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8 A Meeting of the Public Works, Transportation & Energy Committee of
9 the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Maxine S. Postal
10 Legislative Auditorium of the Evans K. Griffing Building, 300
11 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York, on February 27, 2023, at 2 p.m.
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14 **Members Present:**

15 Legislator Nicholas Caracappa - Chairman
16 Legislator Sarah Anker
17 Legislator Bridget Fleming
18 Legislator Al Krupski
19 Legislator Anthony Piccirillo
20 Legislator Dominick Thorne
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22 **Not Present:**

23 Legislator Robert Trotta - Excused Absence
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25 **Also In Attendance:**

26 Presiding Officer Kevin McCaffrey - District No. 14
27 Frank Tassone - Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
28 Hope Clark - Acting Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
29 Shaun Barrett - Clerk's Office/Suffolk County Legislature
30 Lance Reinheimer - Director/Budget Review Office
31 Laura Halloran - Budget Review Office
32 Joe Lopez - Budget Review Office
33 Joseph Brown - Commissioner/Public Works Department
34 Janice McGovern - Chief Sanitation Engineer/Public Works Department
35 Joe Iannucci - Chief Electrical Engineer/Public Works Department
36 Alex Prego - Deputy Chief Engineer/Public Works Department
37 Jonathan Keyes - SC Department of Economic Development & Planning
38 Roy Reynolds - East Moriches Property Owners Association
39 Afreen Wright - County Attorney's Office
40 Jeffrey Wagenhauser - Appointee/Tick Control Advisory Committee
41 Stephanie Sherman - Davis Park Ferry Company
42 Benjamin Brehl - Travel Trainer/Federation of Organizations
43 John McAuliff - EPCAL Watch
44 Toqui Terchun - President/Greater Calverton Civic Association
45 Patrick Mantone
46 Marilyn Tucci
47 Branden Heinrich
48 All other interested parties
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51 **Minutes Taken By:**

52 Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer
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54 **Minutes Transcribed By:**

55 Kim Castiglione - Legislative Secretary
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(**The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m.**)

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for coming out and joining us here at today's Public Works, Transportation and Energy Committee meeting. We're going to start off, if everybody could please rise, we'll do the Pledge of Allegiance, and I'm going to ask Legislator Krupski to lead the way.

Salutation

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Just remain standing for one moment, a moment of silence, to recognize our military and our law enforcement, and all those who help protect and serve.

Moment of Silence

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Thank you. Mr. Clerk, may we have roll call, please.

*(*Roll Called by Frank Tassone - Clerk*)*

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Here.

LEG. TROTТА:

(Not Present).

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

He has an excused absence. Legislator Trotta has an excused absence today.

LEG. KRUPSKI:

Here.

LEG. FLEMING:

Present.

LEG. ANKER:

Here.

LEG. THORNE:

Present.

LEG. PICCIRILLO:

Present.

P.O. MCCAFFREY:

Here.

CLERK TASSONE:

Seven.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Do we have any correspondence?

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**

2 All correspondence has been distributed accordingly, Mr. Chairman.

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4 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

5 Thank you, Mr. Clerk. At this point we're going to open up the
6 Public Portion of this meeting. We have several speakers. I just
7 want to remind all speakers they have three minutes to come on up
8 to the podium and speak and you may remain up there if any
9 Legislator on this body has any questions for you. So the first
02:12PM 10 speaker we have today is Patrick Mantone. Patrick? Take your
11 time, Mr. Mantone, take your time. Good afternoon, Mr. Mantone.
12 How are you?
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14 **PATRICK MANTONE:**

15 Good morning. How are you today?
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17 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

18 Very good, thank you, sir.
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20 **PATRICK MANTONE:**

21 Basically, I'd like to talk about the electric buses. I understand
22 they're good for, you know, for the environment, but we're looking
23 at a quiet bullet. And the reason we're looking at a quiet bullet
24 is by design the bus is dangerous in the sense that human nature as
25 a bus driver -- I haven't been on a bus yet where the bus driver
26 hasn't been in a rush to get where they're going. So not only are
27 they in a rush, human nature they can't pay attention to
28 everything. Besides blind people, you have your kids that'll be
29 running around and they won't be paying attention, either. So, you
02:14PM 30 know, for the environment that way it's dangerous.
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32 Also, your batteries on these things. There isn't a fire truck
33 out there that holds enough water to put these batteries out. They
34 have proven it with the electric cars. They've had deaths because
35 of these electric batteries because they can't put the fires out.
36 There's nothing but, you know, problems with the buses dangerous
37 wise.
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39 And the line buses, you're knocking down some of the lines. I
02:14PM 40 understand that, but, you know, for the handicapped they're trying
41 to get away from the SCAT buses and learn to take line buses. But
42 by taking some of these routes out you're making it hard for them
43 and you're forcing them to take SCAT. I don't think that's a good
44 thing, I don't understand it. I'm good, thank you.
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46 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

47 Thank you for your time. Does anybody have any questions? Yes.
48 If you don't mind, Mr. Mantone, we have Legislator Krupski who
49 would like to ask you a couple of questions.
02:15PM 50

51 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

52 Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know, Mr. Mantone, you brought up an
53 interesting point about the buses being quiet, and you think about
54 trying to make a road safer. You never thought about that big,
55 loud bus as being a problem if it was quieter, but you make a good
56 point that if the bus doesn't make any noise if maybe people --

1 people wouldn't see it or know it's coming. I never quite thought
2 of that. I have got grandchildren now so I think about those
3 things.

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5 **PATRICK MANTONE:**
6 Right.

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8 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

9 So maybe -- I guess that's something to consider. Maybe if we
02:15PM 10 could ask the Commissioner afterwards if he has any thoughts on
11 areas where they've used buses, especially like in cities or
12 whatnot, if they've noticed any incidents of people not knowing
13 they're there because they can't hear them. So thank you for that.
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15 **PATRICK MANTONE:**

16 You're welcome. Thank you for listening.
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18 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

19 Any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Mantone. I appreciate you
02:16PM 20 coming out tonight.
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22 **PATRICK MANTONE:**

23 All right. Thank you.
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25 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

26 Legislator Krupski, I believe in some areas they use a two honk
27 method before pulling away from their stops. It's like a routine
28 honk, honk, then they pull away.
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02:16PM 30 Our next speaker is Marilyn Tucci, the Marilyn Tucci. Come on up,
31 Marilyn. Of course, take your time, Marilyn. Frank, can you just
32 help her just to get to the podium? Good afternoon, Marilyn. How
33 are you?
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35 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

36 Good afternoon to all the Legislators and I'm happy to be here to
37 speak. I invited Mr. Mantone to come and speak. As you can see,
38 he is blind. When he was sighted he was an electrician, and we
39 have been talking about the buses because my concern was blind
02:17PM 40 people can't hear the electric buses, just like we can't hear the
41 electric cars coming, and it really scares us.
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43 So I know you're going to be purchasing quite a few of these buses.
44 I think you intend to have them by like, what was it, 2024? And my
45 concern is how is this going to affect people who can't see them
46 and also deaf and blind. It's hard enough if you're deaf and blind
47 that, you know, you can't hear well, but if you can't see the bus
48 or hear it, how are you going to know that it's there? So are you
49 going to put something on these buses to alert people who can't see
02:18PM 50 them? You know, is anybody thinking of that, because you have
51 hundreds and hundreds of blind people in this County and many of
52 them use SCAT, many take the public buses.
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54 I know with the cuts, because I'm hearing a lot about it, that
55 people are really nervous about these cuts because they're not
56 going to have any way to get around, and a lot of them are going to

1 have to fall back, if they have a disability, on SCAT. Many of
2 these people can't afford to take SCAT, that's why they take the
3 line buses.

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5 And the other thing is, the only thing we're all happy about is the
6 fact that the buses are going to run until ten at night. So that's
7 a plus because I have been asking for extended evening hours, and I
8 used to ask for Sunday service, for about 25, 30 years, and,
9 unfortunately, it always fell on deaf ears. But now, because
02:19PM 10 you're cutting buses, and I know it's going to cost you more money
11 to fund these buses, so I don't see the savings here and I don't
12 see how it's better for the people in this County when you're
13 cutting buses and you've never tried to make better routes.

