# Staff Summary

**Metro-North Railroad** 

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County of Westchester Emplo	oyer-Based Shuttle Agreement	
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Board Action					
Order	То	Date	Approval	Info	Other
1	M-N Comm. Mtg.	2/24/25			
2	MTA Board Mtg	2/26/25			

Internal Approvals					
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4	President	2	Acting General Counsel		
1/2/	Executive Vice President & COO	3	MNR Financial Liaison		

Internal Approvals (cont.)							
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### PURPOSE:

To obtain MTA Board approval for Metro-North to amend the Westchester County Department of Public Works & Transportation ("WCDPW&T") Employer-Based Shuttle Agreement pursuant to Amendment No. 9 to extend the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2025.

## DISCUSSION:

On June 1, 1997, Metro-North and WCDPW&T entered into an agreement for WCDPW&T to operate and Metro-North to partially subsidize the Employer-Based Shuttles that provide connecting bus service to and from Metro-North train stations serving the corporate parks along Westchester Avenue and Routes 119 and 120 in Westchester County, with the goals of increasing ridership on Metro-North trains and promoting public transportation. Most of the source of the ridership originates from Metro-North stations in the Bronx, and these shuttles provide a service for reverse commuters with employment in the County. Subsequently, Metro-North and WCDPW&T entered into Amended and Restated Agreements, which ultimately extended the terms of the original contract to December 31,2024. Metro-North and WCDPW&T now wish to further extend this agreement through December 31, 2025. This extension will maintain the same terms as the prior Amendments. Metro-North intends to engage its marketing partners to further publicize these shuttles to increase ridership. In addition, Metro-North will be working with Westchester County to rationalize the connecting services with the goal of recommending different alternatives after 2025.

## **BUDGET IMPACT:**

The flat rate established for the Employer-Based Shuttles provides Metro-North Railroad with a predictable yearly WCDPW&T payment which is included in its Operating Budget. The shuttle buses serve to increase railroad ridership and promote reverse commutation.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the MTA Board grant approval for Metro-North Railroad to amend the WCDPW&T Employer-Based Shuttle Agreement pursuant to Amendment No. 9 to extend the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2025.