



Department of Transportation

Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner

Date: September 25, 2025

To: Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner

From: Ryan Wanttaja, General Counsel *RW*

Subject: Post-Employment Retention of Domenick Carpentieri as Consultant to DOT, Pursuant to Conflicts of Interest Board Rule Section 1-07(d)(1)

I would like to formally request that you approve DOT's retention of Domenick Carpentieri, DOT's Director Finance within the Office of Cityscape & Franchises as a consultant to DOT under COIB Rule 1-07(d)(1). Mr. Carpentieri's official retirement date is August 2, 2025.

Under COIB Rule 1-07(d)(1) a public servant may continue to serve as a compensated consultant to the agency he/she was formerly employed by and work on matters he/she was personally and substantially involved with at their former agency so long as the following conditions are met:

(1) the consulting arrangement is made for the purpose of continuing or completing work left unfinished by the former public servant at the time their City service terminated, or for training their replacement, or for filling a vacancy until a replacement can be hired;

(2) the duration of the consulting arrangement is no longer than reasonably necessary;

(3) the former public servant has technical, professional, or other subject-matter expertise or skills not otherwise available among the agency's employees;

(4) the compensation is comparable to what the former public servant last earned at the agency; and

(5) within 30 days the written approval of the agency head is disclosed to the Conflicts of Interest Board, which approval will be posted on the Board's website.

It is noted that the only communications with DOT by Mr. Carpentieri within the otherwise forbidden one year period following his departure from the agency in his role as a consultant pursuant to COIB Rule 1-07(d)(1) and for the purposes intended by this rule shall be permitted. Communications within the otherwise prohibited one year period and beyond initiated by DOT to obtain information from Mr. Carpentieri needed for the operations of the agency are also permitted.

For the reasons set forth below I believe that Mr. Carpentieri's critical work for the Office of Cityscape & Franchises plus DOT's current inability, given the City's current hiring and



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promotion limitations, to either hire a replacement for him or quickly find a replacement for him with current DOT personnel makes Mr. Carpentieri an ideal candidate who fits the criteria for compliance with this COIB Rule.

While serving as the Director of Finance, Mr. Carpentieri oversaw the finances for the Coordinated Street Furniture Program; Franchises, Concessions, and Consents; Recoupment Unit; and NYC Bike Share Program. He closely monitored franchisees and other operators of City programs' financial records, and performed routine audits to ensure contractual compliance and obligations were met.

Mr. Carpentieri's departure from DOT has left the office with only one relatively inexperienced audit personnel, who needs to be trained in mastering extensive and complicated rules and regulations and additional support to be familiarized with audit protocols, process and procedures, including responding to City Comptroller audits.

Mr. Carpentieri's role as a consultant will bring to bear his 27 years of extensive experience working on DOT programs in the following ways by personally working on and actively coordinating with Finance staff in:

1. Auditing Citi Bike and overseeing the Bike Share program's finances and assisting in the annual collection of \$118 million;
2. Monitoring the financial records of JCDecaux, whose franchise agreement with the City exceeds \$1 billion;
3. Auditing JCDecaux's contract and accounting systems to ensure proper revenue allocation to NYC DOT.
4. Preparing, forecasting, and monitoring the DOT Bus Program's Executive Budget and overseeing Metrocard's net operating revenue data.
5. Training his replacement at DOT.

Mr. Carpentieri, who has not commenced with his consulting work, will be retained directly by DOT using the micro-purchase method pursuant to Procurement Policy Board (PPB) Rule 3-08(c)(1)(ii) will remain at the current pay rate as a DOT employee (\$98 per hour) \$180,135 per year) for the duration of the micro-purchase, which may not exceed \$20,000.00. That equates to approximately 204 hours of consulting. Mr. Carpentieri consulting for DOT will commence once the micro-purchase under which he will be retained by DOT is in place and he will stop consulting for DOT either on June 30, 2026, or once the funding under the micro-purchase is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Carpentieri was conducting a Citi Bike audit, which has not been finalized. If we are not able to retain Mr. Carpentieri as described above, then we will not be able

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to complete the Citi Bike audit and potentially collect additional funds as a result of the audit's findings. In addition, Mr. Carpentieri's experience with the JCDecaux franchise agreement will enable him to assist the Office in setting up protocols regarding bus shelter installation payments, which is a new responsibility for the Office.

For the reasons above I seek your approval for Mr. Carpentieri's retention as a consultant under COIB Rule 1-07(d)(1).

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ydanis Rodriguez", is written over a horizontal line.

Ydanis Rodriguez

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