25 percent, or a net savings of \$903K in Year 1, and approximately \$1.1 million in Year 2 and beyond.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the action item.

### C. REAL ESTATE AGENDA

David Florio, Chief Real Estate Transactions and Operations Officer stated that there were four transactional action items for consideration and approval.

All four items were for the MTA Long Island Rail Road and included: a license agreement with the Town of Oyster Bay for use of two parking lots in connection with the Hicksville Downtown Revitalization Initiative at Hicksville Station; the grant of a permanent easement to Brookhaven Logistics Center, LLC for a sewer connection in Yaphank; a license of land with Ellen Kirwin and Matt Kirwin for a residential use in Southampton; and a license of land with Hawkins Ave Development RHP2 LLC for a recreational use in Ronkonkoma.

Mr. Florio also presented two information items. The first item was for the MTA Bridges and Tunnels and was the fifth modification to the Option Agreement between B&T and the City of New York for property interests to facilitate improvements to the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge and its approaches on Randall’s Island.

The second was with the MTA and was an acquisition of temporary and permanent easements from the City of New York in support of Second Avenue Subway – Phase 2.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the action item.

### 12. CHAIR’S REMARKS ON BOB PALEY RETIREMENT

Chair Lieber acknowledged Bob Paley’s leadership at the MTA for Transit Oriented Development. He states that Mr. Paley has been responsible for so many incredible projects around the city and

beyond. Chair Lieber thank Bob for being the leading thinker ideologist and proctologist of Transit Oriented Development. For details

### 13. **JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Chair Lieber asked agency presidents if there were changes to the workplans. C&D President Jamie Torres-Springer advised there is one change to the Capital Program workplan; the Railroads Business Unit will update the Board next month.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee of the Whole recommended approval of the change to the workplan.

Chair Lieber asked the Committee of the Whole to approve the October minutes of each committee as well as the July and September TBTA meeting minutes. The Committee of the Whole accepted the minutes as distributed.

### 14. **ADJOURN**

Chair Lieber noted that the agenda of the Committe of the Whole was complete, and the Board will meet later today to discuss Board business. The chair called for a motion to adjourn, and the Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 10:42 am.