

1 **PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY COMMITTEE**
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5 **SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**
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9 A Meeting of the Public Works, Transportation & Energy Committee of
10 the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa
11 Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature
12 Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on
13 January 23, 2023, at 2 p.m.
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15 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

16 Legislator Nicholas Caracappa, Chairperson
17 Legislator Robert Trotta, Vice Chair
18 Legislator Bridget Fleming
19 Legislator Dominick Thorne
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21 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

22 Legislator Sarah Anker
23 Legislator Al Krupski
24 Legislator Anthony Piccirillo
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26 **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

27 Legislator Stephanie Bontempi, 18th Legislative District
28 William Duffy, Counsel to the Legislature
29 Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature
30 Brett Robinson, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
31 Lance Reinheimer, Director of Budget Review Office
32 Laura Halloran, Budget Review Office
33 Brendan Sweeney, Aide to Presiding Officer McCaffrey
34 Robert Martinez, Aide to Legislator Caracappa
35 Irene Donohue, Aide to Legislator Fleming
36 Greg Atherton, Aide to Legislator Bontempi
37 Jean Sampson, Legislature/Counsel's Office
38 Janet Heller-Smitelli, Legislature/Counsel's Office
39 Joseph Brown, Commissioner/DPW
40 Darnell Tyson, Chief Deputy Commissioner/DPW
41 Bill Hillman, Chief Engineer/DPW
42 Michelle Zarafis, County Executive's Office
43 All other interested parties
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46 **TAKEN AND TRANSCRIBED BY:**

47 Lucia Braaten, Court Stenographer
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1 (**The Meeting was Called to Order at 2:22 p.m.**)

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3 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

4 All right. Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to the committee
5 of Public Works, Transportation and Energy Committee. Sorry for
6 the delay in starting, our last committee ran a little late. But
7 at this time we're going to pay homage to our flag with the Pledge
8 of Allegiance by Legislator Trotta.

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02:22PM 10 (**Pledge of Allegiance**)

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12 Please remain standing for a moment of silence as we pray for
13 our -- all the men and women who have served and have served our
14 country, we pray for them. And, also, all those brave men and
15 women who serve in law enforcement, we pray for them today.

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17 (**Moment of Silence**)

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19 Thank you. Could we have a roll call, Mr. Clerk?

02:22PM 20
21 (**Roll Call by Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature**)

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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

24 Here.

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26 **LEG. TROTТА:**

27 Here.

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29 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

02:22PM 30 (*Absent*)

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32 **LEG. FLEMING:**

33 Present.

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35 **LEG. ANKER:**

36 (*Absent*)

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38 **LEG. THORNE:**

39 Present.

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41 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

42 (*Absent*)

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44 **CLERK TASSONE:**

45 Legislator Krupski.

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47 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

48 (*Absent*)

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50 **CLERK TASSONE:**

51 Legislator Fleming -- I'm sorry, Legislator Anker.

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53 **LEG. ANKER:**

54 (*Absent*)

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1 **CLERK TASSONE:**
2 Legislator Piccirillo.

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4 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**
5 *(Absent)*

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7 **CLERK TASSONE:**
8 *Four.*

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10 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
11 May I put on the record, Mr. Clerk, that we have excused absences
12 for Legislator Sarah Anker, Legislator Al Krupski, Legislator
13 Anthony Piccirillo.

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15 **CLERK TASSONE:**
16 *Four. (Absent: Legislators Krupski, Anker & Piccirillo)*

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18 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
19 Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any correspondence?

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21 **CLERK TASSONE:**
22 All correspondence have been distributed accordingly, Mr. Chairman.

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24 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
25 Thank you so much. We're going to open up public portion. In
26 front of me I have one speaker, Joseph Baier. Joseph, are you with
27 us? There you are. Mr. Baier, you have three minutes, and
28 welcome, and --

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02:23PM 30 **JOSEPH BAIER:**
31 I'll be quick.

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33 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
34 -- appreciate you coming out.

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36 **JOSEPH BAIER:**
37 My name is Joe Baier, I'm from Wading River.

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02:23PM 39 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
40 Microphone, please.

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42 **JOSEPH BAIER:**
43 Oh, that's better.

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45 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
46 There you go.

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02:23PM 48 **JOSEPH BAIER:**
49 Joe Baier, I live in Wading River. And I appeared to you last year
50 when we were talking about the bus schedules, and because the 62
51 bus schedule had been eliminated from the new plan. But I'd like
52 to come -- I came here to thank you for putting it back. At least
53 it goes to the Mall now, not all the way here, but to the Mall. My
54 son, who's been working at the Medical Examiner's Office since
55 2000, takes that bus every day, and the back and forth is an
56 hour-and-a-half each way.

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CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Wow.

JOSEPH BAIER:
And I appreciate the fact that we'll have to work out something, I guess, when we get to the actual schedule, which is really what I came to ask you, if anyone knows when the schedule is going to be put out for the 62, and the 5, and the 5A, because they're the ones that go from the Mall to the -- to here, to the County. And wondering when those schedules are going to be printed, so we could -- I can be in to check to see if we're going to be able to do the commute.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Absolutely. We have people here today that will raise that question for you. We'll call them up in just a little bit, Mr. Baier.

JOSEPH BAIER:
Okay, because I know by -- supposedly, the new schedule goes into effect in October of this year?

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
I believe so.

JOSEPH BAIER:
That's what I had heard. Okay. That's all I have today.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Well, sit tight, because I'm going to call someone up in just a little bit to answer that question, all right? So --

JOSEPH BAIER:
Yeah, that would be good.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
All right.

JOSEPH BAIER:
Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Thank you, Mr. Baier, for your time. Are there any speakers, any other speakers that would like to address the committee at this time? Seeing none, I'm going to close public portion. Can someone come up, either Commissioner or Darnell, to answer Mr. Baier's question regarding the schedules for the bus routes? Good afternoon.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:
Good afternoon.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
So you heard the question. He wanted to know -- first of all, when do the schedules come out for the new routes?

1 **CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:**

2 So the bid for the entire system is actually currently out on the
3 street.

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5 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

6 Oh, okay.

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8 **CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:**

9 So that bid is open until the end of February. Once the bid is --
10 you know, after that bid period closes, we'll have to select a
11 vendor or vendors to provide service, and then, as was mentioned,
12 the new service pattern would start in October. So there are draft
13 schedules, you know, as a part of the bid, because, theoretically,
14 those could be shared by -- you have to understand that, again, the
15 companies --

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17 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

18 Subject to change.

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20 **CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:**

21 Right. The companies have to respond, so, you know, things could
22 change between now and October.

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24 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

25 So does Mr. Baier or anybody else in the public have access to the
26 proposed routes at this time, and, you know, the schedules or --

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28 **CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:**

29 They're not access -- accessible to the public, it's accessible to
30 companies. But in a -- in a global sense, I can say that the 62
31 will maintain an hourly headway, and the 5 is actually going to go
32 to a 30-minute headway, whereas right now the 62 runs on an hour.

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34 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

35 Okay, all right, very good. Thank you.

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37 **CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:**

38 No problem.

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40 **LEG. THORNE:**

41 Mr. Chairman, before he sits.

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43 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

44 Yeah, okay. I think we have further questions for you, Darnell.
45 Legislator Trotta -- Trotta. I'm so sorry.

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47 (**Laughter**)

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49 **LEG. THORNE:**

50 I'm not sure which one should respond to that, me or Rob.

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52 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

53 No, no disrespect, okay?

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55 (**Laughter**)

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1 Legislator Thorne. My apologies, my friend.

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3 **LEG. THORNE:**

4 Thank you, I appreciate that. Good afternoon, Darnell. Do we know
5 if -- at this point, can we start replacing the signs that can no
6 longer be read, and stuff like that, or are we not sure that we're
7 locked into the spots that are currently available? Like up on 25,
8 Middle Country Road, mostly in Middle Island, I've received a
9 couple of complaints from the Civic, which you -- I make no claims
02:28PM 10 that you've been notified about yet, I haven't sent it out yet, but
11 the signs are definitely worn beyond readable. So, if you're not
12 changing it up there, could you maybe send somebody to go check it
13 out, or you want to -- where are we at with that?
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15 **CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:**

16 I think that you're right, your second -- you know, the second
17 thing you mentioned is probably most -- the best, because we are
18 planning to change, again, routes, route numberings. I think if
19 there's a stop or two that needs attention, we could do that, but
02:28PM 20 we do intend to change the -- either the numbers, the numbers of a
21 great majority of the routes. So I would say if you have a few
22 locations, please feel free to send them our way. If it is greater
23 than that, though, we do -- we do intend to change all of the signs
24 as a part of Reimagine Transit, which will be happening before
25 October.
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27 **LEG. THORNE:**

28 Okay, thank you.
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02:28PM 30 **CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TYSON:**

31 No problem.
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33 **LEG. THORNE:**

34 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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36 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

37 Any other questions? Thank you, Legislator. Any other questions
38 for Darnell? Thank you so much again, appreciate it.
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02:28PM 40 So moving on in the agenda, we're going to go to **TABLED RESOLUTIONS.** We
41 will begin with ***Resolution 1562 - Adopting a Local Law to provide***
42 ***parking for motorcycles at County facilities. (Kennedy)***
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44 **LEG. TROTТА:**

