

## Candidate Statements for 2020 Pennsylvania Council Representative

**Candidate: Michael C. Alexander**

**Candidate Residence: Pittsburgh**

**Candidate Status: Incumbent**

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

Membership on the RPA Council gives me a national perspective on passenger rail issues that makes me a more effective advocate. My membership on the Council over the last ten years has greatly helped me in a regional effort to improve passenger rail in western and central Pennsylvania.

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

- 1) Continue to advocate for more service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, PA, while protecting the one train that we already have.
- 2) Assist RPA in achieving fiscal stability through grant applications.

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

RPA Council member, 2009-present; RPA division leader, Mid-Atlantic Division, 2014-September 2019; president and board member, Western Pennsylvanians for Passenger Rail, 2011-16; treasurer and board member, Western Pennsylvanians for Passenger Rail, 2016-present