SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: PATCO-14-011              SUBJECT:  Industry, Historical and Technical Societies and Schools Touring PATCO Facilities

COMMITTEE:     Finance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:   March 5, 2014

BOARD ACTION DATE:    March 19, 2014

PROPOSAL:  That the Board authorizes staff to allow tours of PATCO facilities to Industry, Peer Groups, Historical and Technical Societies, and Schools in 2014.

PURPOSE:  To promote the exchange of information about Transit Car Technology and Maintenance and Repair activities.

BACKGROUND:  Tours of PATCO facilities may be requested by Industry organizations, such as the New York Regional Railcar Consortium (a group of Maintenance and Purchasing professionals employed by various Transit Agencies); by Technical societies, such as the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Electric Railroaders’ Association; and Historical Societies, such as the National Railway Historical Society. These tours serve as a way of exchanging information within the transit industry or as a good will gesture to the Educational and Historical society communities. Staff support is required to procure appropriate indemnity assurance and provide the tour guide services.

Some small school groups have also taken a tour of PATCO facilities. Such cases are limited to small groups of older students who can be safely accommodated. Staff support is required to procure appropriate indemnity assurance and to speak with students on-site.

The 2013 initiative had been approved by the Board as PATCO-12-026.

It is recommended that the Board authorize PATCO to provide these tours in 2014 on an as-requested basis when convenient and safe for staff to provide.
SUMMARY:

- Capital Project #: N/A
- Operating Budget: In-Kind Services - General Fund
- Master Plan Status: N/A
- Other Fund Sources: N/A
- Duration of Contract: N/A
- Other Parties Involved: N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes PATCO to continue to promote the exchange of information about transit car technology through provision of tours of facilities to interested groups in 2014.

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