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15 So I just really, you know, I know it's a done deal, but please
16 remember when you put the electric buses on the road to have
17 something that it alerts blind people. And also, you know, like
18 Legislator Krupski brought up, children, because a lot of times
19 children don't pay attention. If they hear a loud noise they might
02:19PM 20 stop and look, but if they don't they're not going to pay attention
21 and they could get hit by a bus and they could get hurt.

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23 My other -- I have another question that I want to ask. What is
24 happening with the Suffolk County Transportation Subcommittee?

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26 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
27 I'm sorry, one more time?

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29 **MARILYN TUCCI:**
02:19PM 30 What is happening with the Suffolk County Transportation
31 Subcommittee?

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33 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
34 Well, right now --

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36 **MARILYN TUCCI:**
37 Legislator Fleming --

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39 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
02:20PM 40 Yeah -- yes. I'm going to be taking over as advisor of that
41 committee. You're talking about, you know, the bus and the
42 transportation stuff.

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44 **MARILYN TUCCI:**
45 Yes.

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47 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
48 The visioning program, yes. I know Legislator Fleming has done
49 incredible work on it and I look forward to tapping into her a
02:20PM 50 little bit information wise and, you know, see where she stands.
51 I'm not sure if there's another meeting scheduled in the near
52 future or? Sure, of course.

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54 **LEG. FLEMING:**
55 Good afternoon, Marilyn, and thank you for weighing in as usual.
56 So the Transportation Working Group was Chaired by the Chair of the

1 Ways and Means Committee. Because the majority of the Legislature
2 has shifted I'm no longer a member of the Majority Caucus, so I'm
3 no longer the Chair of that committee. Mr. Krupski is no longer
4 the Chair of the Public Works Committee, and Sarah Anker is no
5 longer the representative of the Presiding Officer. That's -- the
6 three of us were on that committee because of our roles in those
7 three ways, so I no longer have the authority to run the committee.
8 So it's really up to Mr. Caracappa as the Chair of the Public Works
9 Committee and Mr. McCaffrey as the Presiding Officer to figure out
02:21PM 10 where we go from here.

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12 I'd love to continue but, you know, I don't have the authority to
13 do it anymore. So, so far we haven't seen any new meetings
14 scheduled. That used to be under our responsibility, but as I say,
15 I don't have the authority to call for a meeting anymore, so I'm
16 afraid it's not going to be coming from my office.

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18 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

19 The Chair recognizes Legislator McCaffrey, our Presiding Officer.

02:21PM 20
21 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

22 Thank you, yes. Marilyn, how are you?
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24 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

25 I'm good, thank you.
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27 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

28 Good. So we are in the process of transitioning. Legislator
29 Caracappa is going to be the Chair of that committee and we're
02:22PM 30 working on the different appointments with the Minority Leader for
31 his appointment to that. And also -- but I have been working
32 behind the scenes with different people about ideas about the
33 reimagining the transit. There was a lot going back and forth on
34 this, there's a lot of different ideas in this, but I am sure very
35 shortly Legislator Caracappa, as the Chair, will be scheduling
36 meetings and asking for input from the public.
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38 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

39 Okay. Thank you very much.
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41 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

42 And I look forward to it, Marilyn, actually. I've become very
43 vested in this topic and even with the electric buses, if you were
44 present at the meeting, that, you know, I had a lot of questions
45 about the electric buses and the batteries and everything else.
46 And I have asked department heads to get some comprehensive
47 information on areas that do now have electric buses and routes and
48 we should be able to tap into everything they've been doing,
49 including what you bring up today, which is a very valid point as
02:23PM 50 far as some kind of mechanism to alert pedestrians of all, blind,
51 deaf and, you know, without disability. These electric buses are
52 quiet, just like all electric vehicles are.
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54 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

55 Yes.
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1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 And point well taken and we appreciate your perspective, once again
3 bringing forward views that some of us wouldn't typically think
4 about. So that's the importance of your organization and we
5 appreciate, as always, you coming forward with your perspective so
6 we can continue to do our jobs as well, and that's what it's all
7 about. This is why we have committee meetings with public
8 sessions, so you can come forward with these creative initiatives
9 and ideas, and I promise you I'll be looking into it.

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11 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

12 Thank you. I appreciate it.

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14 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

15 Marilyn, as always, we appreciate you and SILO. And, by the way, I
16 did receive your invitation to March 23rd for Anna's Room, so I
17 look forward to seeing you there.

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19 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

20 Wonderful. Thank you.

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22 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

23 All right. We have more questions. I'm sorry, don't -- stay put
24 there for a minute. We have Legislator Thorne.

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26 **LEG. THORNE:**

27 Good morning, ma'am.

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29 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

30 Good morning.

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32 **LEG. THORNE:**

33 I think it's still morning. Nope, I lied. Good afternoon.

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35 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

36 Good afternoon.

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38 **LEG. THORNE:**

39 Thank you. My question is, is that much like some of the traffic
40 signals that have an audible announcement when you can cross and
41 not cross, would an audible tone or some kind of audible device on
42 there from the outside be heard address your concerns, because they
43 are very valid.

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45 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

46 It would, but I've put about I would say 40 or 50 through my
47 agency, the audible pedestrian signals throughout Suffolk.
48 Sometimes it's hard to hear them. One is in Southold and we had
49 problems with that one because of the traffic. We had to keep
50 asking them to come out and turn up the volume because there was a
51 blind person that used to cross that street almost every day and
52 she said, "I can't hear it, I can't hear it." So if you could
53 think of something that's going to be loud enough for a blind
54 person or a blind, deaf person to hear, you know, that would be
55 great.

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1 **LEG. THORNE:**
2 All right, thank you. That's my only question.

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4 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
5 Thank you, Legislator Thorne. Legislator Anker.

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7 **LEG. ANKER:**
8 Hi, Marilyn.

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10 **MARILYN TUCCI:**
11 Hello.

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13 **LEG. ANKER:**
14 Thank you for joining us here today and your colleagues. So my
15 question is do you know of a particular type of technology that
16 will provide this for our buses? Have you seen anything or heard
17 of anything from any other municipality?

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19 **MARILYN TUCCI:**
02:25PM 20 You know, I don't, but I could have somebody look into it.

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22 **LEG. ANKER:**
23 Yeah, I think that would be great because, you know, like you said,
24 we might have the audible available but what about a person who
25 can't hear. How can we inform that person? If there's a way that
26 we can provide an educational campaign, too, for those folks and
27 let them know the time and the location and give them more
28 information about the bus services. I think that would be really
29 important.

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31 **MARILYN TUCCI:**
32 Yeah. I think it's very important, like I said, because I have
33 friends that have quiet cars, and one of my friends a couple of
34 years ago was pulling out of the driveway, the neighbor's kid was
35 in the road. They never heard the car. Thank God he was looking
36 in his mirror and stopped. He could have hit that child. And the
37 child was old enough but said, "I didn't even hear the car".

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39 **LEG. ANKER:**
02:26PM 40 Yeah, I've had an electric car for about 13, 14 years, and you're
41 right, when you're backing up there's no noise.

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43 **MARILYN TUCCI:**
44 Yeah.

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46 **LEG. ANKER:**
47 It's very, very quiet. And it was funny, because a Boy Scout said
48 to me, "You know, those cars are dangerous." And then I said,
49 "Why?" "Because you can't hear them." And I understood what he
02:26PM 50 was talking about. But I also have a newer hybrid car and it does
51 have a whiney sound when it's running. So, again, the cars in
52 general are becoming more acceptable as far as, you know, notifying
53 people when they're around. But I think you're right, though. If
54 we can work with your organization and really come up with a good
55 solution I think it would be very important, especially since we're
56 getting the new buses.

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MARILYN TUCCI:
Yes. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Thank you, Legislator Anker. So I'll just conclude with this, Marilyn. As a father of five, we spent an exorbitant amount of time in Disney. And when you get on those electric monorails the warnings, you know, when the thing's coming to a stop, stand clear of the doors, the doors are shutting, you know, getting ready to take off, it gives you everything. But I think your question was more so when the buses are en route, so if you're actually out walking and you're crossing the street. Is that the issue that you're --

MARILYN TUCCI:
That's one of the issues, but when I'm waiting for a line bus where I live --

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Right.

MARILYN TUCCI:
You know, how am I going to know if I can't hear the bus? You know, sometimes the bus could --

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
I get you.

