

**RESOLUTION NO. -2020, ESTABLISHING A NEW
CAPITAL PROJECT RANKING FORM**

WHEREAS, for many years, each County capital project has been ranked to provide policymakers with information about the priority of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, it has become clear that the current capital project ranking system is limited in its ability to convey important information about the project and the priorities that are being established by approving it; and

WHEREAS, an ad hoc committee of the Legislature was convened by the Presiding Officer to review and update the capital project ranking form to ensure that the ranking provides information that is relevant to the decision-making process so policymakers can better evaluate whether or not to move forward with a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee recommended several changes to both the substance and organization of the capital project ranking sheet, including organizing the sheet into four sub-categories based on various impacts in order to give policymakers the ability to discern, specifically, how the project will affect the County and smaller communities therein. These sub-categories are: 1) cost and budgetary impacts, 2) health and safety impacts, 3) environmental impacts, and 4) community and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the committee also recommended a further break down and re-balancing of the points allocated to each category to allow for a more effective process in awarding points; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the ad hoc committee should be adopted to update and improve the capital project ranking procedures and make the priority ranking of each project more useful for policymakers; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the capital project ranking form shall hereby be updated to conform in substance to the attached Exhibit "A" of this Resolution; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the revised capital project ranking system shall be separated into four (4) categories with the following maximum point allocation in each:

- 1) Cost and Budgetary Impact – 30 points;
- 2) Health and Safety Impact – 30 points;
- 3) Environmental Impact – 22 points; and
- 4) Community and Economic Impact – 18 points;

and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the revised capital project ranking system shall be reviewed by the Legislature at least once every five (5) years to ensure that the capital project rating form is being implemented as intended and provides an effective and detailed understanding of the allocation of points which prioritize capital projects; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that for each resolution which requires a capital project ranking, a completed capital project ranking form shall be provided to each member of the Legislature and shall be filed as back-up to the resolution with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the revised capital project ranking form shall be utilized on all capital projects brought for consideration by the Legislature on or after the effective date of this Resolution; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2021; and be it further

7th **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) and (33) 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 insofar as these actions constitute 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:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: