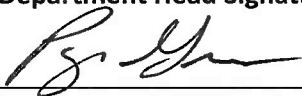



# Staff Summary



<b>Subject</b> TRAFFIC MOBILITY REVIEW BOARD
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<b>Date</b> JULY 27, 2022

Board Action					
Order	To	Date	Approv	Info	Other
1	Board	7/27/22			

Internal Approvals			
Order	Approval	Order	Approval
1	Chief of Staff 		

## PURPOSE

To obtain approval of the Board to establish the Traffic Mobility Review Board (TMRB) pursuant to NY CLS Pub A §553-k

## DISCUSSION

MTA and its project partners at NYCDOT and NYSDOT have worked many long hours over the last several months with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and other state and federal resource agencies on the Environmental Assessment (EA) to get us to this point.

We are pleased to report that we anticipate having approval in the coming days to release the Environmental Assessment for the public to review on or about August 10, 2022, which will also be the start date of the formal public comment period.

In addition, we plan to hold six virtual public hearings before the end of August.

Pursuant to NY CLS Pub A § 553-k, the TBTA Board (statutorily consisting of the same members as MTA Board) establishes the TMRB and appoints its Chair and five members:

- One recommended by the Mayor of the City of New York
- One must reside in the Metro-North Railroad Region
- One must reside in the Long Island Rail Road Region
- Each must have experience in at least one of the following areas: public finance; transportation; mass transit; or management

The TMRB shall conduct its meetings open to the public in accordance with Open Meetings Law (schedule TBD).

Appointing the TMRB members today allows them to observe and benefit from the August public hearings and to begin reviewing and understanding information provided by the Central Business District (CBD) Tolling Program Team, with their new responsibilities in mind.

Pursuant to statute, the TMRB shall, among other tasks:

- (1) Consider factors including but not limited to traffic patterns, traffic mitigation measures, operating costs, public impact, public safety, hardships, vehicle type, discounts for motorcycles, peak and off-peak rates and environmental impacts, including but not limited to air quality and emissions trends;
- (2) Recommend:
  - a. CBD toll amounts that reduce congestion and ensure collection of annual net revenues and fees needed to fund at least \$15 billion for 2020-24 capital program or any successor programs
  - b. A plan for credits, discounts, and/or exemptions for tolls paid on bridges and crossings
  - c. A plan for credits, discounts, and/or exemptions for for-hire vehicles; and
- (3) Produce a report on its review and analysis underlying its recommendations.

## **ALTERNATIVE:**

Not to establish the Traffic Mobility Review Board. This alternative is not recommended because the adoption is mandated by NY CLS Pub A §553-k

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the following proposed TMRB members be appointed:

- Carl Weisbrod, Chair (Manhattan)
- John Banks (Metro-North Railroad Region)
- Scott Rechler (Long Island Rail Road Region)
- Elizabeth Velez (Bronx)
- Kathy Wylde (Brooklyn)
- NYC Mayoral Appointee, TBD