MARILYN TUCCI:
-- come five minutes early and I'm walking to the corner and all of a sudden I'm like oh, where's the bus, you know, and I'm waiting for the next one. They said, "Well, you missed that one." Never heard it.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Right. Has that -- that's happened to you with the -- I'm not following you.

MARILYN TUCCI:
Well, not with the electric bus --

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Right, because we don't have them yet.

MARILYN TUCCI:
-- but I'm just saying that that's an example of what could happen.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
I get it, I get it. And you know what? I'll meet with the appropriate personnel and we'll discuss -- they're listening to you here.

MARILYN TUCCI:
I mean, especially on bus stops there should be some kind of a noise so somebody that can't see is alerted okay, this is my bus

1 stop. Oh, here comes the bus, there's a noise coming now.

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3 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

4 We're going to get the guy from the LIRR. You know, you ever go on
5 there, this next stop is Ronkonkoma.

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7 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

8 Oh, yes.

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10 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

11 Yeah, we'll get that guy.

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13 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

14 Okay.

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16 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

17 All right. Well, listen, I appreciate -- it's very valuable, you
18 and your organization have brought forward some pretty important,
19 you know, topics and there will be a lot of dialogue on it, I
02:28PM 20 assure you on that.

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22 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

23 Thank you.

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25 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

26 And we'll get back with you on that, Marilyn.

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28 **MARILYN TUCCI:**

29 Thank you very much.

02:28PM 30

31 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

32 You're quite welcome. Our next speaker will be Branden Heinrich.
33 He's got your back, Branden. You're almost there.

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35 **BRANDEN HEINRICH:**

36 Good afternoon, Legislators.

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38 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

39 Good afternoon, Branden. Nice to see you again.

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41 **BRANDEN HEINRICH:**

42 Nice to see you as well.

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44 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

45 In person. It's good to have you with us today.

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47 **BRANDEN HEINRICH:**

48 Thank you, very much appreciate it. I'm here again to discuss the
49 electric buses and more insight on the electric buses. I urge
02:30PM 50 every one of you to put headphones on and try and watch a YouTube
51 video of New York City's electric buses en route busy street,
52 crowded street, horns honking. Can you hear those buses rolling
53 past? I don't think so. Those buses are way too quiet. And to
54 address the Legislator's point of a whining noise. Yes, there is a
55 whining noise but, again, you try and hear that noise in a crowded
56 street, you're not going to hear it; it's too congested, it's too

1 crowded. There are some places where you're never going to hear
2 those buses. And can you imagine when the SCAT buses go electric?
3 That's going to be a disaster. We already can't hear the gas
4 buses. Can you imagine if we have to wait for an electric bus to
5 be outside? We're going to have to stand outside in the freezing
6 cold just to hear the bus come. That's going to be a nightmare.
7 So I urge you to take a listen to that.

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9 Furthermore, in terms of the technology for alerting people that
02:31PM 10 there is a bus coming, the Tesla vehicles do have an audible
11 announcement when they're passing by. Like the driver could
12 actually use an app or use a thing in the car to alert a person
13 that they're coming, you know they can speak and it will come, so
14 maybe that's something to look out for -- look for with the buses,
15 too. But I just -- I warn you about the electric ones and I just
16 say please be cautious with them because they are a danger, they
17 are a hazard, particularly to somebody with -- that may be blind
18 but with very bad hearing. I would urge you to look into that.

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02:31PM 20 I also want to address the line bus cuts. Again, it's -- I realize
21 it's a done deal but I also do understand the disenfranchisement
22 that is being had here. I live in St. James. Can you imagine if
23 all the buses get cut and we go back to the three-quarter mile
24 rule? I will have no transportation. I'm employed, I have no way
25 to get to work, that would be a disaster. So I would urge you to
26 take a look at both of those points. Thank you.

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28 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

02:32PM 29 Well, again, as I said earlier, thank you for your comments and the
30 input. And, believe me, the appropriate people are the very people
31 who are listening and we're going to make sure we have that
32 dialogue to ensure that these topics are addressed.

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34 **BRANDEN HEINRICH:**

35 Thank you.

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37 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

38 Thank you, Branden. Our next speaker will be Roy Reynolds. Good
39 afternoon, Roy. Welcome.

02:32PM 40
41 **ROY REYNOLDS:**

42 Howdy. I'm glad you're holding the meeting out here, it's ten
43 minutes from my house instead of going to Hauppauge. Okay. Yeah,
44 Roy Reynolds. I'm the President of the East Moriches Property
45 Owners Association and I have probably three things to discuss
46 today.

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48 First, we were hoping to get an update on the traffic study in the
02:33PM 49 Eastport Central Business District. At a meeting last year DPW
50 indicated that the study would most likely be finished by the end
51 of the year. The year is now ended. Traffic in Eastport is
52 seasonal. It picks up in the summer so we were hoping there would
53 be some action before then. We have sent several e-mails but
54 haven't heard back probably due to the pandemic and the hack
55 probably. Perhaps we can get an update today if that's possible.
56 I know the Chamber of Commerce and the local civics would be

1 willing to meet and discuss any recommendations with DPW. Okay.

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3 Another outstanding issue is the PSE&G steel poles on County Road
4 51, just down the block from here. And as a civic we have not had
5 any luck in getting PSE&G to take action to rectify the safety
6 issues involving the poles, which are three feet off the pavement,
7 unprotected and it's a high-speed roadway. Last we heard DPW was
8 consulting with the County Attorney about a letter we sent that
9 perhaps the County could write to PSE&G and ask them to fix the
02:34PM 10 problem since it's a County road. So the question is, is this
11 something the County would do, would they write a letter to PSE&G?
12 It is their roadway. Okay.

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14 Changing gears to wastewater, which is my favorite subject. I
15 noticed there are two resolutions involving sewer expansions, 1053
16 and 1054. 1053 involves \$65,000 for a sewer expansion in the
17 Selden/Centereach area. Can we find out where that wastewater will
18 be discharged for that project? Is it going to the ground or is it
19 going into surface waters? Also, 1054 involves a half a million
02:34PM 20 dollar funding for a sewer expansion in Port Jeff Station. Can we
21 confirm where that wastewater will be disposed of and how much --
22 how much wastewater is involved. I'm assuming the treated
23 wastewater from the Port Jefferson -- from Port Jeff will be
24 discharged into the coastal waters via a sewer treatment plant
25 outfall. That's my assumption.

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27 I'm not a big fan of coastal discharges. They eventually deplete
28 our water supply. So to raise awareness about this there is a
29 video entitled Why Long Island Is Running Out of Water. I sent you
02:35PM 30 a link earlier this year. It can be found on YouTube. So if you
31 haven't had a chance to see it yet, you might want to take a look
32 at it and hit like, please. So thank you for the time.

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34 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

35 Mr. Reynolds, I'll just address 53. That is -- what you see there
36 in 1053 is a proposal to add additional funds on to our existing
37 feasibility study. So there's no sewers in the ground yet. That's
38 going to add on -- what that does is extend the feasibility study
39 to the further borders of Centereach. The original feasibility
02:36PM 40 study was for the 4th L.D., which included Selden and portions,
41 two-thirds of Centereach. Whereas Legislator Kennedy, who
42 represents the -- the last third of Centereach, agreed to put in a
43 proposal to include funding for the remainder so we have a border
44 to border gap. But, again, that's just a feasibility study and
45 what's planned for that is a separate station, a wastewater station
46 in Selden. So, again, we're in step one --

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48 **ROY REYNOLDS:**

49 Separate treatment plant, new treatment plant.

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51 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

52 Yeah, separate treatment plant.

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54 **ROY REYNOLDS:**

55 Which discharges into the ground.

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 Yes.

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4 **ROY REYNOLDS:**

5 Not surface water.

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7 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

8 Correct. So we're many stages away from that but at least that
9 answers your question. I don't have the answers for you on the
10 Port Jeff Station one, but I can get them to you. Does anybody
11 else have anything to add to that? Okay.

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13 **ROY REYNOLDS:**

14 DPW will be discussing the Eastport traffic study?

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16 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

17 I plan on bringing the Commissioner up on several things and we'll
18 ask him about that as well.

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20 **ROY REYNOLDS:**

21 Thank you very much.

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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

24 You're welcome, Roy. Thank you. Our next speaker is Ben Brehl.
25 Good afternoon, Mr. Brehl. Good to have you with us.

