



Committee on Environment, Health & Energy

~AGENDA~

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

1:00 PM

Committee Chair: Nancy Barr

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Social Services

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, March 05, 2019 at 11:01 AM
2. Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:03 AM

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion on Westchester County Suicide Prevention Task-Force.

Invited Guests

Commissioner Michael Orth - Department of Community Mental Health

Maria Idoni - HudsonValley/Westchester Area Director, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. **(ID # 11641) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: WAA Support Letter for Proposed Repave Runway Project at County Airport:**

Forwarding a letter sent to County Executive George Latimer from the Westchester Aviation Association supporting the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

2. **(ID # 11642) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO Support- Repave Runway Project at WCA:**

Forwarding a letter sent to County Executive George Latimer from the Westchester-Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO supporting the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

3. **(ID # 11643) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: WFC Support Letter of Proposed Repave Runway Project at County Airport:**

Forwarding a letter from the Westchester Flying Club sent to County Executive George Latimer supporting the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

4. **(ID # 11644) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: Teamsters Local 456 Support for Proposed Repave Runway Project at County Airport:**

Forwarding a letter sent to County Executive George Latimer from the Teamsters Local 456 supporting the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

5. **(ID # 11645) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: WCA Support Letter for Proposed Repave Runway Project at County Airport:**

Forwarding a letter sent to County Executive George Latimer from the Westchester County Association (WCA) supporting the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

6. **(ID # 11647) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: Correspondence from Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion:**

Forwarding a letter sent to County Executive George Latimer from the Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion regarding the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

7. **(ID # 11648) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: JetBlue Support Letter for Proposed Repave Runway Project at County Airport:**

Forwarding a letter sent to County Executive George Latimer from JetBlue supporting the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

8. **(ID # 11649) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: BCW Support Letter for Proposed Repave Runway Project at County Airport:**

Forwarding a letter sent to County Executive George Latimer from the Business Council of Westchester (BCW) supporting the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

9. **(ID # 11650) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: Delta Support Letter for Proposed Repave Runway Project for County Airport:**

Forwarding a letter sent to County Executive George Latimer from Delta Air Lines supporting the proposed project to repave the Westchester County Airport runway.

10. **(ID # 11651) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: Correspondence from Chairman Boykin regarding the Proposed Repave Runway Project at County Airport:**

Forwarding correspondence from Chairman Boykin to County Executive George Laimer regarding the proposed Runway Rehabilitation at the Westchester County Airport.

11. **(ID # 11653) Communication – CLERK OF THE BOARD: Constituent Correspondence (11) in support of the Proposed Repave Runway Project at the County Airport:**

Forwarding 11 letters from constituents to County Executive Latimer supporting the proposed repave runway project at the Westchester County Airport.

ADJOURNMENT



Committee on Environment, Health & Energy

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Tuesday, March 5, 2019

11:01 AM

Committee Chair: Nancy Barr

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

www.westchesterlegislators.com

CALL TO ORDER

Joint meeting with Public Works.

With a quorum present, Chair Nancy Barr called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Nancy Barr	Chair	Present	
Catherine Borgia	D9 Legislator	Absent	
Kitley Covill	D2 Legislator	Absent	
Catherine Parker	D7 Legislator (Majority Leader)	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
John G. Testa	D1 Legislator (Minority Leader)	Absent	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Present	

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests Paul Gallay and Jen Benson of *Riverkeeper* and Kat Fiedler of *Save the Sound* engaged members in a presentation and discussion about the New York-New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Coast Storm Risk Management Interim Report. In addition, Thomas McEnerney representing the *Storm Surge Working Group (SSWG)*, joined in the conversation with another perspective, based on research that was done by SSWG. In his opening remarks, Mr. Gallay stressed the urgency of scale that storm surge represents. He stated that both Columbia University and the City of New York support the assertion that sea level rise could increase anywhere from 21" - 30" by the year 2150. He suggested that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was not asking the right questions. When questioned by Legislator Shimsky, he noted that it would appear that the scope of work was limited by the parameters set by Congress when they were charged with doing the study. Jen Benson then made a presentation using PowerPoint (attached herein). It was noted that there are five (5) options proposed by the USACE including land-based and in-water measures, Riverkeepers expressed concern that the USACE hasn't factored in both sea level AND storm surge. Ms. Benson stated that the communities on the Hudson River live in a tidal estuary with twice daily high tides and twice daily low tides and that they expect that high tides of the future will be similar to those we experienced during Hurricane Sandy. They asserted that options 2, 2A, 3B and 4 include in-water barriers that pose a threat to wildlife and are not protective in a comprehensive way. They are in favor of alternate 5

which calls out for nature based coastal shoreline barriers and on shore structures which won't restrict tidal flow. This solution would meet individual municipalities needs and would protect vulnerable infrastructure, such as wastewater treatment plants. The other options pose threats to low-lying shoreline communities. Updated numbers will cost upwards of \$118 Billion for the most expensive and will cost roughly \$1-2.5 billion annually which will not be paid for by the Federal government but will be the responsibility of local stakeholders.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator _____ seconded by Legislator _____ the Committee adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Mar 5, 2019 11:01 AM (MINUTES APPROVAL)



