



Committee on Public Works & Transportation

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Monday, February 3, 2020

10:02 AM

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Vedat Gashi	Chair	Present	
Kitley Covill	D2 Legislator	Present	
Christopher Johnson	D16 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
Catherine Parker	D7 Legislator	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Leader)	Present	
David J. Tubiolo	D14 Legislator (Minority Whip)	Present	
Ruth Walter	D15 Legislator	Present	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Present	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Alfreda Williams, Damon Maher, Margaret Cunzio, Jaevon Boxhill, Carolyn Stevens, Greg Casciato, Lisa Hochman, Tatyana Martinez, Amy Vele DPW&T: Gayle Katzman, Robert Abbamont BUDGET: Larry Soule GUESTS: Mark Sefano

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Shimsky and seconded by Legislator Covill the minutes were approved 8 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **ACT-2020-6 Act – BOND ACT-RB04B-Boston Post Road Bridge over Playland Pkwy., Rye:**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$925,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RB04B - Boston Post Road Bridge over Playland Parkway, Rye.

Joint with B&A.

DPW&T: Gayle Katzman, First Deputy Commissioner and Robert Abbamont, Program Coordinator

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman and Program Coordinator Robert Abbamont appeared before the Committee to discuss item #12369 BOND-ACT-RB04B-Boston Post

Road Bridge over Playland Parkway, Rye. Mr. Abbamont explained that this is a bond act requesting NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$925,000) DOLLARS for design funding. He continued that the estimate for the project is based on replacing the bridge, however, as part of design, they are going to look at rehabilitation of the bridge. He noted that the bridge has an annual average daily traffic count (AADT) of 10,300 vehicles and in 2017 the bridge had a condition rating of 4.5. A rating of below 5 indicates that a bridge requires work and delay of this work could result in the continued deterioration of the bridge. Design is expected to take eighteen (18) months and then an additional twenty-four (24) months for construction.

Chairman BOYKIN asked whether this project would exceed Board of Legislators authority since the estimated total cost of the project was greater than TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000) DOLLARS and anything above that amount would require a referendum to be passed. Budget Director Larry SOULE joined the discussion and explained that, on the advice of bond counsel, the limitation on Board of Legislators authority is not on the total estimated cost of the project, but rather on the total cost of the Bond considered and approved. In this instance, the Bond considered was solely for the design portion of the project, and not the construction. Moreover, the separate consideration of the design portion of this project is merited since a possible outcome of the design effort is that rehabilitation is pursued, rather than complete construction. The total cost, to include complete construction, was presented so as to express the total potential cost of the project.

With a motion by Legislator Parker and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item was approved with a vote of 8-0.

RESULT:	SIGNED BY COMMITTEE
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2. ACT-2020-7 Act – BOND ACT-RB03X-Louisa Street over Hudson Division RR, Peekskill:

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$875,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RB03X - Louisa Street Over Hudson Division Railroad, Peekskill.

Joint with B&A.

DPW&T: Gayle Katzman, First Deputy Commissioner and Robert Abbamont, Program Coordinator

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman and Program Coordinator Robert Abbamont appeared before the Committee to discuss item #12370 BOND-ACT-RB03X-Louisa Street over Hudson Division RR, Peekskill. Mr. Abbamont explained that this is a bond act requesting EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$875,000) DOLLARS for design funding. He continued that the design is for reconstruction of the Louisa Street Bridge including the removal and replacement of the existing asphalt wearing surface and waterproofing, replacement of the steel joint system, rehabilitation to the top of the structural deck, and rehabilitation of the concrete stringers, substructure, abutments and fascia railing and fencing. The Louisa Street Bridge was built in 1984 and has an annual average daily traffic count (AADT) of 7,385 and in 2014 had a bridge condition rating of 4.93 and the road has continued to deteriorate. A rating below 5 indicates that a bridge requires work and delay of this work could result in the continued deterioration of the bridge. Design is expected to take eighteen (18) months and construction is expected to take twenty-four (24) months.

