

**Connecticut Commuter Rail Council**

**January 16, 2019 7:00 PM**

**CDOT Conference Room**

**Stamford Transportation Center**

**30 Station Place**

**Stamford, CT**

The following Council Members were in attendance: Jim Gildea, Jeff Maron, Doug Hausladen, Peter Garneau, Laura Cordes (on phone), Mike Mahoney , Sue Prosi, and Roger Cirella.

Members of the Public: Mike Donnarumma, Metro-North; Glen Hayden, Metro-North; Richard Jankovich, CDOT; Daniel Baker, CDOT; Craig Bordiere, CDOT; Anthony Capasso, FCS; Bruce Legen, Fusco Corp.; Joseph Mancini, Fusco Corp.; Jason Falcetta, Fusco Corp.; Vincenzo Capasso, FCS; Frank Petise, City of Stamford; Barry Lutton, The Advocate; Bradley Michaelson, Stamford Board of Representatives; and Steve Kolenbery, Stamford Board of Representatives.

The December 2018 minutes were approved. Sue Prosi abstained.

1. **2018 YTD OTP and Plan for 2019**

In 2018, the on time performance was 88.9%. There was a nine (9) day outage on Atlantic Street.

The 2019 schedule will add time to schedule for work. Glen Hayden said there is a ton of work going on in 2019. Work will more than likely being scheduled fourth of July week since that is usually the quietest week for commuting. In order to build speed on the rails, you are going to have to build a new railroad.

1. **MDBF Goal 350,000 versus 12 Month AVG 200,000 Plan for 2019**

The diesel locomotives are old and affect service. There are software issues with PTC and that will affect service.

1. **Main Line Issues-Questions For MNR:**

Jeff Maron mentioned that two (2) out of ten (10) trains are more than six (6) minutes late. Late trains affect real estate and the economy. Property values drop. Glenn said that PTC slows the entire system. It doesn’t speed up trains, it slows them down.

Union Station has a water issue. There is a high water table issue. The stairs are out of service. The project is out to bid.

1. **Branch Line Issues-Questions For MNR:**

Mike Donnarumma said someone passed away at the Talmadge Hill station. A man apparently had a medical emergency and fell on the tracks. The investigation is still ongoing.

1. **Stamford Garage Maintenance**

Prior to the scheduled meeting, there was a walk- through of the old and new garage at 6:30pm. Mr. Capasso, the contractor performing the work on the garage said the sealant joints will be replaced. Sixty (60) to ninety (90) parking spaces will be taken out. The repairs will take approximately four (4) months depending on the weather. There will be another presentation in March. CDOT will work with Fusco during the repairs. The top deck of the garage will be sealed. There will be a short blast prep of the top deck before sealer.

A commuter asked about the plans for the old garage and Rich Jankovich said the focus is on the construction of the new garage (to be built).

1. **Election of 2019 Officers:**

Jim Gildea: Chairman

Jeff Maron: Vice Chairman

Roger Cirella: Secretary

1. **Finalize 2019 Calendar of Meetings:**

The meeting schedule was approved.

1. Adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger J. Cirella, Secretary