Committee on Environment, Health & Energy

~MINUTES~

Monday, March 11, 2019

10:03 AM

Committee Chair: Nancy Barr

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

www.westchesterlegislators.com

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Public Works

With a quorum present, Chair Nancy Barr called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Nancy Barr	Chair	Present	
Catherine Borgia	D9 Legislator	Present	
Kitley Covill	D2 Legislator	Present	
Catherine Parker	D7 Legislator (Majority Leader)	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
John G. Testa	D1 Legislator (Minority Leader)	Absent	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Present	

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Monday, February 25, 2019 at 10:05 AM

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- ACT-2019-39 Act – WCHCC-Donor Milk Bank Testing:**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation pursuant to which the County, through the Department of Laboratories and Research, will provide WCHCC with donor milk bank testing for an initial one (1) year term commencing upon execution.

Dr. Ashar and Peggy Schmidt from the Department of Labs & Research came before the Committee to discuss item # 11567 - WCHCC- Donor Milk Bank Testing. This is an Agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation (WCHCC), through the Department of Labs & Research to provide WCHCC with donor milk bank testing for an initial one year term commencing on the execution of the contract . The Agreement will automatically renew on the anniversary of the execution date for up to 4 additional successive one year terms. Dr. Ashar explained that for premature babies it is beneficial for them to have breast milk and in some cases the mother cannot provide. The donor milk is then provided. Before it can be accepted into the milk bank the Department will provide a quantitative analysis of bacteria in the mother's milk ensuring that safe pasteurized human donor milk is available for the infants. The services paid to the County will be \$10.00 per sample analyzed.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Mar 11, 2019 10:03 AM (MINUTES APPROVAL)

With a motion by Legislator _____ and seconded by Legislator _____ the item was approved with a vote of ___-___.

2. ACT-2019-40 Act – Building Energy Benchmarking Policy and Procedures:

AN ACT adopting a building energy benchmarking policy and procedures.

Commissioner Greechan, Deputy Commissioner Nicoletti, from DPW/T and Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability Peter McCartt came before the Committee to discuss item # 11572- Building Energy Benchmarking Policy and Procedures. This is an Act adopting the building energy benchmarking policy and procedures that based upon a model provided by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). NYSERDA has explained that in its model materials that "buildings" are the single largest user of energy in NYS, and that the poorest performing buildings typically use several times the energy of the highest performing buildings. It also explains that reporting and sharing building energy data on a regular basis allows municipal officials and the public to understand the energy performance of municipal buildings relative to similar buildings nationwide. This gives the County more cost effective operational and capital investment decisions. Deputy Commissioner Nicoletti discussed that there are 10 categories, environmentally friendly items, high impact action items that you can receive credits for. Benchmarking is one of the categories. The County likes this point because it is a place to start and then see where you end up. Mr. Nicoletti feels like Westchester has a story to tell. This will let us track through an EPA program called " Portfolio Manager" we can track our monthly consumption of Energy including, electric, steam and gas. This will let us see where our deficiency are. This will let us also gain credit to get funding. We do not qualify for SBC- or System Benefit Charge. In order to be eligible you need to qualify for four out of the ten. Mr. McCartt also explained that we can also manage our resources better by identifying issues that we may immediately aware of.

3. ACT-2019-41 Act – Enter into Grant Agreement-FAA-A0118:

An ACT to authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the United States of America, acting through the Federal Aviation Administration to fund Capital Project A0118- Runway 16/34 Rehab.

Commissioner Greechan, Deputy Commissioner Nicoletti from DPW/T and Peter Scherrer from AvPorts came before the Committee to discuss item #'s 11634/11635- Enter into a Grant Agreement - FAA- A0118 and Bond Act- A0118- Runway 16-34 Rehabilitation. This is an agreement that would authorize the County, acting through DPW to apply for and enter into an agreement for funding from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for rehabilitation of Runway 16/34 at the Westchester County Airport.

The Act would authorize the County to apply and enter into an agreement with the FAA to accept grant funds in the amount of \$11,157,861, which is equivalent to 52% of the estimated project cost of \$21,777,742. NYSDOT has also indicated that they will fund up to 3% of the estimated cost , resulting in a grant amount of approximately \$619,881. A local share of 45% of the estimated project cost will be required through the Bond Act in the amount of \$10,000,000 and the debt service will be expensed from the Airport Special Revenue Fund.

Before the discussion started on the Airport, Legislator Shimsky asked Commissioner Greechan to give an update on the emergency closing of the Fulton Avenue Bridge. Legislator Borgia noted that this morning we received from the County Executive dozens of letters in support form area residents and business. Legislator Shimsky put on record that images of the runway and outline of the project was handed out to the members and will be available though the website to view.

Commissioner Greechan went on to give an overview of the project. The Runway lighting will be the first part of the project which will begin in August. In May 2020 the paving operation will be done at night; 8 hour operation, 6 hour paving. Grooving will be done during the day because of the noise pollution and to reduce noise for the residents and community. He explained it was a negotiation with the airlines but they agreed. Mr. Scherrer explained is that they will run the project 4 hours on 2 hours open 4 hour on again. Mr. Scherrer explained that in 1998 the noise was so disruptive to the community they could not groove at night.

Legislator Shimsky and then Chairwomen Borgia asked the Department to explain the funding. Entitlement funding from the Federal Government that is distributed to airports based on the enplaning or commercial passenger count. They are allowed to bank it for up to 3 years, but is has to be used within that time frame. Any costs above that will be expensed through the Airport Special Revenue Fund. Discretionary Funding is money that is available towards the end of the project that may be left over, and other Airports can apply for it.

Legislator Shimsky asked if the footprint of the project will change, Commissioner Greechan explained that this project does not expand the Airport, just fixing what is within the footprint of the Airport.

This project is out to bid, design is 100% complete. Legislator Barr discussed her concerns with the project and that ultimately safety is first and foremost. Discussion was held between the members and the departments. Legislator Borgia asked Budget Director Soule to attend the meeting to clarify the current year description. Budget Director Soule explained that at one point they thought PFC money could be used for this project, but in fact we cannot. He explained that the PFC money was suspended.

Legislator Shimsky asked if it was that we are not allowed to used PFC monies or there is not enough left. He

stated that it is a combination not being allowed to use and not having enough money. He said that this project is broken into three parts; Bonding, which what is before the Board, Entitlement Money and Discretionary funding. If the County receive Discretionary funding, the Department will come back to the Board to amend the financing.

With a motion by Legislator Parker and seconded by Legislator Boykin the item was approved with a vote of

7-0. (Barr- WOP).

4. **ACT-2019-42 Act – BOND ACT-A0118-Runway 16-34 Rehabilitation:**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of the County to finance the County's share of Capital Project A0118- Runway 16/34 Rehab.

Item number 3 and 4 were discussed together. Please see item number 3 for discussion.

With a motion by Legislator _____ and seconded by Legislator _____ the item was approved with a vote of ___-__.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. **(ID # 11495) Communication – HON. MICHAEL B. KAPLOWITZ: Correspondence - Saw Mill County Sewer District Removal, 32 West Way, Chappaqua:**

Forwarding a Resolution from the Town of New Castle requesting a removal from the Saw Mill County Sewer District for 32 West Way, Chappaqua, NY.

2. **(ID # 11514) Communication – LEGISLATORS TUBIOLO, SHIMSKY, MAHER, BOYKIN, L.WILLIAMS, A.WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, COVILL, CLEMENTS, BORGIA, PARKER AND PEREZ: NPR Article - "Report: Americans are now more likely to die of an opioid overdose than on the road":**

Forwarding a *National Public Radio* article entitled, "Report: Americans are now more likely to die of an opioid overdose than on the road."

3. **(ID # 11515) Communication – LEGISLATORS TUBIOLO, PEREZ, MAHER, BARR, COVILL, JOHNSON AND BORGIA: Boston Herald Article - "Body Shaming a Problem on and off the Web":**

Forwarding a *Boston Herald* article entitled, "Body Shaming a Problem on and off the Web."

4. **(ID # 11516) Communication – LEGISLATORS BOYKIN, SHIMSKY, MAHER, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS AND BARR : NYTimes Article - "How Does Bail Work and Why Do People Want To Get Rid of It?":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "How Does Bail Work and Why Do People Want To Get Rid of It?"

5. **(ID # 11532) Communication – LEGISLATORS BURROWS, SHIMSKY, MAHER, BOYKIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, COVILL, CLEMENTS, BORGIA, PARKER, PEREZ, TUBIOLO AND CUNZIO: Journal News Article - Con Ed issues natural gas moratorium in Westchester:**

Forwarding a *Journal News* Article entitled, "Con Edison issues natural gas moratorium in Westchester, spurs fears of development halt."

6. **(ID # 11533) Communication – LEGISLATORS BURROWS, SHIMSKY, MAHER, BOYKIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, COVILL, CLEMENTS, BORGIA, PARKER, PEREZ, TUBIOLO AND CUNZIO: Correspondence - Con Ed Statement re: Moratorium on New Gas Connections in Westchester:**

Forwarding a statement issued by Con Edison regarding a Moratorium on New Gas Connections in Westchester.

7. **(ID # 11536) Communication – LEGISLATORS MAHER, SHIMSKY, BOYKIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, COVILL, CLEMENTS, BORGIA, PARKER AND PEREZ: Correspondence re: support of addiction treatment in County Jail:**

Forwarding correspondence from Drug Crisis in Our Backyard regarding support of addiction treatment in County Jail.

8. **(ID # 11537) Communication – LEGISLATORS COVILL, SHIMSKY, MAHER, BOYKIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, CLEMENTS, BORGIA, PARKER AND PEREZ: Routefifty.com Article - "Toward A Circular Economy: Tackling the Plastics Recycling Problem":**

Forwarding a *Routefifty.com* article entitled, "Toward A Circular Economy: Tackling the Plastics Recycling Problem."

9. **(ID # 11552) Communication – LEGISLATORS SHIMSKY, BARR, A. WILLIAMS, MAHER AND PEREZ: RouteFifty.com Article - "People Aren't Walking More, But More Pedestrians Are Getting Killed":**

Forwarding a *Routefifty.com* article entitled, "People Aren't Walking More, But More Pedestrians Are Getting Killed."

10. **(ID # 11553) Communication – LEGISLATORS SHIMSKY, BARR, COVILL AND PEREZ: Newsday Article - "Suffolk voters head to the polls to decide on \$390 million in sewer projects":**

Forwarding a *Newsday* article entitled, "Suffolk voters head to the polls to decide on \$390 million in sewer projects."

11. **(ID # 11554) Communication – LEGISLATORS SHIMSKY, MAHER, BOYKIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, COVILL, CLEMENTS, BORGIA, PARKER AND PEREZ: New York Times Article - "How to Inoculate Against Anti-Vaxxers":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "How to Inoculate Against Anti-Vaxxers."

12. **(ID # 11555) Communication – LEGISLATORS SHIMSKY, CUNZIO, MAHER, BOYKIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, CLEMENTS, COVILL, BORGIA, PARKER AND PEREZ: RochesterFirst.com Article - "Program will provide opioid addiction treatment to Monroe inmates":**

Forwarding a *RochesterFirst.com* article entitled, "Program will provide opioid addiction treatment to Monroe County inmates."

13. **(ID # 11556) Communication – LEGISLATORS SHIMSKY, MAHER, BOYKIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, COVILL, CLEMENTS, BORGIA, PARKER AND PEREZ : Dailykos.com Article - "States that spend more money on libraries, parks and highways have happier":**

Forwarding a *Dailykos.com* article entitled, "States that spend more money on libraries, parks and highways have happier Americans, study says."

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator _____ seconded by Legislator _____ the Committee adjourned at .



Westchester Aviation Association
PO Box 447
Purchase, NY 10577

February 6, 2019

Mr. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Ave.
White Plains, NY 10604

Dear Mr. Latimer,

The Westchester Aviation Association is a not-for-profit organization which promotes aviation education and understanding on the part of government authorities and the public. Our members include a growing number of individuals and businesses, with expertise in the aviation field, who value the presence of quality air transportation facilities in Westchester County.

The Westchester Aviation Association is in support of the proposed project to repave runway 16/34 that is scheduled to commence in the coming months.

Maintaining a safe and efficient airport is paramount to the goals of good government, and the planned maintenance and resurfacing of runway 16/34 provides for those goals in a fiscally responsible manner. We sincerely applaud this project.

Kindest regards,

Eric Faulkner
Chairman
Westchester Aviation Association

WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNTIES AFL-CIO CENTRAL LABOR BODY
 AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL & STATE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR & CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

President
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Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO
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JAYNE CAMMISA
 NYSNA

TONY CASTIGLIONE
 SEIU 32BJ

County Executive Latimer:

BRYAN DOHERTY
 IAFF #895

We are writing to express our support for the proposed plan to repave the runway at Westchester County Airport. This routine public safety project is not all that different from the work that municipalities do each year to repave their weather damaged roads but on a much larger scale. That means this \$20M Capital Project, the size of which does not come around often, will provide good paying jobs for union members in our County. These jobs are also so valuable thanks to the project labor agreement which has been signed for this project – making supporting this a must.

JAMES EDMISTON
 IATSE ONE

JOSEPH FONTANO
 RWDSU #338

DIANE JAULUS
 PEF

Again, I urge you to move forward with this long awaited project so hard working labor folks like ourselves can get to work.

MARIA KERCADO
 SEIU #1199

LINDA LESNEWSKI
 UWUA #1-2

In Unity,

WILLIAM LYNN
 IUOE #30

JOE MAYHEW
 CWA #1103



Thomas Carey, President

RICHARD McSPEDON
 IBEW #3

LOUIS PICANI
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 UFCW #1500

MARTIN SOMMER
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 CSEA #860

Labor Council Director
 JENNIFER PUJA



WESTCHESTER FLYING CLUB
61 Tower Road
West Harrison, NY 10604

February 1, 2019

BY EMAIL

Mr. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue, 9th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

Re: Westchester County Airport (HPN)/Proposed Rehabilitation of Runway 16/34

Dear Mr. Latimer:

I am writing today on behalf of the Westchester Flying Club (WFC), which owns and operates seven (7) single engine aircraft based at HPN and has eighty (80) members who are local pilots. The Club has been serving the flying needs of Westchester pilots for more than fifty (50) years.

As you know, runway 16/34 is the primary runway at HPN and it is the only runway that can be used by commercial airliners. The surface of runway 16/34 has not been refurbished in over 20 years and shows the all the wear and tear of time. Accompanying the repaving are modern engineering details that will further enhance the safety of all who travel in and out of Westchester County Airport.

The Westchester Flying Club wants you to know that it fully supports the County's planned rehabilitation of runway 16/34, including the repaving and grooving of the runway and the installation of modern energy saving LED taxiway edge lighting. This routine runway maintenance is no different than a homeowner re-roofing his house at the end of the shingles' 20-year life expectancy. Taking this example one step further, we all know about the disastrous results that happen when one defers routine maintenance. No responsible person or group could or would oppose or argue against the scheduled rehabilitation of runway 16/34.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue further.

Thank you,

Larry HasBrouck

Lawrence HasBrouck
President, WFC

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Hon. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue
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White Plains, NY 10601

Re: Teamsters Local 456 Support for Westchester County Airport Runway Project

Dear County Executive Latimer:

As President of Teamsters Local 456, I am writing to express my support for the proposed project at Westchester County Airport to repave the runway ("Project"). It is my understanding that this is a sizable capital project, estimated at \$20 million. Projects of this size, and applying the applicable prevailing wage rates, have the opportunity to provide good paying jobs for members of the community. Additionally, the project labor agreement ensures that this project will comply with the applicable area labor standards. There is no question that this Project is a must for the community and the local workforce.

Finally, the Project, in addition to the labor benefits to the community, will also contribute to the safety of those passengers arriving and departing from our community.

For the above reasons, I urge you to support this Project and move this forward as expeditiously as possible.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. Picani

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Statement Regarding Westchester County Airport Runway Repaving Project

January 31, 2019

The Westchester County Association (WCA) recognizes the importance of a safe and efficient local airport to the County and to the region. It serves as an important transportation hub for our businesses and our residents and is critical as an economic development tool.

As part of operating a safe and efficient airport, WCA encourages the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the airport's facilities and infrastructure. One important and timely improvement strongly supported by the WCA is repaving of Westchester County Airport's runway 16/34.

Runway 16/34 was last rehabilitated in 1998, so we are beyond the standard 20-year lifespan of an active airport runway. Failure to properly maintain the runway pavement has the potential to impact the safety of the airport that we all rely on. Therefore, the WCA supports Westchester County's planned actions to repave the airport runway, and urges the project to move forward in a timely manner so work can begin this year.

Sincerely,

William M. Mooney, Jr.
President & CEO



Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion

Aviva Meyer
Westchester County Government
Michaelian Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

February 7, 2019

Dear Ms. Meyer,

Westchester County Airport should be managed to put public health, the environment and residents' quality of life first. The Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion ("the Coalition") welcomes the County's efforts this past year to reorient its policies and restore its longstanding opposition to expansion at the airport. This must mean more than simply avoiding new construction or other changes that directly increase flights.

Every operational decision at the County airport, especially those having long term consequences, must be made only after careful consideration of how it fits into a broader airport policy and a determination of any short and long-term impact on aircraft operations and the environment.

The Coalition is dismayed that plans to repave the airport's main runway (runway 16/34) are going forward without this kind of consideration, and without the robust public input called for in the County Executive's "Good Neighbor Policy". The airport's main runway (runway 16/34) is a major determinant of airport capacity. Runway repaving will lock in that capacity for the next 20 years. Before undertaking such a project, it would be preferable to await the results of the County's supplemental Master Plan, which the County Executive has pledged to undertake as quickly as possible.

However, being sensitive to safety concerns related to delayed repaving, **we respectfully submit that the County can and should at least undertake public education and input as to (1) whether the County should rely on Federal funding for the project given that such funding requires the County to sign away for at least 20 years rights it may have to limit increased air traffic and reject larger or more disruptive aircraft at the airport, and (2) whether the runway should be repaired before or after the Master Plan revision process unfolds.**

The County with a concerted effort can meet these goals over the next couple of months – just as it did last year prior to the decision to submit the Airport Master Plan – and without sacrificing passenger safety.

The airport's 16/34 runway is not in immediate need of repaving; even the County has indicated that repaving won't begin until well into 2020. The runway is in "good" condition, no different from those at LaGuardia and JFK. The County's consultant, addressing the Airport Advisory Board in November, could not represent that all or even most airports repave runways whenever they reach the stage that ours is in. The price of 'ideal' repair and maintenance in this case may be 20 years of exposure to unrestricted growth of heavy- jet general aviation at the airport, and even of commercial airline aviation if our TUR regime winds up challenged in court.

We do not see that a momentary delay to inform, educate, and receive feedback from the public on this critical aspect of airport capacity will harm the ultimate repaving of the runway any more than last year's process impeded the handling of the Airport Master Plan.

What Makes for Adequate Public Input?

County officials stated at the January Airport Advisory Board (AAB) meeting that the repaving project will be **submitted for bid in early February 2019**. The AAB was also told that the project was planned during the Astorino administration. To our knowledge, there were no public hearings about the repaving project other than at omnibus budget hearings, and no changes were ever made to the Astorino plan reflecting public input because there never really was meaningful notice or opportunity. The Airport Advisory Board received an initial presentation on the project at its last meeting of 2018. Nor did the project come up at any of the County's public meetings on the airport held last year in nearby municipalities.

The Good Neighbor Policy, which we applaud, would seem to be the right vehicle for airing a "significant proposed action on County land" like the repaving project. However, if the County goes ahead with an early February RFP, the parameters and timetable for the project would already be essentially finalized. **Unless you press pause, the County presentations, public forums and memoranda called for by the Good Neighbor policy would be an exercise in futility.**

We hope this administration would agree that the public deserves better, with input coming before major decisions are made, not after the fact.

Should the County Accept Federal Funds for Repaving? Here's Why Not.

There are strings attached. With the acceptance of Federal funds, the County will have to sign new grant assurances and so give up all rights to oversight of air traffic and loads at the airport. Repaving will then be done to Federal specifications, without consideration of alternatives more in line with the County's ultimate Master Plan goals for airport traffic.

According to the County's 1985 Statement of Airport Policy, the *"acceptance [of Federal assistance by the County] may be withheld in instances where acceptance of financial assistance would compromise [] airport policy"*. Without a Master Plan framework that enables us to evaluate and anticipate how major elements of airport design, like runway specs, may influence total capacity, the County is just guessing that repaving will not lead to increased flights. Given evidence of mounting public distress around the airport

despite limiting recent airport “improvements” to ancillary infrastructure, like hangars and jetways, the County should act with an abundance of caution to avoid further worsening negative airport impacts.

The alternative to Federal funding is not taxpayer funding from the general County budget. We are keenly aware that the County is in a fiscal squeeze; the tax property cap, the elimination of SALT and the fiscal recklessness of the prior administration have put the County in a bind. The County is permitted under Federal law to use airport funds to repave the runway and to adjust airport user fees to meet that need. We urge the County to conduct a feasibility study that considers how other communities, like Santa Monica and East Hampton, have successfully adopted such independent funding methods. It may be that Westchester can follow their example and blaze a trail for others.

In Conclusion

Thank you for your consideration. While we are bound to uphold the rights and interests of our stakeholders and the environment, our Coalition strongly prefers collaboration and partnership with the County over confrontation. We trust that the County will adhere faithfully to its own policies and best practices on early and meaningful community engagement as it contemplates future projects at the airport.

The Coalition to Prevent Westchester Airport Expansion

- › Citizens for a Responsible County Airport
- › Grassroots Environmental Education
- › Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC)
- › Purchase Environmental Protective Association (PEPA)
- › Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group
- › Westchester for Change
- › National Quiet Skies Coalition

cc:

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February 6, 2019

The Honorable George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue, 9th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

Re: Westchester County Airport Rehabilitation of Runway 16/34

Dear Mr. Latimer:

On behalf of more than 22,000 JetBlue crewmembers – particularly the 50 based at Westchester County Airport (HPN) and the 150 who reside in Westchester County – I am writing regarding the county's critical plans to rehabilitate HPN's runway 16/34 over the next two years.

JetBlue serves Westchester County Airport with 12 daily flights to five Florida destinations, offering more seats at the airport than any other carrier, and beginning June 13 will offer nonstop service from HPN to Nantucket five times a week through the summer. In 2018, nearly 500,000 Westchester residents traveled on JetBlue flights. We're honored to be a part of the Westchester County community.

As you know, runways and other airfield infrastructure require ongoing maintenance and investment to ensure a safe operating environment – crucial both for those who use and work at the airport, as well as the broader community. HPN's runway 16/34 is the primary runway at the airport and the only one that's long enough for use by commercial aircraft. It's been more than 20 years since that runway was last refurbished – vital work incorporating the latest technology and safety developments that every airport operator must perform.

