



# Public Works & Transportation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main St Suite 1 Peekskill, NY 10566

*With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.*

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson and Damon Maher; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Dayana Gomez; DPW: Remote: Hugh Greechan, Rob Abbamonte, Michael Swee, and Craig Lader; DoIT: Aji Palappillil*

**Present:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Remote:** Legislator Smith

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, July 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Monday, July 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

## I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: Dept. of Public Works & Transportation: Commissioner Hugh Greechan, Rob Abbamont, Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program), and Michael Swee, Director of Surface Transportation

1. [2023-332](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BPF33-Fire Suppression System Replacement & Upgrade, Parking Structure, WP Complex**

*Commissioner Greechan and Mr. Abbamont discussed the item. Legislator Pierce asked if the fire suppression system was required as part of the current code or if we are going above and beyond by installing it. Mr. Abbamont said he will check.*

*Chair Pierce said that since we are going to be adding electric vehicle charging stations to the garage in the next project, how will that impact or change the fire suppression planning (i.e., the amount of water) in those areas as opposed to a standard parking garage. Mr. Abbamont said he was not sure but would find out for her.*

*Chair Pierce asked about drainage issues due to increasingly frequent and severe storms, and what standard we use from an engineering standpoint to calculate how much water the drains will be able to handle. Mr. Abbamont said they use a 500-year flood standard. Chair Pierce asked for confirmation that was the benchmark that was used and who supplied that standard.*

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

2. [2023-333](#) **BOND ACT-BPF33-Fire Suppression System Replacement & Upgrade, Parking Structure, WP Complex**

*See discussion of Item #1 above.*

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

3. [2023-334](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BPF34-Parking Facility Rehab., WP Complex**

*Mr. Abbamont discussed the item. Chair Pierce asked where the charging spots would be. Mr. Abbamont said that the spots with charging stations will be assigned to legislators and staff. Chair Pierce noted that assigning these spots to staff regardless of whether they have an electric vehicle will tie up the spots all day, which is not a good use of the resource. The spots should be used either by general fleet cars that need to keep recharging or anyone who parks in the lot. She suggested that they should change the assigned spots to non-electric vehicle spots, so people can go in and out of the charging spots as needed, and assign spots for staff to previously floating spots. Commissioner Greechan said that makes sense.*

*Legislator Maher asked if there were any plans for putting solar panels above the parking lot. Mr. Abbamont said nothing is planned currently. He said they are looking at solar canopies at other facilities.*

*Chair Pierce suggested solar panels for the roof of the garage. Mr. Abbamont said they look at the amount of shade and other factors. Chair Pierce suggested they include in the notes that they have reviewed something like adding solar but found it to be inappropriate. Mr. Abbamont said he will check into that.*

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was . The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

4. [2023-335](#) **CBA-BPF36-Parking Facility Rehab., District Office Buildings**

*Mr. Abbamont discussed the item.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

5. [2023-336](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BPF36-Parking Facility Rehab., District Office Buildings**

*Mr. Abbamont discussed the item.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

6. [2023-337](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BPF40-Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehab.**

*Mr. Abbamont discussed the item.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

7. [2023-338](#) **BOND ACT-BPF40-Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehab.**

*Mr. Abbamont discussed the item.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

8. [2023-343](#) **BOND ACT-B0110-County Asset Management Plan**

*Commissioner Greechan and Mr. Abbamont discussed the updates to the County's system for asset management. Chair Pierce asked whether this software allows us to see in real time where the greenhouse gas creators are, and the real time impact of swapping certain items out, and if not, can we look at adding that. She said this will help us map out our future goals as a county and how we want to see improvements of our infrastructure. Commissioner Greechan said he will look into that.*

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

9. [2023-344](#) **CBA-T0063-New Bus Radio-Data System**

*Two representatives from DPW - Michael Swee, Director of Surface Transportation and Craig*

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*Lader, Principal Transportation Planner, and Aji Palappillil, Deputy CIO from the Department of Information Technology, discussed the item.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

10. [2023-345](#) **BOND ACT-T0063-New Bus Radio-Data System**

*See discussion of Item #9 above.*

This ACT - Bond Act was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2023-357](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - Reinstate Parcel into Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District**

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the Committee adjourned at 12:21 p.m. by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Gashi

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels