

Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Monday, May 6, 2024

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with the Committee on Budget and Appropriations

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Legislator Shanae Williams will be participating from 5 Main Street, Yonkers, New York 10701
With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 11:32AM.

*Others in Attendance: PLANNING: Blanca Lopez, Susan Darling and Leonard Gruenfeld;
BOL: Legislator David Imamura, Legislator Jose Alvarado (remote), Legislator Judah Holstein,
Legislator Catherine Parker (remote), Legislator Colin Smith (remote), Lisa Hochman (remote),
Gregory Casciato, Warren Watson (remote), James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Shatika Parker
and Dayana Gómez-Holguín*

Present: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator
Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2024-81](#) **BOND ACT-BPL26-2448-Flood Mitigation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL26 - Flood Mitigation.

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

Guests: Planning Department
Commissioner Blanca Lopez
Chief Planner Susan Darling
Program Director of Community Development Len Gruenfeld

This item authorizes \$2 million in bonds to finance Capital Project BPL26 which addresses projects and strategies to reduce flooding in Westchester County. The Department of Planning has a watershed-wide approach to understand flooding in this region and how to best remedy this issue. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is preparing watershed-based flood mitigation plans for a portion of the watersheds in Westchester through the New York Resilient Program. The funding requested in this item is to plan for the areas not accounted for in the previously mentioned program and will include the creation of surveys, outreach to municipalities and the creation of detailed project plans and paperwork needed to apply for additional funding sources. They have been working with Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and anticipate beginning in a couple of weeks to a month and completing the work within the next three years. This project will also be under the purview of the newly created position, Director of Flood Mitigation and Resiliency.

On motion of Legislator 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: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Williams

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the Committee adjourned at 11:52am.