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27 **BENJAMIN BREHL:**

28 It's good to be here, thank you. So I'm a certified peer
29 specialist in New York State for the Travel Trainer for the
30 Federation of Organizations. I would like to speak on -- first, I
31 want to start off with gratitude. As I've spoken before, I'm very
32 thankful for the buses in Suffolk County. I have been riding them
33 since 1986 when I first got my first full-time job, off and on. I
34 have a car now but as I've said before in other meetings, I
35 supplement my car with using the bus to medical appointments, to
36 different places such as here. My car is in my driveway right now
37 in Port Jeff Station to save a little money.

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39 But one thing that I want to speak on is I am concerned with the
40 new reimagined transit with it -- with it being successful, because
41 I'm concerned that if they're going to be doing all this great --
42 putting this money into it, that it's not -- I'm just concerned
43 that if there's not enough advertising, enough marketing, that it's
44 going to be -- it's going to have a little struggle because as of
45 now, there is not a lot of people that ride the buses as far as
46 what I can see. We can do more, we can get more people, we can
47 make it more attractive. That's my main point.

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49 And I have some ideas. One of them was using the poster space at
50 the major bus stops where they have poster space, and I have spoken
51 about this before, having like a quote, have a picture of a
52 student, an older person, a worker, somebody going places. That is
53 one way, but I think advertising is one big thing and I think
54 Jonathan has probably thought of this, but I just want to
55 reinforce the point.

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1 And then there's the shelters. Nick, in -- I think in Farmingville
2 you built that like ideal shelter. I think it's at Woodycrest?

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4 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
5 Yes.

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7 **BENJAMIN BREHL:**
8 And, you know, it looks like -- it's like, it's a nice shelter. I
9 know you probably can't build a lot of those, but that would be an
10 ideal shelter. But shelters are definitely needed. And I guess
11 that was just about it. But, you know, I'm just very thankful. A
12 lot of people complain about the buses and I always -- well, a lot
13 of people complain because they run late, you know, but it's not
14 like the trains where there's no, you know, there's no traffic on
15 the rails usually and even then they sometimes run late. But, you
16 know, I just think that this can really work, but I am concerned
17 that, you know, that we -- because you guys are putting a lot of
18 money in this. If they're running late that means a lot of money.
19 I just want it to work.

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21 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
22 We agree with you, Ben, 100%. We've spoken about this and I can
23 assure you there's a concern of all of us up here and I believe
24 those concerns are being addressed as far as promoting. We want --
25 we want Suffolk County to not only be aware of what's available to
26 them, we also want them to enjoy the experience as well.

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28 **BENJAMIN BREHL:**
29 Right.

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31 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
32 So we're working on a campaign that's going to get the word out
33 there. You know, we're looking to get new and more efficient
34 buses. We're looking to, as you are all aware of, revamp the
35 routes to make it more efficient.

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37 **BENJAMIN BREHL:**
38 Right.

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40 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
41 And this is all part of reimagine, this is all part of, you know,
42 helping our residents not only utilize the bus services but to have
43 an enjoyable, somewhat, as best as possible, experience while doing
44 so. We're putting a lot of effort into this, Ben, and I want you
45 to know that. There's a lot of concerns and, again, as I mentioned
46 to a couple of other speakers earlier, your input has been
47 invaluable to us, so thank you very much.

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49 **BENJAMIN BREHL:**
50 Right. I just want to say that it is a great system that they put
51 together. It really is, looks really good, but, you know, so many
52 people have cars on Long Island. Most people do if they can afford
53 them. I guess that's about it.

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55 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
56 We appreciate it, Ben. Thank you so much, very much for your time

1 and coming all the way out here.

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3 **BENJAMIN BREHL:**

4 Yeah, of course.

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6 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

7 Thank you.

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9 **BENJAMIN BREHL:**

10 Thank you.

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12 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

13 Our next is John McAuliff. I hope I pronounced that correctly,
14 John. Hey, I'm Caracappa, so I get it.

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16 **JOHN McAULIFF:**

17 We live with our immigrant names. At any rate, I am John McAuliff.
18 I'm from Riverhead. Thanks to the article in the Riverhead Local I
19 was aware of this meeting and I'm bringing a concern from a
02:42PM 20 citizen's group in Riverhead called EPCAL Watch. And I must say, I
21 don't know whether this is in your jurisdiction or not. I'm using
22 the transportation part of your jurisdiction to raise this
23 question.

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25 The EPCAL is something that we've always thought will have an
26 impact, certainly on the East End and on the County as a whole as
27 to what its ultimate disposition is, but it's now become a very
28 live issue for especially the East End because it appears that the
29 real goal for the Ghermezian Family, that is the -- would be the
02:42PM 30 essential owner of EPCAL, is to turn it into a cargo hub. This is
31 one of those things where it depends when they speak, what they say
32 and I have copies of articles that I'm happy to leave with you.
33 But on two occasions visualizations showed up which saw the use of
34 the two runways at EPCAL as the basis for an air cargo hub. And
35 the most recent was in a presentation to the IDA. Within 24-hours
36 they tried to reverse that, so you have to decide about whether
37 you're going to believe your lying eyes or not. And my question to
38 you is whether, (a), you should be concerned about it if there is
39 going to be a cargo hub there, and second, can you help us find out
02:43PM 40 if that's what's going to be the case.

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42 We -- this is not scientific or professional, but one of the
43 members of the group did a quick radius from the runways.
44 Remember, these were -- these are substantial, the 10,000 and 7,000
45 foot runways that Grumman left behind. If you do a ten mile radius
46 you're talking about getting as far as Coram and Remsenberg. If
47 you do a 20 mile radius you're getting as far as Ronkonkoma,
48 Hampton Bays and Mattituck. The question is, his estimate, was it
49 at ten miles a major cargo flight probably would only be 3,000 foot
02:44PM 50 off the ground. I don't know what it would be 20 miles out, but I
51 think that's one of the questions to ask, what would be -- this is
52 not the same kind of area that it was when Grumman was operating
53 and conducting test flights. This would be a regular heavy duty
54 use of these runways to bring in stuff and then transfer them to
55 trucks and then a very heavy duty use of the roadways to get that
56 stuff distributed. And we're talking ultimately about ten million

1 square foot of space that they're talking -- that they want to put
2 into that area.

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4 So I think before the town goes ahead and makes -- finally makes a
5 commitment on it, finally agrees to go forward with a deal,
6 assuming the IDA approves it, which I think is a big question, but
7 if the IDA approves it then I think the County might have some real
8 concern about what the consequences will be to people in, again
9 especially the East End, of heavy cargo, heavy traffic and cargo
10 flights and the trucks utilizing that space.

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12 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

13 Thank you, John.

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15 **JOHN McAULIFF:**

16 Basically what we're asking is if you, I don't know what your
17 process is of investigation or hearings, but if you can bring in
18 the people from CAP, you can bring in other people from the
19 community who are concerned about the environmental and lifestyle
02:45PM 20 consequence of this, we'd be really appreciative of you playing
21 that role.

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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

24 Mr. McAuliff, thank you. Unfortunately, your time is up, but we
25 appreciate the importance of your comments and what you bring
26 forward. And if you want to leave anything for us just leave it
27 with the Clerk and he'll make sure it gets distributed.

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29 **JOHN McAULIFF:**

30 Okay.

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32 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

33 I'm sure you put a lot of time and effort into this and we
34 appreciate that.

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36 **JOHN McAULIFF:**

37 And if there are any questions I would be happy to respond.

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39 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

02:46PM 40 Is your -- do you have any contact information on there?

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42 **JOHN McAULIFF:**

43 Yes.

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45 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

46 Okay. Are there any questions for Mr. McAuliff? I guess we're
47 waiting to see the information, and should we have any questions,
48 we'll be in touch. Mr. McAuliff, thank you so much.

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50 At this point I don't see any other speakers. Is there anyone
51 else? Yes, ma'am. Come on up and just be sure to fill out a card
52 from our Clerk. Oh, you got it already. Please step up to the
53 podium and state your name for the record. And just to remind you,
54 you have three minutes, ma'am.

