

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS COMMITTEE

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ELLEN BIRNBAUM
Ranking

JUDY JACOBS

LAURA CURRAN

LIST OF SPEAKERS

KEN ARNOLD.	5
ROSEANNE D'ALLEVA	5

2 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: I call the meeting
3 of the Public Works and Parks Committee to order.

4 I am here.

5 Vice Chairman Rhoads?

6 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Donald MacKenzie -
8 we're waiting for Don MacKenzie.

9 Bill Gaylor?

10 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

11 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Ellen Birnbaum?

12 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Judy Jacobs?

14 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Laura Curran?

16 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: We do have a
18 quorum. I will begin.

19 The first item on the agenda is Item 168-
20 16, an ordinance supplemental to the annual
21 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
22 Department of Public Works.

23 Motion, please?

24 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr.
3 MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Gaylor.

4 Do we have someone from DPW?

5 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public Works.

6 Item 168 is a supplemental appropriation
7 associated with the grants received by the
8 federal government on our NICE bus program, in
9 the total of \$52.1 million.

10 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Do we have any
11 questions? Ms. Jacobs, do you have questions?

12 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Yes. I'm so sorry.
13 Yes. I'm sorry.

14 Ken, just a question. NIFA is meeting on
15 May 17. I understand they're asking for a
16 special session on this. Am I understanding this
17 correctly?

18 MS. D'ALLEVA: What I believe your
19 understanding is before you, I think what was
20 filed today is the bond ordinance - this is
21 Roseanne D'Alleva from the Office of Management
22 and Budget. The bond ordinance was filed today
23 to support the ten percent required match on
24 these FTA and state funding.

25 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay.

2 MS. D'ALLEVA: So if we do not have the
3 bond ordinance approved, the county cannot fund
4 the ten percent local match that's required for
5 the supplemental, to purchase the buses and the
6 equipment.

7 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: But this is
8 supplemental funding we're voting on right now.

9 MS. D'ALLEVA: It's \$47 million is
10 outside funding from the state and the federal
11 government.

12 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Right.

13 MS. D'ALLEVA: That \$47 million requires
14 a ten percent match from the county, which is
15 4.7. Hence, you see the \$52 million on the
16 supplemental, because 4.7 million - because they
17 are capitally eligible projects with a five year
18 useful life, five year or more useful life,
19 that's why we have to fund it from capital.
20 Therefore, you have a supplemental appropriation
21 of that amount as well.

22 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay.

23 MS. D'ALLEVA: And I just wanted to say
24 that's in the capital budget plan that is before
25 you for passing or that you did pass.

2 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: But today we're
3 voting for the supplemental.

4 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes, the supplemental
5 which includes the appropriation of the ten
6 percent local match as well.

7 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Roseanne, can
8 I ask you a question? Just from my experience
9 through the years, why can't the county pay for
10 the \$4.7 million instead of bonding for it?
11 Don't you think NIFA is going to ask that same
12 question?

13 MS. D'ALLEVA: Well, basically,
14 normally anything above a five year useful life
15 we normally bond for. That's what - large
16 repairs to your home, that's what you would do.
17 Huge capital investment, you would borrow for it
18 over time. Buses have 20 year lives.

19 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I understand that.

20 MS. D'ALLEVA: It's a policy decision.

21 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I know. I
22 understand that. It could come from the bond
23 premiums too, right, for this instead of bonding?

24 MS. D'ALLEVA: If we had surpluses from
25 debt service, which I believe the next one of the

2 items that you are going to be considering today,
3 that's obviously been earmarked. There are
4 discussions in terms of debt service surplus that
5 we would use it for litigation and/or tax certs,
6 in terms of judgments and settlements.

7 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other
9 questions?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Hearing none; all those in favor of
14 moving this item signify by aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 The item carries.

19 Next up is Item 174-16, a resolution
20 approving a federal-aid project administered by
21 the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation
22 and Historic Preservation and authorizing the
23 County of Nassau to participate in the non-
24 federal share of the cost of construction, and in
25 construction, supervision and inspection of the

2 project and authorizing the county executive of
3 the county of Nassau to execute an agreement, on
4 behalf of the County with the New York State
5 Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic
6 Preservation for the performance of such work for
7 the project and for the participation by the
8 county in the non-federal share of the cost of
9 the project, identified as C131494, to provide an
10 interconnected set of pathways for residents and
11 tourists to walk, bike, and ride neighborhood
12 electric vehicles.

