

# Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**Committee Room**

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**Joint with PE and HSC**

## CALL TO ORDER

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*Others in Attendance: Senator Peter Harckham (remote), Warren Lucas (remote), Marie Kelly (remote), Jesenia Laureano (remote), John Milgrim, Adam Reaves, Dan Shapley and Rachel Masterson; BOL: Legislator David Tubiolo, Legislator Catherine Parker (remote), Lisa Hochman, James Silverberg and Dayana Gómez-Holguín*

**Present:** Legislator Pierce and Legislator Barr

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

## MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Monday, April 7, 2025 at 10:00am

This item was continued

2. Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 1:00pm

This item was continued

3. Monday, April 14, 2025 at 10:00am

This item was continued

4. Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 1:00pm

This item was continued

5. Monday, May 19, 2025 at 10:00am

This item was continued

6. Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 10:00am

This item was continued

7. Monday, June 2, 2025 a 10:00am

This item was continued

## **I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Understanding the impact of road salt runoff on reservoirs

Guests:

Director, External Affairs, John Milgrim and  
Assistant Commissioner Adam Reaves for Drinking Water Operations  
New York City Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Supply

New York State Senator Peter Harckham

Senior Director Dan Shapley, Advocacy Policy & Planning  
Riverkeeper

Environmental Associate Planner Jesenia Laureano  
Department of Planning

*Overall this discussion encompassed details on the impacts of road salt on drinking water and possible initiatives to help avoid issues deriving from this, such as harm caused on water quality and public health. They highlighted how rising salinity levels, caused largely by road salt application, pose serious threats to both drinking water supplies and ecosystem health. There was also emphasis on the need to adopt best practices in managing road salt usage to mitigate these issues. Some of the takeaways from the discussion were finding ways to help municipalities reduce reliance on road salt, properly monitor salt concentrations in local water bodies and encourage best practices to raise awareness.*

*Mr. Milgrim and Mr. Reaves provided an overview on efforts made by the New York City (NYC) Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), who is responsible for delivering drinking water to the majority of New York State. They invest \$100 Million annually to protect the water supply system for programs to protect the 2,000 square mile watershed area, have several capital upgrades underway and continue to invest in gold standard research. The three watershed systems often work as one, making it the largest municipal water supply in the United States: the Croton system has 12 reservoirs and 3 controlled lakes, and the Catskill and Delaware systems have 6 reservoirs. NYC's Water Quality Division, including the accredited laboratories and workforce, are responsible for adhering to the standards of water standards and assuring that the billions of gallons of water are delivered each day. The data collected is available to the public and research teams to maintain transparency as well. In 2021, NYC created the bureau's Salinity Task Force to examine, measure and understand salinity trends in the NYC water supply system. Their findings state that due to manmade influences, such as road salt applications as seen in the Croton system. The salinity levels are far below the limit, however it is still on the rise and can reach the limits as soon as 30 years.*

*Mr. Lucas, Supervisor for North Salem, shared that around 2014 best practices included adding as much road salt as possible to avoid snow sticking. Since then, he has been*

*advocating to narrow down best practices to address snowfall and manage road salt utilization.*

*Senator Harckham introduced the bill S6976A to the Senate, modeled from the findings of the Adirondacks Road Salt Reduction Task Force.*

*Mr. Shapley provided a well-rounded presentation on the topic which included additional initiatives and resources as well.*

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned 3:02pm.