1 **TOQUI TERCHUN:**

2 Hi, good afternoon. My name is Toqui Terchun. I live here in
3 Riverhead in Calverton. I'm the President of the Greater Calverton
4 Civic Association, so the comments from our previous speaker do hit
5 home. What I'd like to just bring to your attention as a footnote
6 or a place marker today is along with EPCAL's impending doom of a
7 cargo hub, there are also mega warehouses, and I believe some of
8 your members will recognize that there are landscape changing
9 warehouses. And I say that with air quotes because they're
02:47PM 10 undefined in our town code as warehouses. These things are sort,
11 no sort facilities, mega warehouses, if you will.
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13 The Civic is very concerned with the quality of life in our bucolic
14 Calverton. We brought this attention to this problem to our town
15 board for the past two plus years. Since fall we've been in each
16 town board meeting and planning board meeting for our town to the
17 tune of 50 people per meeting. In December we managed to get
18 120-something people there. The residents are very, very concerned
19 and I'm just bringing it into your ears today and for the record
02:48PM 20 here that the traffic is one of the biggest impacts that we can
21 think of besides the air traffic and the pollution of different
22 sorts. These things don't fit in our hamlet. They are oversized.
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24 And I just want to make sure that someone -- all of you are hearing
25 this from my lips because I do think I'm going to be coming before
26 you again at some point. We have hundreds of people signed
27 petitions for a moratorium and yet, unfortunately, our municipality
28 is not going to do anything about a moratorium. They've spoken
29 distinctly against it. They wouldn't even give us a public hearing
02:49PM 30 on it. So I just wanted to bring that to your attention. I thank
31 you very much for the time.
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33 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

34 Thank you very much. I appreciate your time as well and your
35 concerns. Is there anyone else out in the audience that would like
36 to address this committee? Seeing none, I'll close the Public
37 Portion. However, I would like to ask Commissioner Joe Brown to
38 come on up, and maybe Darnell, if you're in the audience, you want
39 to come up as well?
02:49PM 40

41 Good afternoon, Commissioner. So, Commissioner, you heard some of
42 the concerns and questions, but let's talk about the electric buses
43 for a moment. Is there anything -- was this even thought about,
44 was it anything in play or planned out for giving some kind of
45 notification, whether it be sound, electronic, verbal, when buses
46 arrive or pulling up?
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48 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

49 Yes, Mr. Chairman. Can you hear me?
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51 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

52 Yes.
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54 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

55 Yeah, we do plan to have some sort of noisemaker. They have a
56 variety of them. They can be direct. They can be focused in a

1 certain direction like say forward or off to the side so that it
2 doesn't produce, you know, greater noise pollution to everybody
3 else, so that's an advantage. But they will continue to have the
4 enunciators at the bus stops, you know, do tell you what bus it is
5 and what direction it's headed in. So those will continue.

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7 But when we did the tour of Westchester County and their electric
8 buses that was one of the questions we asked with that concern. I
9 remember being in China on a trip and I stepped out in front of a
10 few electric scooters. They have them all over the place there,
11 they're very quiet, so it's very easy to do. So I understand the
12 concern and the safety issue and it is something that we're going
13 to have.

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15 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

16 All right. Well, we'll be in touch further about it, as you
17 progress, with some options. This way, you know, we all have a
18 better understanding and we can ease the concerns of SILO and other
19 organizations as well.

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21 There was also a question about the study, the central traffic
22 study in Eastport. Do you have any -- is there anything on that?
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24 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

25 Yes, that study, the draft of that study, was completed late last
26 week so we're reviewing it and my office is going to get back to
27 Mr. Reynolds very shortly with the results of that study.
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29 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

30 Excellent news. I appreciate that. I'm not sure if there's
31 anything else at this time. We answered the wastewater questions.
32 You don't have any input on the EPCAL Watch I wouldn't suppose.
33 That's not in your purview.
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35 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

36 I don't have anything significant to add.
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38 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

39 Okay. All right. Well, don't go too far. Yes -- oh, I'm sorry.
40 Legislator Krupski. You got to wave your paper around. I don't
41 recognize you without waving the paper.
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43 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

44 The -- I need alarm here. The wastewater question. So is -- I
45 think the one at Selden got answered, but the one at Port Jeff,
46 would that study include brown water discharge? Was that going to
47 tie -- would that discharge tie into an existing plant?
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49 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

50 Our Chief Engineer of Sanitation is here so I'm sure she could
51 answer that or if not could get back to you. I would defer that to
52 her.
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54 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

55 Sure.
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1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
2 Welcome, Janice. Thank you for coming up.

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4 **MS. McGOVERN:**
5 Janice McGovern, Chief Engineer.

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7 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
8 You've just got to get closer to the mic.

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10 **MS. McGOVERN:**
11 Okay. All right. Can you hear me? Okay. So the Port Jefferson
12 hub flow, when it's constructed and it's discharged, it will be
13 pumped to Sewer District 2, Tallmadge Woods, which is in -- that's
14 in Miller Place and that discharges to the ground, the recharge
15 pools on the east side of the treatment plant.

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17 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
18 And what station is that? Forgive me, I'm having a hard time
19 hearing you.

02:53PM 20
21 **MS. McGOVERN:**
22 I'm sorry. It's Sewer District 2, Tallmadge Woods. It's in Mount
23 Sinai/Miller Place area.

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25 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
26 Yes. And this is going to attach to that and hook up to that and
27 that gets discharged into the ground.

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29 **MS. McGOVERN:**
30 Yes.

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32 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
33 All right.

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35 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
36 Thank you.

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38 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
39 Thank you very much. Any other questions? We have the Presiding
02:54PM 40 Officer and then we'll go to Legislator Anker.

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42 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**
43 Hi, Janice. How are you? Just a question about when we have these
44 other sewer systems that go into the ground. Is there anything
45 that's left over after they process that sewage?

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47 **MS. McGOVERN:**
48 Well, there's sludge, right, as part of the treatment process
49 there's sludge which gets hauled to Sewer District 3.

02:54PM 50
51 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**
52 Okay. Just wanted to make sure that was on the record. Thank you.
53 It all comes to me in all different shapes and forms. Okay.

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55 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
56 That's why you get the big bucks.

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2 **LEG. ANKER:**

3 We're thinking on the same level because my concern, you know, with
4 the process is that there's so many pharmaceuticals in the waste
5 products, especially in the senior communities, and I have so many
6 and a lot of them are going into my district. What can we do, what
7 are we doing to address this issue so the pharmaceuticals do not
8 get into our groundwater?
9

02:55PM 10 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

11 And I'll defer to Chief Engineer as well, but I've brought this up
12 in the past, and I believe Mr. Reynolds referred to this as well.
13 There's a great opportunity in the future to recharge our
14 groundwater through recharge basins and at the same time provide
15 greater drainage to our roadways, which is complicated by two
16 issues. One, the development on Long Island, so the natural
17 drainage fields are gone, the runoff coefficients have gone way up
18 and that water ends up in the roadways, and then just the fact that
19 we're getting increasingly more severe storms. So it's a much
02:55PM 20 cleaner way to replenish the groundwater and it's something I think
21 that the County should focus on in the future because it really
22 solves two things in one. So from a long-term vision that's one
23 solution. But I would defer on the particular, you know, chemical
24 and what's -- what we treat for and what we don't, to the Chief
25 Engineer.
26

27 **MS. McGOVERN:**

28 So we have an Industrial Waste Unit which is mandated by the EPA,
29 that we have that when we have treatment plants. And so there are
02:56PM 30 requirements when the commercial or industrial facilities connect
31 to the sewage treatment plants. There's a code, they look it up in
32 the application. They're supposed to have a report of the
33 pharmaceuticals of that type of company and they give a lot of
34 details. They do analysis, whether they have a similar company or
35 the type of discharge with all the parameters and lab results, and
36 so that's compared and sent to us.
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38 Certain -- we do not design for them how to treat or pretreat their
39 discharge from their pharmaceutical. We have minimum ph
02:57PM 40 requirements. There are a couple of different things that we look
41 for. We may tell them to hire an engineer to design a pretreatment
42 system. There are discharge limits for which there are parameters.
43 We could, with the Health Department's agreement, stop them from
44 discharging to us. Also, if they're above parameters for which our
45 treatment plants treat to they are surcharged. But that's
46 basically how we handle it.
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48 **LEG. ANKER:**

49 And, again, you're talking about companies that are producing drugs
02:57PM 50 or hospitals. We've got Mather Hospital and St. Charles and
51 numerous other type of medical facilities, but what about the
52 actual people that have these in their system, it gets caught up in
53 the wastewater and then dispersed, you know, into our groundwater
54 or do we have these basins or do we have some type of filtration to
55 stop these types of chemicals from getting into our water.
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1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 Well, if I may interject. I know, I have a very good inside source
3 on -- I know the Suffolk County Water Authority works very well in
4 conjunction with the Suffolk County Board of Health. The Suffolk
5 County Water Authority has developed methods over the years far and
6 beyond any New York State levels as far as prescription drugs, hair
7 care products and any of the common household chemicals that may
8 end up into our wastewater systems. And the methods that we have
9 developed, again, far exceed any kind of New York State parameters,
02:58PM 10 so we've been ahead of this for about a dozen years now. So we
11 test at every one of our well stations, there's 244 well stations
12 across Long Island, or Suffolk County I should say, and
13 representing every district, every town. And so those -- those
14 samples are taken on a daily basis. And, again, we work with the
15 Suffolk County Board of Health in conjunction to make sure that we
16 were on the same page with any kind of rest results.

