



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

State of New York

November 3, 2016

Re: Addendum #1 to Request For Expressions of Interest (RFEI) – Beacon Line

Dear Prospective Proposer:

Thank you for your interest in the above referenced RFEI.

- 1) A site tour/inspection has been scheduled for **Thursday, November 10th, 2016 at 9:00 am**. All those participating in the tour are asked to meet at 36 Railroad Avenue, Hopewell Junction in the parking lot adjacent to the former Hopewell Junction Station (now a museum). Please come equipped with a hard hat, vest, safety glasses and protective footwear. This personal protective equipment will not be provided and is mandatory.

All site tour participants will be required to sign the attached PERMIT AND RELEASE TO VISIT RAILROAD FACILITIES attached below on page 4 of this Addendum #1.

Participation in the site tour/inspection is not required in order to submit a response to the RFEI.

- 2) The Deadline for responses to the RFEI is hereby extended to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.
- 3) A number of questions have been received pertaining to the Beacon Line, and are answered to the extent possible below.

The questions, with the corresponding answers, are as follows:

- Q.1 Are there any existing studies that have been done by MNR or municipal partners related to this potential rail line reactivation?
- a. Beacon Line Feasibility Study; Frederic R. Harris, Inc., Metro-North Railroad – New York, NY – 2000. During this RFEI the executive summary will be provided upon request.
 - b. Rail Line Trolley Feasibility Study; KKO and Assoc., Andover, MA – 2003. Metro-North does not have this study.
- Q.2 What is the current use of the line?
- a. The only rail traffic in the past two years was the movement of two retired rail cars to the MTA Police Department facility. There has been no freight or revenue service for several years.

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- Q.3 How much of the current use must be preserved?
- a. There is an underground fiber-optic cable route that must be maintained.
 - b. Any proposed use must be compatible with the MTA Police Department facility.
 - c. Existing Metro-North facilities, including but not limited to a training facility near Hopewell Junction (though this facility does not need to link directly with any other line including the Hudson and Harlem lines), and a headquarters for a maintenance of way drainage crew, also near Hopewell Junction.
 - d. Any existing bike path agreement(s) along the Line (Putnam and Dutchess County portion).
 - e. As stated in the RFEI, one of the goals of the proposal is to “preserve the line for current or future rail operation.”
- Q.4 Is MNR the sole owner of this right-of-way?
- a. Yes, subject to freight rights held by the Housatonic Railroad.
- Q.5 Please provide a list of areas that do not meet FRA Class 1 inspection. Please also provide a copy of the most recent track inspection report for the line.
- a. The entire line does not meet Class 1 inspection. There is no available track inspection report.
- Q.6 Many of the RR crossings on the line look like they once had operating gates and flashers that seem to have been removed and placed in storage at some point. Are these gates and flashers available to be reinstalled at certain crossings?
- a. The materials removed from the crossings are not available. They were obsolete and unusable.
- Q.7 Please provide a copy of the most recent bridge inspection reports for all the bridges on the line that are large enough to be part of NYSDOT’s required annual inspection program.
- a. The inspection reports are available but are too large to be attached here. Anyone wishing to view these reports may contact me directly.
- Q.8 A request was made for a copy of the Valuation Maps for the line. Due to the size of the file, it cannot be attached here. Those who would like a copy of the Valuation Maps should contact me directly and I will email the files.

The MTA reserves the right, at any time, to modify or waive requirements of the RFEI package, including the Addendum #1.

Finally, please be reminded that all contacts made with the MTA or Metro-North relating to this RFEI must be made through the designated Point of Contact. The designated Point of Contact for the RFEI is Alicia Biggs. Contact with anyone else at the MTA or Metro-North relating to the RFEI may be a violation of the law and result in the disqualification of the proposer.

I will be on vacation from Monday, November 7th through Monday, November 14th. Any requests for material during that time should be sent to Dalilah Smith-Santos at dsantos@mtahq.org or 212-878-1043.

Sincerely yours,

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WHEREAS, I, _____ of _____, have requested METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD COMPANY (hereinafter "Railroad Company") to permit me to enter upon the property and/or visit the facilities of the Railroad Company, and said Railroad Company is not required by law to accede to such request, but nevertheless is willing to do so upon my execution of this instrument, releasing said Railroad Company, Metropolitan Transportation Authority and its subsidiaries and affiliates ("MTA"), the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut Department of Transportation ("CDOT"), Midtown Trackage Ventures LLC, Midtown TDR Ventures LLC and Argent Ventures, LLC, from and against any and all claims for loss, damages, personal injuries and/or death which might be suffered or sustained by me in consequence thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in consideration of the permission granted to me by the Railroad Company to enter upon the property and/or visit the facilities of the Railroad Company, I do hereby assume any and all risk and all liability for any losses, damages, personal injuries and/or death which might be suffered or sustained by me while upon the property of the Railroad Company and I do hereby for myself and/or my heirs, executors and administrators, remise, release and forever quitclaim and discharge said Railroad Company, MTA, CDOT, Midtown Trackage Ventures LLC, Midtown TDR Ventures LLC and Argent Ventures, LLC from and against any and all claims which I or my heirs, executors or administrators, have, or can, or might have, as the result of any losses, property damage, personal injuries and/or death which might be suffered or sustained by me while upon the property and facilities of said Railroad Company while exercising such license and permission, regardless of negligence of said Railroad Company, MTA, CDOT, Midtown Trackage Ventures LLC, Midtown TDR Ventures LLC and Argent Ventures, LLC, or their respective officers, agents, or employees.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE FOREGOING.

VALID FOR VISIT TO: Maybrook – Beacon Line
(name of facility)

on _____.
Date(s)