

Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

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Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson and Damon Maher; Legislators (Remote): David Imamurra and Symra Brandon; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg; DPW (Remote): Gayla Katzman, Hernane De Almeida, and Rob Abbamont

Present: Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Parker, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Wednesday, November 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Parker, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Wednesday, November 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Parker, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: DPW: First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman, Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida, and Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

1. [2023-493](#) **CBA-RB151-Commerce Street, Mount Pleasant**

Mr. Abbamont discussed the item with the committee. He said that this will increase the County's share for this project by \$1.2 million. He explained that the additional funding is needed because they discovered a previously unknown gas line adjacent to the proposed drainage system, requiring additional rock excavation, drainage system modifications, relocation of existing utilities, modifications to the maintenance and protection of traffic plan, additional design, and construction inspection.

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

2. [2023-494](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RB151-Commerce Street, Mount Pleasant**

See discussion of Item # 1 above.

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

3. [2023-464](#) **County Roads and Related Work Bond Act Projects - 2024 - RB215, RB219, RB221, RB222, RB225, RB227**

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman, Deputy Commissioner Hernane de Almeida, and Rob Abbamont discussed the item with the committee. Mr. Abbamont said this will finance the cost of design, construction management, and construction associated with the rehabilitation of various County roads and related work.

Ms. Katzman noted that DPW has a Complete Streets checklist that they use for new projects. Legislator Maher asked for a copy of the list, and Ms. Katzman said she would provide it.

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

4. [2023-465](#) **BOND ACT - ROAD/BRIDGE RESURFACING PROJECT - 2024 - RB226**

Mr. Abbabont said that this will finance the cost of design associated with the rehabilitation of approximately 4.2 miles of Westchester Avenue in White Plains/Harrison. He said the work will include milling, resurfacing, new curbing; guiderail replacement, minor bus stops improvements, new traffic signal loops, new pavement markings and related work.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, 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 Barr, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Gashi

5. [2023-466](#) BOND ACT - ROAD/BRIDGE RESURFACING PROJECT - 2024 - RB04N

Mr. Abbamont said that this will finance the cost of design associated with the replacement of the existing bridge structure with a precast arch with stone facing and associated work.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, 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 Barr, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Gashi

6. [2023-460](#) Department of Public Works Bond Acts - 2024. B0115, B0117, B0125-2290

Mr. Abbamont said that this will finance three capital projects. He explained that Project B0115 is for replacement of the roof at the Reginald A. LaFayette County Office Building in Mount Vernon. He said that the roof is over 20 years old, the warranty has expired, and must be replaced to avoid water filtration of the building.

He explained that Projects B0117 and B0125 are for installation of parapet safety railings at 450 Saw Mill River Road in Ardsley and at the Records Center in Elmsford in conjunction with the New York Power Authority photovoltaic system project. He said that the parapet railing system will provide adequate fall protection for personnel maintaining and servicing the equipment on the roof.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, 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 Barr, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Gashi

II. OTHER BUSINESS**III. RECEIVE & FILE****ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Parker, the Committee adjourned at 11:56 a.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Gashi

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