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18 So right now with those methods that we developed, again, with the
19 1,4-Dioxane, we actually came out of the box ahead of anybody else
02:58PM 20 and, again, we set the standard for testing in New York State. So
21 we work very well together, that's my past life but, the County and
22 Suffolk County Water Authority work very well together to make sure
23 our drinking water is protected, aquifers are protected, when it
24 comes to these particular methods that you're referring to,
25 Legislator Anker.

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27 **LEG. ANKER:**

28 And we need both. We need both, you know, the process of it
29 getting there and the process of cleaning it up before it becomes
02:59PM 30 drinking water. So thank you for all the work that you guys have
31 done. We really appreciate your help, and thank you, Legislator
32 Caracappa.

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34 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

35 Thank you. Any other questions? Let's get on with it. We
36 appreciate it, thank you. Like I said, don't go too far. I'm sure
37 you'll be coming back up.

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39 All right. So we have no appointment -- oh, we do have one
02:59PM 40 Appointment Resolution. So *I.R. 1056 - Appoint member to the Tick*
41 *Control Advisory Committee (Jeffry Wagenhauser) (Fleming)*. Motion?

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43 **LEG. FLEMING:**

44 Motion to approve, and Mr. Wagenhauser is here.

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46 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

47 Yes, we'd like to speak with him, but we need a second.

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49 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

03:00PM 50 Second.

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52 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

53 All right, a second. So we have a motion from Legislator Fleming,
54 seconded by Legislator Krupski. Mr. Wagenhauser, would you mind
55 saying a few words for us? Hello, welcome.

1 **JEFFRY WAGENHAUSER:**

2 Sure. So my name is Jeff Wagenhauser, and if I'm appointed to the
3 Tick Committee I will be filling the position for Environmental
4 Advocacy Group. I work for the Nature Conservancy as a land
5 steward, so I manage our properties across Long Island. We have
6 about 50 preserves. About 20 of those are open to visitors and
7 where we focus on like tick management or tick issues is really at
8 our visitor preserves to try to reduce the exposure, you know, of
9 our visitors to ticks.

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11 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

12 And this is an appointment, not a reappointment. This is your
13 first time?

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15 **JEFFRY WAGENHAUSER:**

16 This will be my first time.

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18 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

19 You're first time. We appreciate your willingness to come aboard
20 and be part of this and I know your background speaks for itself
21 and you come from a very excellent, you know, we'll take her word
22 for it when it comes to -- we got you, especially in that area. I
23 know it's very important. So thank you for taking the time to come
24 out. Do we have any questions, anybody, for Mr. Wagenhauser? Yes,
25 ma'am. Legislator Fleming.

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27 **LEG. FLEMING:**

28 If I may, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to thank Jeffry for being
29 willing to step up. The Nature Conservancy brings a lot to the
30 table when it comes to environmental advocacy. And I think you
31 were with the DEC prior to that and had been with Nature
32 Conservancy for many, many years. So as we continue to try to
33 attack the epidemic of tickborne disease in Suffolk County and
34 ensure that folks can access our public spaces I think your --
35 Mr. Wagenhauser's contribution will be extremely important. This
36 is a vacancy that was created when Zachary Cohen from East Hampton
37 passed away. So this is a vacancy that needs to be filled and I am
38 really grateful to Jeffry for being willing to step up and to the
39 Nature Conservancy for lending him to us.

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41 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

42 And there you have it from your sponsor. Can't get better than
43 that. So with that, we have a motion and a second. All in favor?
44 Opposed? Abstentions?

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46 **CLERK TASSONE:**

47 Eight.

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49 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

50 I take it there's no abstentions. All right. Well,
51 congratulations and welcome aboard. Thank you very much, Jeff.

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53 **JEFFRY WAGENHAUSER:**

54 Thank you.

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**

2 Seven, sorry. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present;*
3 *Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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5 **LEG. FLEMING:**

6 Mr. Chair, I did tell Jeff that he's not -- it's not necessary for
7 him to come to the General Meeting, that this will be considered on
8 Tuesday.

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10 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

11 This is the first step but you'll be -- at the General Meeting next
12 week you'll be official. But as you can see there is no -- so
13 congratulations in advance I should say for the record. But thank
14 you, Jeff.

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16 **JEFFRY WAGENHAUSER:**

17 All right. Thank you.

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19 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

20 And thank you, Legislator Fleming.

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22 **LEG. FLEMING:**

23 Thank you.

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25 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

26 All right. Tabled Resolutions. Resolution *I.R. 1000 -*
27 *Appropriating PAYGO funds and accepting Federal Aid, State Aid for*
28 *the Relocation of Bus Shelters - Brentwood (CP 5667) (Gonzalez).*

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30 **CLERK TASSONE:**

31 Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. We have to do Resolution 1562.

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33 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

34 No, that has been removed. That was a discharge that's going to be
35 right on -- that's in. We struck that. But thank you. I'm sorry,
36 Legislator Fleming.

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38 **LEG. FLEMING:**

39 Motion to approve Reso 1000.

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41 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

42 Is there a second?

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44 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

45 Second.

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47 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

48 We have a motion and a second on Resolution 1000. All in favor?
49 Opposed? Abstentions?

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51 **CLERK TASSONE:**

52 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
53 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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55 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

56 Resolution I.R. 1000 is approved. Introductory Resolutions.

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1 ***I.R. 1013 - Accepting and appropriating a grant from the U.S.***
2 ***Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration in the***
3 ***amount of \$1,000,000 for planning and design of a Regional***
4 ***Multi-Modal Hub and amending the 2023 Capital Budget (CP 6431) (Co.***
5 ***Exec.)***.

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7 I'll make a motion on that. Seconded by Presiding Officer
8 McCaffrey.

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10 **P.O. McCAFFREY:**
11 Yes.

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13 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**
14 On the motion.

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16 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
17 On the motion, Legislator Piccirillo.

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19 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**
20 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And through the Chair to
21 Commissioner Brown. Commissioner, I'm sure you saw that MacArthur
22 Airport has now been declared a Superfund site. So, you know, just
23 out of my curiosity, how far are we going to go, how much money are
24 we going to appropriate, how much money are we going to borrow, how
25 much money are we going to take in grants before we have a full
26 environmental study done to see how far these contaminants went,
27 how many households could be affected. You know, how much of the
28 ground is contaminated. There's also the compost facility on the
29 property. This is a serious problem for residents. And to me, to
03:04PM 30 move forward with this without a full assessment done is kind of
31 contrary to what we do as a Legislative Branch.

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33 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**
34 Yes, Legislator, I believe this is a resolution from Eco Dev, so I
35 can't really comment on those bigger issues. It's probably better
36 taken up with Commissioner Lansdale and her staff, who are leading
37 that effort at this point.

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39 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**
03:05PM 40 Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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42 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
43 I don't believe anybody is here from Commissioner Lansdale's staff.
44 Oh, we got someone here. Here we go. Jon -- doesn't he look 20
45 years younger with the haircut, I got to tell you. They were like
46 who's this guy.

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48 **MR. KEYES:**
49 Thank you. Yeah, you know, got it all trimmed off, but thank you
50 for noticing.

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52 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
53 I didn't mean to put you on the spot, Jon.

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55 **MR. KEYES:**
56 That's quite all right, totally fine. Jonathan Keyes, Department

1 of Economic Development and Planning. Yeah, I mean, we certainly
2 have to seesaw the, you know, the designation as well. It's my
3 understanding there's a meeting on Thursday afternoon the Town of
4 Islip is hosting, which we'll have staff in attendance, certainly
5 look forward to learn more about this. I mean, broadly speaking,
6 these are all this types of questions that in an environmental
7 impact statement would be addressed and understood. So, certainly,
8 we have to gather all the information that is available now in
9 light of this designation as well.

