

# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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**Monday, October 16, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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The Hon. Legislator Symra Brandon will be participating remotely from the 28 Wells Avenue 5th Floor, Yonkers, NY 10701.

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

*With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM.*

*Others in Attendance: Lou Vetrone, Nat Federici, Joe Brown, Rob Abbamont BOL: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, and Shatika Parker*

**Present:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Remote:** Legislator Brandon

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, October 2, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. [ACT-2023-219](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-P0027-Bronx River Pkwy. (North of Greenacres Ave) Over Bronx River, Scarsdale**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional SEVEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$7,315,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project P0027 - Bronx River Parkway (North of Greenacres Ave.) Over Bronx River, Scarsdale.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

*Mr. Abbamont discussed the item. He said this Bond Act will finance replacement of the existing bridge, which is has an annual daily traffic count of 35,663, and is in need of rehabilitation to maintain a safe roadway for the traveling public. Legislator Pierce asked about the river height and flooding history for this area. Mr. Abbamont said we have seen high water, but not water overtopping the bridge. Legislator Pierce asked if there is a full flood analysis of this area and whether we have identified spots that would benefit from attention. Mr. Abbamont said he will check and get back to her.*

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Smith, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

2. [ACT-2023-220](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RB03X-Louisa Street Over Hudson Division Railroad, Peekskill**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$8,245,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RB03X - Louisa Street Over Hudson Division Railroad, Peekskill.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

*Mr. Abbamont discussed the item. He said this Bond Act will finance reconstruction of the bridge, including removal and replacement of the existing asphalt wearing surface and waterproofing, replacement of the steel joint system with a new elastomeric concrete joint system, rehabilitation to the top of the structural deck and the concrete stringers, substructure,*

*abutments and fascia railing and fencing.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

3. **[ACT-2023-215](#) BOND ACT(Amended)-RD017-MRF and Transfer Station Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional FOURTEEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND (\$14,380,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RD017 - Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station Rehabilitation.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE***

Joint with PWT and EEC.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

*First Deputy Commissioner Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner Federici, and Mr. Brown discussed the item. Legislator Pierce asked whether this facility was included in the County's cost analysis of solar for its various assets. Mr. Vetrone said was fairly certain this facility was not included, but he can check.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

4. **[ACT-2023-216](#) BOND ACT(Amended)-SSM21-Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County for a total amount of FIFTEEN MILLION (\$15,000,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project SSM21 - Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION***

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

*Mr. Brown discussed the item. He said that design should be take about a year to complete, and construction should take two years to complete. Legislator Pierce noted that the committee report states that design is expected to be completed by the end of the third quarter of 2023, and construction is estimated to take 16 months to complete. She requested that the committee report be amended to provide that design will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2024, and construction will take 24 months to complete.*

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

5. [ACT-2023-217](#) **CBA-SY038-Yonkers Joint TP Engine Replacement & Blower Reconditioning**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project SY038 Yonkers Joint Treatment Plant Engine Replacement & Blower Reconditioning.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

*Mr. Brown said this will fund the replacement of the two remaining diesel/methane dual fuel engines with natural gas/anaerobic digester gas dual fuel engines and all their auxiliary systems, including all structural, electrical, controls, plumbing, and HVAC systems.*

*Legislator Pierce asked if we have a projected cost savings estimate from not using natural gas as a byproduct of these changes. Mr. Brown said we do, and he will provide that.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

6. [ACT-2023-218](#) **BOND ACT-SY038-Yonkers Joint TP Engine Replacement & Blower Reconditioning**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX MILLION, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED (\$6,320,600) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SY038 - Yonkers Joint Treatment Plant Engine Replacement & Blower Reconditioning.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

*Please refer to item #5.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

7. [ACT-2023-221](#) **CBA-SY057-Replacement of Tarrytown Forcemain-Phase II-And Route 119 Gravity Sewer**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project SY057 Replacement of Tarrytown Forcemain (Phase II) and Route 119 Gravity Sewer.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

*Mr. Brown discussed the item.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

8. [ACT-2023-222](#) **BOND ACT-SY057-Replacement of Tarrytown Forcemain-Phase II-And Route 119 Gravity Sewer**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SY057 - Replacement of Tarrytown Forcemain (Phase II) and Route 119 Gravity Sewer.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

*Please refer to item #7.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the Committee adjourned at 11:40 AM. by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo