

## **Candidate Statements for 2020 Pennsylvania Council Representative**

**Candidate: Frank P. Buzydlowski**

**Candidate Residence: Philadelphia**

**Candidate Status: Incumbent**

### **Why are you interested in serving in a NARP/RPA Leadership Position?**

As a frequent Amtrak rider, I am acutely aware of the state of the national rail network and the needs of rail passengers. I want to continue to be a part of an organization that advocates for increased funding for new equipment and better operations, to hold the freight carriers to their legal and ethical obligations to provide for on-time passenger performance, and for better overall service and amenities (including dining) on long distance trains.

### **If elected to a Council position, what are the primary goals you personally would pursue?**

1. Increased Federal and Pennsylvania state funding for new equipment and better operations, including better service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.
2. On-time performance. Having been side-tracked many times on long distance trains, I know how frustrating it is to sit and wait and wait and wait for freight trains to pass.
3. New sleepers and improved amenities - especially dining - on long distance trains.

### **What is your passenger rail advocacy experience?**

Less than one year as a Pennsylvania state council representative. (I was appointed/elected to fill a vacancy mid-term.)