13 Motion, please?

14 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by Mr.
17 Gaylor, seconded by Mr. Rhoads.

18 The item is before us. Mr. Arnold.

19 MR. ARNOLD: This is a grant that the
20 department received associated with access on our
21 trails. The grant is for \$250,000, of which 80
22 percent is reimbursed. The department intends on
23 using this money to improve one or two grade
24 crossings at the existing trails located within
25 the county.

2 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: And how much is
3 the County's, 20 percent?

4 MR. ARNOLD: Twenty percent. We are
5 responsible for \$50,000.

6 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any questions?
7 Ms. Jacobs.

8 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Yes. Ken, I just
9 wanted to say something to you. I had taken
10 pictures just to show a few people in our area
11 what they do at these crossings. Between you and
12 me, I think it still probably warrants a traffic
13 light. When they are crossing and it's a busy
14 road, I'm talking about where the Bethpage trail
15 goes right through Round Swamp Road, right
16 through Woodbury Road, right across Jericho
17 Turnpike, which I know is not ours, but then goes
18 to Southwoods Road, your heart is in your throat.
19 But these beacons they put up are pretty good and
20 they blink a very bright light. I know this is a
21 state thing. I still think if they were thinking
22 about this you'd have a traffic light that would
23 turn red. It can be very disconcerting when
24 you're driving and a bicycle just goes.

25 I'm glad we're doing this. It's

2 certainly better than not having it.

3 MR. ARNOLD: Understood.

4 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other
6 questions? Ms. Birnbaum.

7 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: So this portion is
8 just for the signs, correct, the flashing signs?

9 MR. ARNOLD: The department will be
10 analyzing a couple of our grade crossings. It
11 will be sign, rapid beacons, or, if warranted, a
12 traffic signal, depending on what the level of
13 protection is required for that crossing of the
14 path on a county road.

15 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: About how many
16 signs would this take care of?

17 MR. ARNOLD: We figure if it's -
18 assuming that it's a flashing beacon, we will
19 probably end up with two crossings accomplished
20 by this.

21 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I have one more
22 question.

23 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Ms. Jacobs.

24 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Can I ask one more
25 question? Do we have a map? Do you have a map

2 you could share with us -- not for now, I'm not
3 talking about today -- about where all the trails
4 are?

5 MR. ARNOLD: I'd have to speak with my
6 staff. I'm sure there's something either we
7 produced or the state produced in the bike trails
8 and the hiking trails.

9 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. There's got
10 to be more than the Bethpage to Syosset, right?
11 There's got to be.

12 MR. ARNOLD: I'd have to check. I
13 believe there is. I'd have to check.

14 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. It would be
15 good for us to know. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other
17 questions? Ms. Curran.

18 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you. So this
19 sounds to me like a great initiative to get
20 people out of their cars. I don't know how many
21 will actually do it. But the more of this sort
22 of alternative we can provide the better.

23 In that vein, what exactly is a
24 neighborhood electric vehicle?

25 MR. ARNOLD: Golf cart.

2 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Ah.

3 MR. ARNOLD: It's a golf cart, I
4 believe. That's what -

5 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Probably one of
6 those, like rascals.

7 MR. ARNOLD: No. I think it's something
8 that looks like a golf cart that is licensed.

9 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Got it. Okay.
10 Thanks.

11 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Hearing no other
12 questions, no public comment; all those in favor
13 please say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 The item carries.

18 Next up, 175-16, a resolution authorizing
19 the County of Nassau to participate in a federal-
20 aid transportation project providing for
21 emergency repairs to the Bayville Bridge over
22 Mill Neck Creek, BIN 330001-0, Capital Project
23 63029, PIN 0989.26, and authorizing the county
24 executive of the County of Nassau to execute the
25 agreement on behalf of the County with the New

2 York State Department of Transportation for the
3 advancement of said federal aid transportation
4 projects in Nassau County, New York.