45 Motion to table for public hearing.
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47 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

48 We have a motion to table for public hearing.
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02:29PM 50 **LEG. THORNE:**

51 Second.
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53 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

54 Is there a second? We have a second from Legislator Thorne. All
55 in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
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1 **CLERK TASSONE:**
2 *Four. (Vote: Tabled for Public Hearing 4-0-0-3/Absent: Legislators*
3 *Krupski, Anker & Piccirillo)*

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5 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
6 All right. I.R. 1562 is tabled for public hearing. *I.R. 1838 -*
7 *Adopting a Local Law to require both prior legislative notice and*
8 *approval to extend County contracts. (Trotta)*

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02:29PM 10 **LEG. TROTТА:**
11 Motion to table for public hearing.

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13 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
14 We've got a motion to table for public hearing. Is there a second?

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16 **LEG. THORNE:**
17 Second.

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19 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
02:29PM 20 We have a motion and a second, second by Legislator Thorne. All in
21 favor? Opposed? All right.

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23 **CLERK TASSONE:**
24 *Four. (Vote: Tabled for Public Hearing 4-0-0-3/Absent: Legislators*
25 *Krupski, Anker & Piccirillo)*

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27 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
28 Thank you. I.R. 13 -- 1838 is tabled for public hearing.
29 **INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS:** *I.R. 1971 - Requesting legislative*
02:29PM 30 *approval of a contract award for a sole bidder to provide pavement*
31 *condition assessment in various Roadways, Countywide, for the*
32 *Department of Public Works. (Co. Exec.)* I need a motion.

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34 **LEG. TROTТА:**
35 On the motion.

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37 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
38 Well, there's -- we need a motion first.

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02:30PM 40 **LEG. TROTТА:**
41 I'll make a motion to table.

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43 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
44 Motion to table. I'll second that motion.

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46 **LEG. TROTТА:**
47 On the motion.

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49 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
02:30PM 50 On the motion, yes. Welcome, Commissioner Brown.

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52 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**
53 Thank you.

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55 **LEG. TROTТА:**
56 So I looked into this a little bit. The company is from Tempe,

1 Arizona?

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3 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

4 It may be. I'm not familiar with exactly where they're from. I
5 know that they're -- it's hard to find people that do this, because
6 it's very specialized.

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8 **LEG. TROTТА:**

02:30PM 9 But what do they do? I mean, I tried to read. What do they do,
10 like do core borings?

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12 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

13 They -- so it's -- they scan the pavement using infrared and
14 photography, so we get a real precise measurement of our pavements,
15 make sure that our priorities are accurate. Part of the problem
16 we're having is that some roadways will last, like a couple of
17 Legislator Fleming's roadways, for 25 years, and others will last
18 for eight years. So we want to do this to really have a better
19 understanding of our priorities and make sure that they're
20 accurate.

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22 We did reach out to a couple of local consultants and they said,
23 "Yeah, we'll bid on the work," and then they were using the same
24 company as the sub, so it's -- there's not a lot of people that do
25 this and it's a very specialized piece of equipment.

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27 **LEG. TROTТА:**

28 Yeah. He's saying we have to get into the business. So is it a
29 machine they come here with or --

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31 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

32 It's like a vehicle, like a van or a truck.

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34 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

35 They drive over it and they scan.

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37 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

38 But it's equipped with this special equipment. They tend to use
39 this more on bridges in particular. But, you know, I'm guessing at
40 the cost, could be a million dollars for this piece of equipment.

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42 **LEG. TROTТА:**

43 That was my -- how much is this contract for?

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45 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

46 I believe it was -- I believe it was -- it was --

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48 **LEG. TROTТА:**

49 A million dollars?

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51 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

52 No. I do know, I just -- it should be in the resolution, but I
53 forgot offhand what it is.

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55 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

56 Yeah, it's --

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2 **LEG. TROTТА:**
3 Brendan?

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5 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
6 It was 250,000?

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8 **MR. SWEENEY:**
9 Two hundred and fifty.

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11 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**
12 Two hundred and fifty. I was going to say 300, but it's 250.

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14 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
15 Two hundred fifty thousand.

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17 **LEG. TROTТА:**
18 Two hundred and fifty thousand.

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02:32PM 20 **MR. SWEENEY:**
21 Two hundred and fifty on the RFP waiver.

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23 **LEG. TROTТА:**
24 Two hundred and fifty?

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26 **MR. SWEENEY:**
27 Yeah.

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02:32PM 29 **LEG. TROTТА:**
30 And it's for all County roads?

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32 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**
33 We would -- we would be driving most, if not all, roads. Anything
34 that we -- that isn't in the -- that we know, we're going to have
35 to pave eventually very soon.

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37 **LEG. TROTТА:**
38 Have you ever done this before, or is this something new?

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40 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**
41 Yeah, we would do this sort of systematically at the State level,
42 like, you know, on a -- on a regular occasion. It's not something
43 we've done as often at the County level. I'm not sure if it's been
44 done before. It should be done. As you're seeing, some of these
45 pavements, we changed the order, our priority order. Like
46 Legislator Fleming had a couple that were at the top of the list
47 that dropped to third or fourth on the list, that we're going to be
48 doing, you know, we deferred it for a couple of years. This will
49 give us better information about those things, because it really
02:33PM 50 scans the pavement, it's not just looking at the surface. Plus, we
51 have some very old roadways. We have some roadways that are, say,
52 50 years old that we just keep resurfacing over and over again;
53 it's going to give us information about that as well.

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55 **LEG. TROTТА:**
56 So there are some roads you want to actually rip up and redo?

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COMMISSIONER BROWN:
Eventually, we're going to have to, because --

LEG. TROTТА:
Can you give me an example of that, like one that you might -- that you think that is heading in that direction?

COMMISSIONER BROWN:
Yeah, I have to defer that to -- to the Chief Engineer. He probably has that better in mind. I have some ideas in the State. I know the State roads better, I could tell you.

LEG. TROTТА:
Like the -- like the service roads seems to like -- every two years we have to pave that by the interchange at Sunken Meadow.

COMMISSIONER BROWN:
And that's a good example, because we have about half of the service roads under the County's controls. We don't main -- we don't maintain the signals, for instance, but we plow them and do some maintenance on them. So that's a good example. They get a lot of truck traffic.

LEG. TROTТА:
You pave them?

COMMISSIONER BROWN:
Yes.

LEG. TROTТА:
County paves them?

COMMISSIONER BROWN:
Yes.

LEG. TROTТА:
Like the interchange at Sunken Meadow?

COMMISSIONER BROWN:
Interchange at Sunken Meadow --

LEG. TROTТА:
I think that's out --

COMMISSIONER BROWN:
I believe that's the State's. It's a patchwork system, so every two to three exits, it goes from the County to the State, back to the County. It was something, when I was at the State, I really wanted to change. We had been in talks with the County about trading roadways, but we just signed an agreement to plow. You know, we plow everything in the east, they plow everything in the west of the county on the service roads, so that we're much more efficient. But beyond the agreement to plow snow, it's a patchwork system of roadways.

1 **LEG. TROTТА:**

2 I guess the thinking of the committee, you know, we want to keep
3 the money as local as possible. So, you know, are you saying that
4 there's no one in New York State that has this machine?

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6 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

7 No. In fact, that was my exact question to the Chief Engineer. I
8 sent it back and I reached out to a couple of consultants that do
9 it regular with us, or have some experience, DOT staff that would
02:35PM 10 know about these operations, and they said, "Yeah, we want to bid
11 on it," and then they were using the same company as the sub, so we
12 didn't see the point.

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14 **LEG. TROTТА:**

15 Like do they drive this machine from Arizona here?

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17 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

18 Yes, they'll probably transport it.

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02:35PM 20 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

21 Yeah.

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23 **LEG. TROTТА:**

24 Just seems odd that -- do we know what this machine costs?

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26 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

27 Yeah. We were guessing a million dollars with all the equipment on
28 it. You know, we had -- I had the discussion with the Chief
29 Engineer last week, approximately. We could find out --

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31 **LEG. TROTТА:**

32 Yeah.

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34 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

35 -- what it's -- what it costs.

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37 **LEG. TROTТА:**

38 I'd like to know that, and maybe invest in our own and rent it to
39 the Towns and --

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41 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

42 Yeah.

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44 **LEG. TROTТА:**

45 So is your experience -- have you ever used this thing before?

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47 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

48 We've used similar at the State, yeah.

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02:36PM 50 **LEG. TROTТА:**

51 Similar?

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53 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

54 Similar, similar type of infrared scanning and photography that
55 goes over --

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1 **LEG. TROTТА:**

2 So was the bid for similar, or was the bid for just this exact one?
3 Because if --

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5 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

6 I think the technology is probably a little better than when I used
7 it, you know, ten years ago, eight years ago in New York City, on
8 the highways, and then on Nassau and Suffolk County, on the
9 highways.

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11 **LEG. TROTТА:**

12 Okay.

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14 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

15 I know some of my colleagues have questions, but, Joe, while we're
16 talking about -- while we're on the subject, of course you want to
17 keep these contracts local as possible. But, you know, there are
18 going to be times when we have to use out-of-state agencies, I get
19 that, and this seems like one of those times when we don't have
20 anybody to facilitate our needs.

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22 But two things. Core sampling of these roadways will tell you the
23 depth, but you can also do more. And we had this conversation.
24 You know, we were supposed to get some information back on it. Do
25 some testing on this pavement, test the aggregates and what they're
26 using and to mix it, and make sure that the bonding agents are
27 superior, rather than, you know -- I know there's -- it's a way to
28 cut corners that no one really, you know, looks into or polices.

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30 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

31 We follow the State spec, so they're very specific about air
32 percentage in the asphalt. For instance, I believe it's like
33 somewhere in the range of 3 to 5%. If it's -- if it's below or
34 above that, then the pavement won't last as long. I had a project
35 in particular in Nassau County where they came in half a percent
36 over, and we told them we're getting it for free or you can remove
37 it and replace it, and we got it for free. It was too much work
38 for the contractor to go back. So we watched that pretty closely.
39 And we had a resolution recently, I think, where we were updating
40 our lab facilities for Highways in Yaphank. That's what that lab
41 does, they take those core samples of asphalt and concrete. We go
42 back, we check them for air percentages, and in particular with the
43 asphalt, and then we crush those samples to make sure they have the
44 right strength after a certain number of days.

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46 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

47 How old are these specs that we're following now? Have they been
48 revisited in the last, you know, decade or so?

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50 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

51 We follow the State specs, so they're always evolving, but the
52 asphalt specs have been pretty constant for a while. You may
53 recall, about 20 years ago, there was a rut avoidance asphalt that
54 was supposed to save the day on roads like the Long Expressway and
55 they actually rutted much worse. They had to rip them out. There
56 was -- there was the slippery pavement they had in the late '90s,

1 where they're also trying to come up with a superior blend. It
2 made the pavement a little stronger, but at the cost of making it
3 too slippery in the -- in the rain and on the hills, and they had
4 to come in and rip that up. So New York State has really
5 established this, this blend they've been using for a while as
6 something that is sort of tried and true.

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8 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

9 And because, you know, you think over the years our traffic has
10 gotten, you know, far worse. You know, our roadways are, you know,
11 much more utilized now, especially by commercial, commercial
12 vehicles. So you think we would try to, you know, keep up with the
13 times, you know, as far as demanding a more solid product that
14 would last longer, our investments last longer and the safety of
15 our residents last longer, and a lot to it. So maybe this is
16 something we have to take up with the State. Maybe -- well, I'm
17 just curious to see what kind of, you know, policing they do, and
18 if its even possible to get a more superior product out on our
19 roadways, you know, for the long term, lifetime, long-term life
20 expectancy. And, you know, again, those potholes, as we know, are
21 a mess.

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23 All right. So I'm going to also right now defer to -- oh,
24 actually, I'm sorry, before I -- before I say Bridget Fleming. In
25 the reso, there is no set dollar amount, actually, in the
26 resolution. And I would like to see -- and one of the reasons I'm
27 in favor of tabling it, I'd like to see either a dollar amount, a
28 dollar amount or not to exceed a dollar amount in the reso, so we
29 know what we're voting on. It's not just a -- you know, a blank,
30 blank check, per se, for lack of a better term. So I just ask
31 maybe you can go back and look at it, if the tabling motion holds.
32 At that point -- at this point, I'll turn it over to Legislator
33 Bridget Fleming.

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35 **LEG. FLEMING:**

36 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Sometimes it's hard to get your attention
37 way over here.

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39 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

40 I'm so tuned in.

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42 **LEG. FLEMING:**

43 Peconic County, baby.

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45 (**Laughter**)

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47 I'm kidding. Anyway, I was a little -- thank you. Commissioner, I
48 was a little confused by your reference to the roads in my
49 district, except the two major road reconstruction projects have
50 been pushed off into the future. That's a source of real
51 consternation from my communities, as you can imagine. And so I'm
52 not sure that everyone agrees that they're holding up as well,
53 particularly the Bridgehampton Turnpike has been pretty chewed up,
54 and we were looking forward to a 2024 project start, which has been
55 pushed off now to 2026. So I think there might have been some
56 miscom -- some -- some confusion on the part of my colleagues as to

1 why that was singled out.

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3 But so two questions with regard to this technology. Will this be
4 used on the Bridgehampton Turnpike and Three Mile Harbor, County
5 Road 40, to determine whether those assessments that we can keep
6 pushing these projects off are accurate?

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8 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

9 Yes, and those are at the top of our list, so they will definitely
10 be part of those roads that this machine goes over.

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12 **LEG. FLEMING:**

13 Thank you. And with regard to the Chair's question about the
14 funding, is there not a contract attached to the -- we're being
15 asked to approve a contract. Is there not a contract as backup
16 that would include the funding? Is that something you could
17 provide?

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19 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

20 Yeah. I don't recall what contract that was included in, I'm sure
21 the Chief Engineer knows.

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23 **LEG. FLEMING:**

24 The name of the resolution is requesting Legislative approval of a
25 contract award. So my assumption is that there is a contract, a
26 specific contract attached to this authorization.

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28 **MR. HILLMAN:**

29 Yes. I'm not sure if it was attached to the resolution, but we
30 do -- we do have a contract with the vendor yet to be executed.
31 But the dollar amount is 199,000, so it's just slightly under
32 200,000.

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34 **LEG. FLEMING:**

35 Thank you. So, Mr. Chairman, we have --

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37 **MR. HILLMAN:**

38 A hundred and ninety-nine thousand.

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40 **LEG. FLEMING:**

41 It's -- we're being asked to approve a contract and the contract
42 includes that specific funding, 199 -- 199,000.

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44 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

45 Well, shouldn't that be in the resolution, that --

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47 **LEG. FLEMING:**

48 Well, it refers to --

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50 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

51 -- part of it?

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53 **LEG. FLEMING:**

54 -- a specific contract, and within the contract is that funding
55 amount. So with this answer, I think that just from a procedural
56 standpoint, approving this resolution would be approving the

1 199,000. It might not be appropriating it, but it approves a
2 contract that will cost the County that.

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4 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

5 I believe, at the very least, we should have it backed up, no, as
6 far as --

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8 **LEG. FLEMING:**

9 Yeah. No, I think we should have the contract, for sure.

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11 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

12 A hundred percent.

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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**

15 The other question that -- may I ask one more question?

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17 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

18 Please do.

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20 **LEG. FLEMING:**

21 Just with regard to the use of this unique technology, is it --
22 will it be available when it's here to towns and villages?

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24 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

25 That was not our plan, as far as I know. Would it be of use to the
26 towns?

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28 **LEG. FLEMING:**

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30 In the -- yeah, in the light of sort of the shared services
31 efforts, if you've got something coming from Arizona that's the
32 only one in the country that can do this. I have eight
33 incorporated villages in my Legislative District and we have many
34 towns as well. I don't know if they'd also be able to take
35 advantage of the presence of this. Like a dredge, like a dredge
36 contractor, you know.

37 **MR. HILLMAN:**

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39 I don't know. I mean, usually, there's specific language in the
40 contracts when -- when you bid, bid it to allow for that. I'm not
41 sure that that was included. But if it was, we could, you know --
42 and if the town reviewed the contract and they believed that they
43 could utilize it, that's our standard answer to towns when they
44 want to use our contracts. "Here's a copy of the contract. If you
45 feel that you can use it, go right ahead."

46 **LEG. FLEMING:**

47 All right.

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49 **MR. HILLMAN:**

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51 Not being lawyers, so.

52 **LEG. FLEMING:**

53 And I appreciate it, thank you.

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55 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

56 Legislator Thorne.

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2 **LEG. THORNE:**

3 Just out of curiosity for my own education, the County roads that
4 travel through those villages are still County roads and we'll
5 still be checking them, if they're required to be checked; is that
6 correct?
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8 **MR. HILLMAN:**

9 Not always. Some are, some aren't. Sometimes villages do take
10 them over. For example, through the Village of Patchogue, Main
11 Street is under the Village control and they own and operate,
12 maintain that section of roadway.
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14 **LEG. THORNE:**

15 Okay. So if we're responsible for the roadway, they would check
16 it, I assume? I only have one village, I don't have as many as my
17 colleague. But if it's even out east, if we are responsible for
18 maintaining that section of road, would our -- this device check it?
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20 **MR. HILLMAN:**

21 Yes, yes.
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23 **LEG. THORNE:**

24 All right. Thank you.
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26 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

27 Any other questions? So, at this time, I have a motion and a
28 second to table this resolution; is that correct?
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30 **CLERK TASSONE:**

31 That's correct, Mr. Chairman.
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33 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

34 All right. Is there any other motions on anything else?
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36 **LEG. FLEMING:**

37 I'm sorry. Just on -- on the motion with regard to the tabling,
38 just while the Commissioner and the Chief Engineer are here, is
39 there any -- are there any impacts to tabling this? Is there an
40 immediate need to get it done? Where do you stand on looking at it
41 now or in the future?
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43 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

44 You know, it affects the -- our season of paving, you know. So as
45 our seasons go by, any -- you know, any delay is just that much
46 longer that we don't have that information. You know, if it -- if
47 it gets delayed for many months, we're talking about going into --
48 you know, not being able to change any priorities perhaps in the
49 next year and pushes this out another year.
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51 **LEG. FLEMING:**

52 Thank you. I would just say, with the community being impacted
53 with, you know, potholes and ripped up pavement, it might be -- if
54 we could maybe discharge it and get the further information at the
55 General Meeting, just so we can keep this critical function moving
56 forward, critical function being the paving of our roads, I mean.

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CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
I don't disagree, but I would definitely want to see, you know, the contract, RFP and response to the RFP. If we can have that before Wednesday, I would not object to discharging.

LEG. FLEMING:
I would second your motion, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Is that -- is that yeah, yes?

COMMISSIONER BROWN:
Yes, Chairman, we can get that.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
All right. Prior to Wednesday, all right, so we can review it, if we have any questions for you at that time. All right. Legislator Trotta, would you -- would you withdraw your motion to table?

LEG. TROTTA:
Sure.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
And we go to -- so we're going to withdraw the table to motion and the second, and I will make a motion to discharge.

COUNSEL DUFFY:
Without recommendation.

LEG. FLEMING:
I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Without recommendation. Seconded by Legislator Fleming, I believe. All in -- anybody on the motion? Okay. Any -- all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Four. (Vote: Discharged Without Recommendation 4-0-0-3/Absent: Legislators Krupski, Anker & Piccirillo)

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
All right. So we have I.R. -- I forgot where we are now. So I.R. 1971, I believe, is discharged without -- without recommendation. Thank you. All right.

I.R. 1000, 1000, Appropriating PAYGO funds and accepting Federal Aid, State Aid for the Relocation of Bus Shelters in Brentwood (CP 5667). (Gonzalez) Do I have a motion? I'll make the motion. Is there a second?

LEG. FLEMING:
I'll second it.

1 **LEG. THORNE:**

2 Second.

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4 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

5 Legislator Fleming was on the second.

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7 **LEG. TROTТА:**

8 On the motion.

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10 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

11 Anybody on the motion? Yes, Legislator Trotta.

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13 **LEG. TROTТА:**

14 Yes. I want to know how much we're spending to plan -- planning
15 for this.

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17 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

18 This is for planning. And Mr. -- Commissioner, we have Federal
19 Aid, State Aid. And what's the total, and then what's our --
20 what's our -- what's the total amount for this planning of this
21 project, and then what is our financial obligation?

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23 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

24 Okay. Mr. Chairman, it's, you know, like a lot of our stuff in
25 transit, it is 10/10/80, so the County's in for 10%, 10% by the
26 State, and 80% by the Federal Government.

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28 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

29 Yes.

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31 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

32 This is in particular a bus stop that has had a lot of problems on
33 Brentwood Road that we are moving up north of the railroad tracks
34 and onto what is a service road of the road just north of the
35 railroad tracks. This will, we think, be a safer location, as well
36 as a better connection to the Long Island Railroad. So from a
37 multimodal perspective, it's good also. The planning for this is
38 being done in conjunction with Reimagine Transit, so it would be
39 done in that timing.

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41 **LEG. TROTТА:**

42 So --

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44 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

45 Hold on a second, just one thing. So I was receiving conflicting
46 information from where it states in the resolution that the total
47 cost of planning, design, supervision for the phase of the project
48 is estimated to be 150,000. Now when I asked some questions, I was
49 told that was our total cost. Is that correct, or is it just -- is
50 150 the total cost, and we're at 10% of that?

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52 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

53 No. I believe it's -- 15,000 is the PAYGO County cost, 15,000 is
54 New York State DOT.

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1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 And the rest is?

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4 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

5 And 120,000 is FTA.

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7 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

8 Okay. That's what I wanted.

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10 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

11 So 150 all together.

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13 **LEG. TROTТА:**

14 Okay. So --

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16 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

17 Fifteen thousand is us.

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19 **LEG. TROTТА:**

02:50PM 20 Let me just get this straight, \$150,000 to plan where we're going
21 to put it? How much is it to move it?

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23 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

24 So when we say "plan" in County Government, we mean design also, so
25 it's --

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27 **LEG. TROTТА:**

28 What also?

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02:50PM 30 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

31 Design, planning includes all the design costs. So it's --

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33 **LEG. TROTТА:**

34 It's a bus shelter.

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36 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

37 Yeah. It's generally -- you know, generally 10, 20% of the cost of
38 the shelter and everything involved in it.

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02:50PM 40 **LEG. TROTТА:**

41 So, this is -- it's insanity. That's a plastic bus shelter. I've
42 seen these things, aluminum and like that poly whatever it is.

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44 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

45 You've got paving, you've got concrete, you've got handicapped
46 accessibility issues, you've got the concrete pad for the shelter.

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48 **LEG. TROTТА:**

49 I'm sorry, \$150,000 to plan for that is ridiculous.

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51 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

52 Is the work being done inhouse, Joe, or do we have outside
53 contractors that do this kind of stuff?

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55 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

56 Yeah, I don't believe this would be done inhouse, but Deputy

1 Commissioner Tyson should know that.

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3 **LEG. TROTТА:**

4 If we can't do this, if we can't do this inhouse, what can we do
5 inhouse? It's ridiculous.

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7 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

8 Yeah. Our Transportation Group only has about six people in it.
9 Almost the entire -- you know, if we counted everybody that works
10 in Suffolk Transit, the number of people in DPW would double. It's
11 almost entirely consultants and contractors.

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13 **LEG. TROTТА:**

14 It's mismanaged.

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16 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

17 I think there's maybe six or seven, you know, County employees.

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19 **LEG. TROTТА:**

20 Number 62.

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22 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

23 Yes. For the record, our cost is 15,000, so --

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25 **LEG. THORNE:**

26 Just trying to clear up a problem that we have.

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28 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

29 Yes, yes, agreed. So, I'm sorry, do we have a motion and a second?

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31 **CLERK TASSONE:**

32 We do, Mr. Chairman.

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34 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

35 All right. So we have a motion and a second. Anybody else on the
36 motion? Seeing none, all in favor? Opposed?

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38 **LEG. TROTТА:**

39 Opposed.

02:52PM

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41 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

42 Abstentions?

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44 **CLERK TASSONE:**

45 Three.

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47 **COUNSEL DUFFY:**

48 It's not approved.

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50 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

51 Yeah.

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53 **COUNSEL DUFFY:**

54 It's not approved.

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1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 It can't be approved, yeah. Well, it's not approved, because we
3 don't have enough, so.

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5 **LEG. TROTТА:**

6 Did it get approved?

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8 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

9 No. We only have four and you're voting no, so.

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11 **LEG. TROTТА:**

12 Oh.

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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**

15 Is the Presiding Officer here?

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17 **MR. SWEENEY:**

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20 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

21 You killed it.

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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

24 I'm going to -- I'm going to make a motion to recess five minutes,
25 please.

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27 *(*The Meeting was Recessed at 2:52 p.m. and Resumed at 2:56 p.m.*)*

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29 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

02:57PM 30

31 Welcome back. Thank you for your patience, we just had to take a
32 moment. With that, I'll turn it over to Legislator Trotta.

33 **LEG. TROTТА:**

34 Motion to reconsider.

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36 **LEG. THORNE:**

37 Second.

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39 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

02:57PM 40

41 We have a motion to reconsider the vote.

42 **LEG. TROTТА:**

43 I make a motion to table.

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45 **COUNSEL DUFFY:**

46 Well, we've got to have a vote.

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48 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

02:57PM 49

50 We got to have a -- we have a -- have to have a vote on the
reconsideration. Roll call.

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52 **CLERK TASSONE:**

53 We need a second on that motion.

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55 **LEG. FLEMING:**

56 I'll second it.

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LEG. THORNE:
I seconded it.

*(*Roll Call by Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature*)*

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

02:57PM **LEG. THORNE:**
Yes.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Absent)

02:57PM **LEG. FLEMING:**
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
(Absent)

LEG. PICCIRILLO:
(Absent)

CLERK TASSONE:
Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Not Present)

CLERK TASSONE:
Legislator Anker.

LEG. ANKER:
(Not Present)

CLERK TASSONE:
Legislator Piccirillo.

LEG. PICCIRILLO:
(Not Present)

CLERK TASSONE:
Four. (Vote: Approved for Reconsideration 4-0-0-3/Absent: Legislators Krupski, Anker & Piccirillo)

02:57PM **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
Thank you.

LEG. TROTTA:
I make a motion to table.

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
2 There's a motion to table. I'll second that motion to table.
3 Anybody on the motion?
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5 **LEG. FLEMING:**
6 Wasn't that the original motion?
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8 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
9 No.

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11 **COUNSEL DUFFY:**
12 It was defeated.
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14 **LEG. FLEMING:**
15 Oh, I see. Thank you.
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17 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
18 Anybody on the motion to table? All in favor? Opposed?
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02:58PM 20 **CLERK TASSONE:**
21 *Four. (Vote: Tabled 4-0-0-3/Absent: Legislators Krupski, Anker &*
22 *Piccirillo)*
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24 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
25 I.R. 1000 is tabled. Thank you. Seeing no other further business,
26 this committee is recessed. Thank you. Adjourned.
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28 *(*The Meeting was Adjourned at 2:58 p.m.*)*
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