



# Public Works & Transportation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, June 28, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations

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

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Nancy Barr, Margaret Cunzio, Colin Smith, Damon Maher, Alfreda Williams, Terry Clements, Alessandra Restiano, Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Lisa Hochman, Carolyn Stevens, Amy Vele BOL Remote: Catherine Borgia, Melanie Montalto LAW: John Nonna LAW Remote: Jane Hogan Felix, Sean Carey BUDGET Remote: Gideon Grande DPW/T Remote: Hugh Greechan, James Antonaccio, Robert Abbamont Legislator Christopher Johnson participated remotely but could not vote.*

**Present:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Walter

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Remote:** Legislator Johnson

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10:00AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2021-4](#) **BOND ACT-A0099-Airport Natural Gas Pipeline**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project A0099 - Airport Natural Gas Pipeline (formerly MT # 13032)

*Joint with B&A.*

*Guests: Commissioner Hugh Greechan, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Robert Abbamont and Jim Antonaccio - Department of Public Works & Transportation*

*Please refer to item #2. No action was taken.*

This ACT - Bond Act was tabled

2. [RES-2021-123](#) **ENV RES-Capital Projects A0097 & A0116**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse

impact on the environment from Capital Project A0097 - Domestic Water System Improvements and Capital Project A0116 - Backflow Preventer Facility and Water Supply Improvements.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

*Joint with B&A.*

*Guests: Commissioner Hugh Greechan, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Robert Abbamont and Jim Antonaccio - Department of Public Works & Transportation Commissioner Greechan, Program Coordinator Robert Abbamont and James Antonaccio, Principal Architect – Airport Division appeared before the members to discuss three projects, A099- Airport Natural Gas Pipeline; A0097-Domestic Water System Improvements and A0116- Backflow Preventer Facility and Water Supply Improvements.*

*Mr. Antonaccio discussed the 4 items before the committees. He first gave an overall explanation of the projects. He stated everything together is a large utility upgrade to the airport. He mentioned that a few months ago bonded was approved for reconstruction of airport road, the utility projects will actual disrupt that, so they are holding off on that until the utility projects are complete.*

*The first project is A0097, and the Bond Act would finance construction and construction management for the domestic waterline at the Airport. This project is required to comply with a NYSDEC Order on Consent requirement to address per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination that has been identified in the water table and nearby property ground wells. This project provides construction of new domestic water lines located at both the Airport and on New King Street in North Castle. Mr. Antonaccio also stated that this project also include the addition of two new backflow preventer facilities. This project is in connection with project A0116, which is a Bond Act that would finance the construction and construction management for the backflow preventer facility and water supply improvements project at the Airport. This projects is also required to comply with a NYSDEC Order on Consent requirements to address PFAS contamination that had been identified in the water table and near by property ground wells. Mr. Antonaccio discussed the details of the map that he provided to the members.*

*He went on to discuss a related part of this project that will be in front of the Board next year. He discussed that it will be construction of a Domestic Fire Line service that is needed to supply water to the entire Airport. He mentioned that all this work is being done on the roadway and needs to be complete before they pave the road.*

*Lastly he went on to discuss project A0099 Airport Natural Gas which they have separated into phase 1b and phase 2. Phase 1b will connect the remaining northern facilities to natural gas that are currently on oil. The oil tank will be removed as a part of the project. He discussed some issues that came up last fall when this item was originally discussed. Phase 2 is a request from ConEd for the purposes of storage, it does give the airport, the benefit of a redundant loop.*

*Mr. Antonaccio summarized what they are looking for today is approval of design bonding for additional phases of the Natural Gas Pipeline, for the waterline program, it is for construction*

and construction management. We are currently at 90% design on the waterline project, which is under NYSDEC Consent Order. We are working with waterworks and North Castle to get through the permit process.

Legislator Borgia asked for the gas project what are some things that could potentially impact the final cost of construction? Mr. Antonaccio responded that they are not sure what the final cost will be, because of any potential contaminated soil. He noted that he forgot to mention we already have in place proximately a \$1 million dollar grant from NYS aviation to help pay for the construction of this line. He went on to say, the original estimated was for \$1 million, but we're a little suspicious of that based on the ground conditions. Design will layout the pipeline and look into all the soil contamination and they have taken in the potential increase in cost.

Legislator Barr asked for clarification of project A0099 and details of the work to be done. Mr. Antonaccio reiterated that Phase 1b will connect the remaining northern facilities to natural gas that are currently on oil. The oil tank will be removed as a part of the project. Phase 2 is a request from ConEd for the purposes of storage, it does give the airport, the benefit of a redundant loop. In the event there is a problem on the gas line anywhere else that allows the gas to flow the opposite way. But the most important thing in front of us right now is phase 1b. Mr. Antonaccio discussed that they will be back before the Board some time next year for 1B and later on next year for Phase 2. He stated that this project (A0099) is currently for design only. He went on to discuss the grant from NYS fro \$1 million includes the removal of 2 underground storage tanks.

Legislator Shimsky expressed concern regarding investing in a new gas pipeline may not be the most economically or environmentally right choice to make. She feels that the gas line might be obsolete when new technology is introduced. The members decided to hold project A0099- Airport Natural Gas Pipeline for further discussion. The other projects ( A0097 & A0116) were signed out of committee.

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Walter

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

### 3. [ACT-2021-121](#) **CBA-A0097-Domestic Water System Improvements**

AN ACT amending the 2021 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project A0097 - Domestic Water System Improvements.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

*Joint with B&A.*

*Guests: Commissioner Hugh Greechan, Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Robert Abbamont and Jim Antonaccio - Department of Public Works & Transportation  
Please refer to item #2.*

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**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Walter

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

4. [ACT-2021-122](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-A0097 & A0116**

A BOND ACT (amended) authorizing the issuance of SEVENTEEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$17,635,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project A0097 - Domestic Water System Improvements and Capital Project A0116 - Backflow Preventer Facility and Water Supply Improvements.

**Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

*Joint with B&A.*

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**Absent:** Legislator Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**