5 Motion by Mr. Rhoads, seconded by Mr.
6 Gaylor.

7 Mr. Arnold.

8 MR. ARNOLD: The County is eligible for
9 the reimbursement of funds expended after Sandy
10 for repairs required by the storm. The agreement
11 with New York State Department of Transportation
12 permits the state to pay the county these funds.
13 The county made repairs within 180 days of the
14 storm at this location, which was required to get
15 100 percent reimbursement of \$1.2 million. These
16 exact repairs were to the generator facilitator,
17 located outside the bridge pit, and the purchase
18 and installation of a new motor control room and
19 various other electronic equipment. The work is
20 complete. The county has paid for it, and we are
21 looking for our reimbursement; this is the last
22 step in that process.

23 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: It's 100 percent
24 reimbursement.

25 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any questions?

3 Ms. Jacobs.

4 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Have all of the
5 motors been replaced during this time of
6 construction, what they're reimbursing us for,
7 because they were under water.

8 MR. ARNOLD: Everything that was damaged
9 was replaced, yes. I know there is future work
10 for Bayville Bridge, I'm not exactly sure what it
11 is. I know there are other things that have to
12 get done on that bridge that is outside this
13 scope of what happened with Sandy.

14 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other
16 questions?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Seeing none; all those in favor of moving
21 this item say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 That item is reported.

2 Last on the regular agenda is 176-16, a
3 resolution authorizing the County of Nassau to
4 participate in a federal aid transportation
5 project providing for emergency repairs to the
6 Long Beach Bridge over Wreck Lead Channel, BIN
7 330030-1 and BIN 330030-2, Capital Project 63029,
8 PIN 0989.27 and authorizing the county executive
9 of the County of Nassau to execute the agreement
10 on behalf of the County with the New York State
11 Department of Transportation for the advancement
12 of said federal aid transportation projects in
13 Nassau County, New York.

14 Motion by Mr. MacKenzie, seconded by Mr.
15 Gaylor.

16 Mr. Arnold.

17 MR. ARNOLD: Similar to the last item,
18 this item is associated with the Long Beach
19 Bridge. In this case, the reimbursement will be
20 \$903,000. Again, it was done within the 180
21 timeframe, which we are 100 percent reimbursable
22 expense.

23 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any questions on
24 this item?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Any public comment?
3 (No verbal response.)
4 Hearing none; all those in favor please
5 say aye.
6 (Aye.)
7 Any opposed?
8 (No verbal response.)
9 We do have an addendum. I will ask for a
10 motion to suspend the rules.
11 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.
12 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.
13 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr.
14 MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. Rhoads.
15 All those in favor of suspending the
16 rules.
17 (Aye.)
18 Any opposed?
19 (No verbal response.)
20 The rules are suspended.
21 We have Item 187-16, a resolution
22 authorizing the County of Nassau to participate
23 in a federal aid transportation project providing
24 for Long Island Motor Parkway multi-use trail,
25 Capital Project 9E100-014, PIN 0760.98 and

2 authorizing the county executive of the County of
3 Nassau to execute the agreement on behalf of the
4 County with the New York State Department of
5 Transportation for the advancement of said
6 federal aid transportation projects in Nassau
7 County, New York.

8 Motion by Mr. Rhoads, seconded by Mr.
9 MacKenzie.

10 The item is before us.

11 MR. ARNOLD: The department was able to
12 achieve a grant associated with Motor Parkway.
13 This segment of Motor Parkway will connect the
14 demonstration project that's along Salisbury Park
15 Drive to the bike path that runs along Merrick
16 Avenue and ultimately connects to Mitchel Field.

17 The total project is for a value of \$2.27
18 million, of which we're going to get back a
19 maximum of \$1.8 million for the project. The
20 funds to match this grant will be part of the
21 Environmental Bond Act, which built the
22 demonstration project in Eisenhower Park.

23 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any questions?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comment?

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2 (No verbal response.)
3 Hearing none; all those in favor of this
4 item signify by aye.
5 (Aye.)
6 Any opposed?
7 (No verbal response.)
8 The item carries.
9 There being no further business before
10 us, a motion to adjourn by Mr. MacKenzie,
11 seconded by Mr. Gaylor.
12 All in those in favor of adjourning
13 signify by saying aye.
14 (Aye.)
15 Any opposed?
16 (No verbal response.)
17 We are adjourned.
18 (Whereupon, the Public Works Committee
19 adjourned at 3:46 p.m.)
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