Our customers love the convenience of Westchester County Airport and we appreciate the county's focus on delivering important safety enhancements such as the runway rehabilitation in a way that balances the concerns of all stakeholders. Of course, this includes communities that surround the airport as well as the airport operator and airlines offering daily commercial flights for Westchester travelers, all of which would be negatively impacted by daytime closures – with customers inconvenienced and financial impacts for both the County and carriers.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Goodell
Vice President Government and Airport Affairs



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January 31, 2019

Hon. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue, 9th Floor
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear County Executive Latimer:

The Business Council of Westchester (BCW) the county's only business membership organization focusing on economic development and advocacy issues has been committed to working to enhance the services at the Westchester County Airport for the business community, the traveling community and the neighboring community.

The BCW supports your administration's efforts in having the necessary work done to repave Runway 16/34 at the Westchester County Airport. As we have discovered, the last time this runway was repaved was in 1998 and is now beyond the 20-year standard of an airport's runway lifespan. One of the most important aspects of airport safety is ensuring that the runways have been adequately maintained to ensure a safe and secure operating environment. Making these necessary repairs will also guarantee that Westchester County Airport is maintaining Federal Aviation regulations.

At the December 4, 2018 Airport Advisory Council meeting that I attended, the county's consultant Dave Folmer from Michael Baker International gave a detailed report on the scope of work that must be done to make the necessary repairs to Runway 16/34. The BCW unequivocally supports the findings in Mr. Folmer's report and again thanks your administration for the work that has already gone into alerting all stakeholders on the importance of this project.

Please contact me if the BCW can be of any assistance to your administration to ensure that this project is completed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



John Ravitz
Executive Vice President/COO



Patricia Ornst
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February 7, 2019

The Honorable George Latimer
 Westchester County Executive
 148 Martine Avenue, 9th Floor
 White Plains, NY 10601

Re: Westchester County Airport Rehabilitation of Runway 16/34

On behalf of Delta Air Lines, I am writing today regarding the future rehabilitation of the Westchester County Airport (HPN) runway 16/34. As part of the commercial airline industry serving HPN, Delta is fully supportive and recognizes the need to do complete runway rehabilitation work in a timely manner. At Delta Air Lines we recognize safety first as the basis for our flight plan and core values. And as such it is written in Delta's Rules of the Road as we apply our basic business principles of: Putting safety first - always!

Delta serves HPN with 10 daily flights to Atlanta and Detroit, Delta's two major main hubs. In 2018, over 185,000 local residents traveled on Delta for business and leisure.

It has been more than 20 years since the airport's primary runway 16/34 was last repaired. It is critical that runways and other airfield infrastructure are maintained to ensure a safe airport environment. Technology and safety enhancements continue to evolve, it is critical HPN has the latest infrastructure to allow the airline community to perform in the safest environment.

We value our partnership on this very important runway rehabilitation program and appreciate the County's focus on balancing the need of the residents and at the same time the needs of the airport community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Ornst
 Managing Director, New York State and Local Government Affairs

Benjamin Boykin II
 Chairman of the Board
 Legislator, 5th District



February 25, 2019

Hon. George Latimer
 County Executive
 148 Martine Ave.
 White Plains, NY 10601

Dear County Executive Latimer:

As you are aware, the Westchester County Board of Legislators is in receipt of Bond Act A0118 for Runway Rehabilitation at the Westchester County Airport for an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. This amount will cover the cost of 45% of the project. The Board of Legislators is also in receipt of Act to authorize the County to enter into a grant agreement with the United States of America, acting through the Federal Aviation Administration, for the County to accept funds in the amount of approximately \$11,157,861, which would pay 52% of the Runway Rehabilitation. The remaining 3% of the cost of the project will come from the New York State Department of Transportation, in the amount of approximately \$619,881. The total cost of this project is approximately \$21,777,742.

As the Board of Legislators prepares to do our due diligence on this important matter, I respectfully request a copy of any letters your office has received, either in support or opposition, regarding the Runway Rehabilitation 16/34 Capital Project.

Thank you for your continuous collaboration and transparency as we work to best serve the people of Westchester County.

Sincerely,


 Benjamin Boykin II
 Chairman
 Board of Legislators

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Louis Sanchez

~~White Plains, NY 10607~~

February 22nd, 2019

Hon. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue
9th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

County Executive Latimer:

As a Westchester County resident, I write to ask that you move forward with the \$20M Capital Project to perform routine maintenance on the runway at Westchester County Airport. This project is important for many reasons. First, the safety of the runway that thousands of Westchester residents travel on, including my family and I, is vitally important. Second, this \$20M capital project has a project labor agreement already signed. This means that if the project is further delayed that Westchester's dedicated labor workforce will miss out on these good paying jobs. That is something we cannot afford to let happen.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and hope you will do the right thing and support this project that means more jobs for Westchester.

Sincerely,

Louis Sanchez

Anthony Castiglione
~~Secretary~~
Yonkers, NY 10703
February 20th, 2019

Hon. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue
9th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

County Executive Latimer:

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I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and hope you will do the right thing and support this project that means more jobs for Westchester.