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11 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

12 And I think that's the larger point I'm trying to make. Before we
13 keep getting money from the State or the Federal government or
14 wherever these sources are coming from, I mean, I know it's almost
15 at a billion dollars total. I mean, if this is what -- I read the
16 DEC's paperwork. This seems pretty bad to me. You know, I haven't
17 seen the full assessment yet, but just from a generic glance at the
18 paperwork it seems like it's a lot worse than they thought and
19 that's why they gave it this designation, and also to try to pull
20 some money of the super fight -- site -- fund site that they have.
21 But, you know, this could impact residents, and before we start
22 turning over dirt and moving forward with this project I think we
23 should really pause and have a full assessment done. Just my two
24 cents and I hope that you can pass that on.

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26 **MR. KEYES:**

27 Yes, understood.

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29 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

30 Thank you, Mr. Keyes.

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32 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

33 Jon, just for clarification, this money here is for a planning
34 stage not for actual construction.

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36 **MR. KEYES:**

37 That's correct, yes.

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39 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

40 All right. Just wanted to confirm. Legislator Fleming.

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42 **LEG. FLEMING:**

43 Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I appreciate your question that this is
44 for planning and design of a multi-modal hub project in Ronkonkoma
45 adjacent to the MTA LIRR station. So this is part of the Midway
46 Crossing Project?

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48 **MR. KEYES:**

49 Yes, it is.

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51 **LEG. FLEMING:**

52 And is there SEQRA connected to this million dollars?

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54 **MR. KEYES:**

55 Eventually as part of any sort of rezoning and site plan
56 application SEQRA would need to be done, but this is just still

1 very early on. I mean, in the grand scheme of things a million
2 dollars will advance some conceptual planning for the roadway
3 network surrounding the site, and in particular not even
4 necessarily on the airport side, but more on the train station
5 parking lot side. But, yeah, in -- this would all be eventually
6 feeding into the type of SEQRA documentation that's eventually
7 necessary but wouldn't be completed at, you know, this time.

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9 **LEG. FLEMING:**

03:08PM 10 And how would this million dollars be expended? Would this be an
11 RFP for planners or our own folks?

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13 **MR. KEYES:**

14 Yeah, it's envisioned that we would do a competitive procurement
15 for an engineering and design firm.

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17 **LEG. FLEMING:**

18 And just following up on Mr. Piccirillo's questions. Where is
19 this? How will the Midway Crossing site be -- it's a very large
20 site --

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22 **MR. KEYES:**

23 Yes.

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25 **LEG. FLEMING:**

26 -- be impacted by the findings at MacArthur Airport? I think it's
27 just several miles away and I don't know what direction any plume
28 that might be there is traveling. But how are those -- I agree
29 with Mr. Piccirillo, it's an interesting thing to be moving ahead
03:09PM 30 with these massive amounts of money and planning when there's a
31 potential that this forever chemicals are going to impact it. So,
32 what's your thoughts?

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34 **MR. KEYES:**

35 I mean, I am not familiar with the specifics of where on the
36 airport, you know, whether it's located to a particular portion of
37 the airport. Obviously, it's a very large airport. The Midway
38 Crossing site really only takes into account the northernmost
39 portion of the airport in between the compost facility and across
03:09PM 40 the street. So I don't know if these chemicals are identified on
41 the south of the runways or east, I just don't know at this point
42 to be perfectly honest with you. But I think that is the relevant
43 question to understand, is it under the compost facility or is it,
44 you know, down by the existing terminal or is it in the commercial
45 portion on the west. I don't know, but those are certainly all the
46 important questions.

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48 **LEG. FLEMING:**

49 Thank you.

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51 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

52 Anyone else? Legislator Krupski.

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54 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

55 Thank you. I'm not sure if I understood. I'm trying to get a
56 handle on it, the way the conversation is going. So there was

1 contamination found but is it certain, on the site, but is it
2 certain that it could have come from multiple sources of
3 contamination given the land use, you know, the history of the land
4 use in the whole area, not just the airport or the train station,
5 but the whole area.

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7 **MR. KEYES:**

8 I'm just not qualified to weigh in on that, to be honest with you.
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03:10PM 10 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

11 And do you think the, you know, the County did that really great
12 subground watershed plan and is that going to be helpful in
13 determining like, you know, water flow and, you know, possibly
14 contamination sites, source sites.
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16 **MR. KEYES:**

17 Again, I would defer to those who have more expertise on the
18 subject matter, particularly on wastewater, my Commissioner. He's
19 the expert on it.

03:11PM 20 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

21 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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24 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

25 Thank you, Legislator. Any other questions? Jonathan, thank you
26 again for coming out. I think Legislator Piccirillo raised some
27 very --
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29 **MR. KEYES:**

30 Absolutely.
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32 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

33 -- valid questions when it comes to this. So any answers you could
34 bring forward would be appreciated in the near future.
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36 **MR. KEYES:**

37 Certainly.
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03:11PM 39 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

40 Thank you, Jonathan.
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42 **MR. KEYES:**

43 Thank you.
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45 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

46 So on the motion, we have a motion and a second for Resolution
47 1013. Right, we do?
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49 **CLERK TASSONE:**

50 We do.
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52 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

53 Double checking with you, you know, before you question me. All
54 right, so all in favor? Opposed?
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1 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

2 Opposed.

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4 **LEG. FLEMING:**

5 Abstain.

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7 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

8 Abstain.

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10 **CLERK TASSONE:**

11 Four. *(Vote: 4-1-2-1 - Opposed: Legislator Piccirillo;*
12 *Abstentions: Legislators Fleming and Krupski; Not Present:*
13 *Legislator Trotta).*

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15 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

16 All right. So I.R. 1013 passes.

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18 Moving on, I.R. 1050 - Amending the 2023 Capital Budget and Program
19 and appropriating PAYGO funds in connection with Replacement of
20 Major Buildings Operations Equipment at Various County Facilities
21 (CP 1737)(Co. Exec.).

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23 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

24 Motion to approve.

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26 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

27 All right. Sorry about that, folks. We just had to have a little
28 clarity on the actual passing of 1013, which I believe is clarified
29 now. 1013 is passed with four.

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31 **CLERK TASSONE:**

32 Mr. Chairman, could I just confirm that Legislator Krupski and
33 Legislator Fleming abstained, Legislator Piccirillo opposed and
34 everybody else was in favor of it.

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36 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

37 That's correct.

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39 **CLERK TASSONE:**

40 Thank you.

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42 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

43 So we're clear, 1013 is, in fact, passed. I'm going to reread *I.R.*
44 *1050 - Amending the 2023 Capital Budget and Program and*
45 *appropriating PAYGO funds in connection with Replacement of Major*
46 *Buildings Operations Equipment at Various County Facilities (CP*
47 *1737)(Co. Exec.).*

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49 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

50 Motion to approve.

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52 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

53 I've got a motion to approve by Legislator Piccirillo. I'll second
54 it. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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1 **CLERK TASSONE:**

2 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
3 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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5 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

6 *I.R. 1051 - Amending the 2023 Capital Budget and Program and*
7 *appropriating PAYGO funds in connection with Underground Injection*
8 *Control (UIC) Management Program (CP 8220) (Co. Exec.).*

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10 I have some questions on this before we make a motion. Who can
11 come forward and answer questions related to the injection sites?
12 Is that you, Commissioner?

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14 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

15 Yes, and also Joe Iannucci is here from our Buildings, Designs and
16 Construction.

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18 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

03:14PM

19 Come on up. I'm being advised that I should at least have a motion
20 first.

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22 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

23 Motion.

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25 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

26 Motion to approve. Is there a second?

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28 **LEG. THORNE:**

29 Second.

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31 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

32 Second. Now, on the motion. Here we go, now we're on the ball.
33 So my first questions would be as far as the injection sites, where
34 are these going? I just want to make sure I'm on the right page
35 here. So these injection sites are going where or is this planning
36 for new ones or?

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38 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

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39 Legislator, it's the Southaven County Park dump station. Also,
40 Blydenburgh County Park dump stations and then, you know, of
41 course, there will be other locations in the future. So those are
42 the two that this money is going --

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44 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

45 Commissioner, can you pull the mic down a little --

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47 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

48 Yes.

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50 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

51 -- right to you?