With a motion by Legislator Covill and seconded by Legislator Shimsky the item was approved with a vote of 8-0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE**3. ACT-2020-8 Act – BOND ACT-T0069-Cerrato Bus Garage Infrast. Improvements, Valhalla:**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$350,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project T0069 - Cerrato Bus Garage - Infrastructure Improvements, Valhalla.

Joint with B&A.

DPW&T: Gayle Katzman, First Deputy Commissioner and Robert Abbamont, Program Coordinator

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman and Program Coordinator Robert Abbamont appeared before the Committee to discuss item #12373 BOND-ACT-T0069-Cerrato Bus Garage Infrastructure Improvements, Valhalla. Mr. Abbamont explained that this is a bond act requesting THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$350,000) DOLLARS for the purchase and installation of a new diesel exhaust fluid storage tank and dispenser system at the County's Cerrato bus garage in Valhalla. He advised that the Department of Public Works & Transportation is in the process of procuring hybrid diesel-electric 40-foot buses that will require the use of diesel exhaust fluid as a supplement to diesel fuel. They had previously done a similar project at a garage in Yonkers. It is anticipated that the system will be purchased within three months of bonding authorization. He explained that design is anticipated to take two months to complete and it is estimated that installation will take one month to complete.

With a motion by Legislator Covill and seconded by Legislator Shimsky the item was approved with a vote of 8-0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE**4. ACT-2020-9 Act – BOND ACT-B035D-Equipment Replacement Prgm '17-'21:**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project B035D - Equipment Replacement Program (2017-2021).

Joint with B&A.

DPW&T: Gayle Katzman, First Deputy Commissioner and Robert Abbamont, Program Coordinator

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman and Program Coordinator Robert Abbamont appeared before the Committee to discuss item #12375 BOND-ACT-B035D-Equipment Replacement Program '17-'21. Mr. Abbamont explained that this is a bond act requesting ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS to fund the acquisition of various equipment associated with the maintenance of the County roadway system and County facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and Transportation as follows:

Equipment

- Replace 2004 Mack "log truck" with roll off body, winch and material handler (#29746) - Estimated Cost \$500,000
- Replace 2008 International "sign truck" (rack body truck) with lift gate, on board compressor and generator. (#128446) - Estimated Cost \$250,000
- Replace 1983 Ford tractor with attachments (#1952) - Estimated Cost \$100,000

- Replace brine making system - Estimated Cost \$150,000

Total Estimated Cost \$1,000,000

Mr. Abbamont discussed that the existing equipment has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. The new equipment will meet or exceed the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Standards and DPW&T will investigate the purchase of hybrid, electric or alternative vehicle equipment where practical. It is anticipated that the equipment will be purchased and delivered within nine to twelve months of receipt of bonding authorization.

With a motion by Legislator Covill and seconded by Legislator Shimsky the item was approved with a vote of 8-0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. **(ID # 12349) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: Journal News Article - "White House, CDC Fight Slows Water Toxicity Study":**

Forwarding a *Journal News* article entitled, "White House, CDC Fight Slows Water Toxicity Study."

With a motion by Legislator Shimsky and seconded by Legislator Covill the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

2. **(ID # 12355) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: Journal News Article - "Main Break Causes Sewage to Run into Hudson River in Ossining":**

Forwarding a *Journal News* Article entitled, "Main Break Causes Sewage to Run into Hudson River in Ossining."

With a motion by Legislator Shimsky and seconded by Legislator Covill the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

3. **(ID # 12356) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: FEMA Intergovernmental Affairs Advisory - "FEMA Releases 2019 National Preparedness Report":**

Forwarding the FEMA 2019 National Preparedness Report.

With a motion by Legislator Shimsky and seconded by Legislator Covill the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Covill seconded by Legislator Johnson the Committee adjourned at 11:00 AM.