

RESOLUTION NO. 816 -2019, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE SEA LEVEL RISE INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING COUNTY ROADWAYS

WHEREAS, Suffolk County invests millions of dollars to maintain and improve County infrastructure, including roads and bridges utilized by residents daily; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (“DPW”) plays a vital role in constructing and reconstructing County roadways to maintain their operation and use; and

WHEREAS, climate change and rising sea levels are causing increased instances of roadway flooding near the coastline throughout the County, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, in many areas the flooding attributed to the rise in sea level can prevent travel on the County roads during storms or abnormally high tides; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the County’s infrastructure from unnecessary wear, the Department of Public Works should take sea level rise into account when constructing and reconstructing County roadways; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take the rising sea level into consideration when constructing and reconstructing County roadways; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: September 4, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 17, 2019