Sincerely,



Seth M. Mandelbaum
~~424-1100-9047~~
White Plains, NY 10605

February 19, 2019

Hon. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue
9th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

County Executive Latimer:

I am writing as a resident of Westchester, a business professional working in Westchester and a client of the Westchester County Airport, to express my support for the upcoming routine runway repaving project.

Through my affiliation with the Westchester County Association, I am fully aware that the Airport serves as a key component in the economic development of this County and the region. It is clear that this project will result in a safer runway and provide better existing service allowing business people, like myself, to continue to rely on the airport for corporate and personal use.

Further, it is the "smart money" approach for a municipality with well-documented fiscal needs to do this routine maintenance now and not delay. It will solidify the existing footprint of the runway and prevent a more serious issue from occurring in the future.

I would like to reiterate my support for the upcoming routine maintenance necessary on the runway at the Airport and thank you for your continued hard work in maintaining and enhancing our County's infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Seth M. Mandelbaum

Richard McSpedon

~~148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601~~

February 22, 2019

Hon. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue
9th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

County Executive Latimer:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed plan to repave the runway at Westchester County Airport. This routine public safety project is not all that different from the work that municipalities do each year to repave their weather damaged roads but on a much larger scale. That means this \$20M Capital Project, the size of which does not come around often, will provide good paying jobs for union members in our County. These jobs are also so valuable thanks to the project labor agreement which has been signed for this project – making supporting this a must.

Again, I urge you to move forward with this long awaited project so hard working labor folks like myself can get to work.

Sincerely,

Richard McSpedon

Paul Adler, Esq.
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Nyack, NY 10960
February 19, 2019

Hon. George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
148 Martine Avenue
9th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

County Executive Latimer:

I am writing as a resident of Rockland County with several business locations in Westchester and a client of the Westchester County Airport, to express my support for the upcoming routine runway repaving project.

Through my affiliation with the Westchester County Association, I am fully aware that the Airport serves as a key component in the economic development of this County and the region. It is clear that this project will result in a safer runway and provide better existing service allowing business people, like myself, to continue to rely on the airport for corporate and personal use.

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Sincerely,



Paul Adler, Esq.

From: Do Not Reply
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 2:57 PM
To: County Executive (WEB)
Subject: Contact the CE

The following individual has a concern.

Name: Theodore Madson

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: Repaving Runway16/34, WCA

CE George Latimer, We met through your highly valued support for the Row/Kayak Sprain Lake initiative. Now I request your support for Runway 16/34 repaving. WCA is a highly valued business and public asset. For 15 years Penntech Papers, Inc. Executives, of which I was one, flew out of WCA every week to a large pulp and paper mill in NW Pennsylvania. The A/P was invaluable, the alternative was a six hour drive. My own son, during a medical emergency, was flown direct to WCA. Please support this economically critical infrastructure project. Respectfully, Ted Mason

Submitted by 163.151.22.11

From: Do Not Reply
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2018 10:46 AM
To: County Executive (WEB)
Subject: Contact the CE

The following individual has a concern.

Name: Elizabeth Karpiloff

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: Supporting Re-Paving HPN 34

To whom it may concern: I am a local General Aviation pilot who flies out of KHPN. I encourage you to support and approve the repaving of Runway 34/16 at KHPN in the interest of safety. Let's use our FAA grant money to keep this airport in fighting trim and support local contractors. Best regards, Liz Karpiloff

Submitted by 163.151.22.11

From: Do Not Reply
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2018 10:56 AM
To: County Executive (WEB)
Subject: Contact the CE

The following individual has a concern.

Name: Emery Stephans

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: 16/34 repaving

As a based pilot I am in full favor of any work to re-pave runway 16-34. The runway is no longer flat or free of substantial bump that affect my airplane during take offs. The condition has reached the point where substantial deterioration will now set in.

Submitted by 163.151.22.11

From: Louis Bousche' [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:00 PM
To: County Executive (WEB)
Subject: Support

As a Westchester resident i support the runway project.

[REDACTED] Yonkers, NY 10701

Thanks

From: Do Not Reply
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 12:34 PM
To: County Executive (WEB)
Subject: Contact the CE

The following individual has a concern.

Name: Randolph Bonnist

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: Paving runway 16/34

Safety first! This primary runway should always be in "EXCELLENT" condition. Another 500 feet should also be approved. Wind shear, a major issue for 34, could be reduced by the additional 500 ft on the approach end.

Submitted by 163.151.22.11

From: Do Not Reply
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 11:19 AM
To: County Executive (WEB)
Subject: Contact the CE

The following individual has a concern.

Name: Lawrence Zingesser

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Subject: Repaving 16-34

It would be a shame if we don't take advantage of this opportunity to use government money to finance this project. Repaving is a win-win in terms of safety and job creation.

Submitted by 163.151.22.11