



PCAC

PERMANENT CITIZENS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE MTA

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Overview

The PCAC and its three Councils were established in 1981 to give voice to MTA riders in the formulation and implementation of MTA policy, and to hold the MTA Board and MTA management accountable to riders.

Our advocacy entails a wide range of media: public testimony, letters to elected officials and MTA management, press releases, research reports, website and Facebook articles, public events and forums, attendance at local, regional and national conferences, interviews with newspaper, TV, and radio, and 32 PCAC and Council public meetings yearly.

The following sections highlight the priority issues in 2014, supporting our mission to represent and give voice to the riders of the MTA.

PCAC

- Elyn Shannon was named Associate Director
- Angela Bellisio and Bradley Brashears joined the staff as Transportation Planners
- Updated its website and Council logos
- Moved its office to 2 Broadway at the end of October
- Condemned the proposal to pay for Service Contract bonds with dedicated transit funds
- Testified at the MTA Fare hearings held throughout the MTA region along with the three councils
- Testified before the MTA Transportation Reinvention Commission with the three Councils
- Testified twice before the State Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions, to stress the MTA's need for stable and reliable funding
- Partnered with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in a series of roundtable discussions with regional stakeholders focusing on the need to continue investing in the MTA network

- **PCAC Guest Speakers:** Thomas Prendergast – MTA Chairman; Steve Blackistone – National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) State & Local Liaison; Craig Stewart – MTA Senior Director, MTA Capital Program



PCAC Executive Committee

- Randolph Glucksman - Chair
- Matthew L. Kessler - First Vice Chair
- William Guild - Second Vice Chair
- Andrew Albert
- Mark J. Epstein
- Michael Sinansky

PCAC Staff

- William Henderson - Executive Director
- Elyn Shannon - Associate Director
- Angela Bellisio - Transportation Planner
- Bradley Brashears - Transportation Planner
- Karyl Berger Cafiero - Research Associate
- Deborah Morrison - Administrative Assistant

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2014 MNRCC Members

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Members:

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Burton M. Strauss Jr.

*MTA Board Representative

MNRCC

- Neal Zuckerman was named the MNRCC non-voting member of the MTA Board
- Jim Blair retired after twenty-three years of dedicated and thoughtful service
- Hosted newly-appointed MNR President Joseph J. Giulietti to hear his vision for the Railroad
- Monitored the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) investigations and recommendations of five accidents involving Metro-North from May 2013 through March 2014
- Hosted a *Meet the Council* event in May at Grand Central Terminal

LIRRCC

- Applauded the LIRR for extending waiting room hours during severe weather
- Advocated for LIRR to reprint and post LIRR's Pledge to Customers
- Supported Suffolk County's call for increased State funding for its bus operations
- Advocated for wayfinding signage for Wyandanch Station parking lots during construction of the Wyandanch Rising project
- Pressed the MTA to clarify contingency plans for potential LIRR strike
- Testified on the proposed restoration of weekend and holiday service on West Hempstead Branch
- Urged the MTA/LIRR to have an open public dialogue for planned service changes at Jamaica Station
- Worked with Senator Schumer's office for legislation to establish parity between pre-tax benefit limits for commuter parking and public transit
- Hosted a *Meet the Council* event in June at Penn Station

NYCTRC

- Tom Jost and Steven Mayo resigned
- Scott Nicholls was appointed to the Council
- Released *Every Which Way But Direct! A Review of Service Diversion Communication*
- Followed up on a previous report, *Bridging the Gap: It May Be Further than You Think!*, to learn NYC Transit will address all recommendations
- Advocated for increased retail and advertising initiatives in subway stations to generate revenue
- Provided input to NYC Transit for proposed designs for the *Step Aside* program
- Advocated for installation of cameras and easy to see information/buttons on new subway station *Help Points*
- Attended the opening of the *Fulton Street Transit Center*
- Toured the NYPD Transit Bureau

