



Public Works & Transportation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: MaryJane Shimsky

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Monday, October 3, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee

Please note: This meeting will be held in person at the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 in the McPoland Conference Room # 824 and also remotely via WebEx. Legislators may participate in person or via video conferencing through WebEx. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person at any of its locations or view it online at the Westchester Legislators website: <<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>> this website also has links to the Agenda Packets containing documents to be discussed at the meeting.

Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY, 10510

With a quorum present, Chair Shimsky called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

Others in attendance: BOL: Legislators: Damon Maher, Erika Pierce, Jewel Williams Johnson; Leigslators (Remote): James Nolan and Chris Johnson; Melanie Montalto, Marcello Figueroa; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Anand Singh; DPW: Brian Hegt (Remote); Avports (Remote): April Gasparri and Tom Rumbarger

Present: Committee Chair Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2022-131](#) **BOND ACT-A0099-Airport Natural Gas Pipeline**

Guests: DPW: Brian Hegt; Avports: April Gasparri, Westchester County Airport Manager

Mr. Hegt and Ms. Gasparri discussed the item. Chair Shimsky asked if the reduction in greenhouse emissions came from increased energy efficiency. Ms. Gasparri said yes. Chair Shimsky asked why the box for energy efficiency was not checked off on the Capital Project Fact Sheet. Mr. Hegt said it was probably an oversight and he would look into it.

Chair Shimsky asked how much the length of the pipeline had been reduced from the original proposal. Mr. Hegt said 50%. Chair Shimsky asked for the estimated total cost of the project. Mr. Hegt said the last estimate was about \$420,000. He noted that there is environmental work that needs to take place which accounts for the additional design costs. Chair Shimsky

asked for a written explanation accounting for the additional design costs, and Mr. Hegt said he will provide it. She also asked if we have the most recent greenhouse gas study for the airport. Ms. Gasparri said she would share that.

Legislator Barr asked which buildings would be serviced by new gas pipeline. Ms. Rumbarger said Pepsi, two Net Jets facilities, the police precinct, an airport maintenance facility, and Furniture Sharehouse. Ms. Gasparri said all these buildings depend on oil for heat. Legislator Barr asked why NetJets is proposing to build brand new buildings and only use oil and gas. Ms. Gasparri said NetJets has been exploring other alternative and clean energy sources, but it will take more exploration before they commit.

Legislator Pierce said that she would like to have a presentation in the Environment committee on the greenhouse gas data and the work being done on the Master Plan. She asked why we are looking at natural gas for these buildings in light of the cost. Ms. Gasparri said it not the ideal solution, but a good transition or intermediary step. Legislator Pierce asked when we would know what might be coming next. Ms. Gasparri said that as different leases develop, tenants will do their due diligence to determine what fits best. Legislator Barr said it would be better for the County to establish a policy that all future projects use sustainable and clean energy.

Chair Shimsky asked if this issue will be covered in the Master Plan. Ms. Gasparri said absolutely. Chair Shimsky asked when we will we see a draft of the Master Plan. Ms. Gasparri said they will have something ready to share in late November/December.

Legislator Parker asked for more information about the County's conversations with NetJets about what the future plans are to move away from the pipeline. Mr. Hegt said he would look into it. Legislator Smith asked estimated time frame for installation of the pipeline. Mr. Hegt said he thought 18 months, but he would double check.

Chair Shimsky suggested voting the item out of committee conditioned on receipt of the accounting for the change in the price of project, the existing greenhouse gas analysis, and correction of the energy efficiency status on the Fact Sheet.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Smith, the Committee adjourned at 11:07 a.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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