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53 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

54 I'm a little too short for this chair.

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 Maybe it's just me, I don't know, but I'm having a hard time
3 hearing you.

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5 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

6 So it's the Southaven County Park dump station and the Blydenburgh
7 County Park dump stations.

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9 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

03:15PM 10 So these are existing, aren't they? They don't have injection
11 sites at these sites?

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13 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

14 It's remediation at those sites, yes.

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16 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

17 All right. I'll look further into it. I appreciate you answering
18 the questions. I know you said Southaven. What was the other one?

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20 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

03:16PM 21 Southaven County Park dump station and the Blydenburgh County Park
22 dump stations. You know, it's EPA compliance, this whole program.

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24 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

25 Okay. Very good, thank you. So we have a motion and a second. On
26 the motion, Legislator Anker.

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28 **LEG. ANKER:**

03:16PM 29 What are we remediating, what type of substance or chemicals?

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31 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

32 It's the flow of underground fuel, underground, you know, keeping
33 it controlled, a series of wells. Joe may be able to provide a
34 little more detail than I could, but that's the general idea.

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36 **LEG. ANKER:**

37 And how long will it take to remediate those sites?

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39 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

03:16PM 40 Yes, well, we're starting in 2023, both of those locations. As far
41 as completion, the beginning of next year.

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43 **LEG. ANKER:**

44 Okay. Is there any concern with the groundwater that's in those
45 areas?

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47 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

48 Not specifically that we're aware of, but these are controls that
49 we have to do per the EPA guidance.

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51 **LEG. ANKER:**

52 Thank you.

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54 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

55 While you're there, would you like to add anything to the
56 conversation?

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MR. IANNUCCI:
Not at this time.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Made you walk all the way up, so.

MR. IANNUCCI:
That's okay.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
All right. Well, thank you, and don't go too far. We're probably going to need you in the very near future. So we have a motion and a second on 1051. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
I.R. 1051 is passed. *I.R. 1052 - Amending Resolution No. 131-2022 to reallocate funds appropriated in connection with SCCRI - Forge River Watershed (CP 8134) (Co. Exec.).*

LEG. THORNE:
Motion.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Motion from Legislator Thorne, second from Legislator Fleming.

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LEG. KRUPSKI:
On the motion.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
On the motion, Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
You're reallocating them to what and how much, Commissioner? What's the number?

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COMMISSIONER BROWN:
Legislator, it's \$61,000 from land acquisition to construction. There's additional permitting requirements, which we think are a good thing, paving curb to curb and some of the roads that we ripped up as opposed to just doing patches. So the end result is going to be better and it's something that they're requiring us to do.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Great. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Any other questions? All right, we have a have motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**

2 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
3 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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5 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

6 I.R. 1052 is approved. *I.R. 1053 - Appropriating funds in*
7 *connection with preparing a Sewering Feasibility Study for*
8 *Centereach-Selden (CP 8189) (Co. Exec.).*

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10 I'll make the motion.

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12 **LEG. THORNE:**

13 Second.

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15 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

16 Second by Legislator Thorne. Anyone on the motion? All in favor?
17 Opposed? Abstentions?

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19 **CLERK TASSONE:**

20 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
21 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

24 *I.R. 1054 - Appropriating funds in connection with preparing a*
25 *design for Sewering Port Jefferson Station Hub (CP 8154) (Co.*
26 *Exec.).*

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28 I'll make a motion, second from Legislator Anker. Anyone on the
29 motion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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31 **CLERK TASSONE:**

32 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
33 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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35 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

36 I.R. 1054 is approved. *I.R. 1065 - Amending the 2023 Capital*
37 *Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with*
38 *Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Installation at Various Suffolk*
39 *County Facilities (CP 1834) (Co. Exec.).* Does anybody want to make
40 a motion?

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42 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

43 I'll make that motion.

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45 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

46 I'll second.

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48 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

49 We have a motion from --

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51 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

52 On the motion.

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54 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

55 We got a motion from Legislator McCaffrey, seconded from Legislator
56 Krupski. On the motion, Legislator Krupski.

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2 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

3 So on these charging ports, are they going to be open to employees
4 also or are they just for fleet vehicles?
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6 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

7 They will be open to the public as well, some of them. So the plan
8 is the first six that are going in in the next month or so, two at
9 the North County Complex, which are public facing, they're being
10 funded, 90% of the funding for those charging units themselves is
11 coming from PSE&G. There are four going in at the Yaphank DPW
12 facility which will also be public facing. The two in the back for
13 our fleet vehicles, purely for our fleet vehicles, we were able to
14 get 50% funding from PSE&G because they're not public facing.
15 That's the beginning of the process but there will be many more to
16 come after that.
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18 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

19 How do you charge? I mean, somebody comes -- charge money I mean,
20 not electricity. Like if somebody comes up, how do you -- how do
21 they pay?
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23 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

24 We're going to track the vehicles that are using it. We want to
25 know how many are doing it, if a few vehicles are using it, you
26 know, extensively. So we're going to be able to track all of that
27 information, but these are being funded, you know, to a great
28 extent by PSE&G, so it's not a situation where we're going to start
29 off by charging to the public.
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31 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

32 You're not charging for charging.
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34 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

35 No, but that's part of the grant requirements, is that we're not
36 charging.
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38 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

39 So -- okay.
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41 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

42 Just for clarification. So this is for 2.5 million? And this is
43 coming from where?
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45 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

46 The one million is for our consultant that we've selected and is
47 ready to start work, which is going to lead us through this effort,
48 which is going to update the County plan and a variety of other
49 things. One and a half thousand -- one and a half million beyond
50 that is for general construction of the system that would be
51 needed. Those six that I cite are just the beginning of that
52 process.
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54 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

55 And what's PSE&G's contribution to this? I thought they were
56 paying for --

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2 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

3 So those first six they're paying for 90% of four of those charging
4 units, not the actual installation necessarily, but the unit
5 itself. They're paying for 50% of the two that are back by our
6 fleet maintenance facility at Yaphank. And that's just the
7 beginning. We handpicked those locations because we thought they'd
8 be the greatest use and then we'd build on that.

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03:22PM 10 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

11 So \$1 million for a consultant.

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13 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

14 Yes, and that's to lead our effort going forward. So it's for, you
15 know, a few years -- not just this year, but going forward to the
16 next couple of years. Our plan was created in the summer of 2021.
17 The goal was to have an updated plan every year because it's an
18 evolving technology. And as you may recall, our plan was featured
19 in Washington at the American Academy of Sciences Transportation
03:22PM 20 Research Board, we presented it there, but it needs to be undated
21 and we want fresh eyes on it. So we've been waiting for this
22 consultant to come on board to take it to the next step and to
23 update it.

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25 A lot of things, a lot of new vehicles are coming out now. We also
26 want to defer, you know, some, you know, some purchase of vehicles
27 as much as possible until the technology comes up. We feel there
28 would be a better product in two or three years than there is now,
29 so we're buying wisely.

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31 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

32 And I know, again, I couldn't hear your response to Legislator
33 Krupski's question, but how many of these charging sites are there?

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35 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

36 So, so far these initial ones, there will just be six. Two at the
37 visitor parking in front of Suffolk County DPW, two at the
38 maintenance facility, the fleet facility, in the back of the DPW
39 complex, and two at the North County Complex at the Legislature in
03:23PM 40 the corner, you know, the two spots next to the building that are
41 closest to 454. That's the shortest distance we can run the
42 electrical feed, so that's why those were recommended.

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44 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

45 So if my math is correct, and it's been some time, but that would
46 be a total of ten or eight?

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48 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

49 Six so far, six to begin with.

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51 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

52 Six. Okay.

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54 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

55 Six to begin with by the end of April is the goal.

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 So when you said six at the visitor DPW and then you said two in
3 the back of DPW, in the rear, and then two at the Legislature.

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5 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

6 I may have misspoke. There's two at the DPW visitor -- there is
7 six all together. Two at the DPW visitor parking lot in front, two
8 at the fleet in the back and two at the North County Complex.

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10 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

11 Let me correct my math.

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13 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

14 Mr. Chairman, if you're done, can I just ask one question?

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16 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

17 You sure can.

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19 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

20 Thank you. So did I get this right? We're doing six charging
21 stations, correct, and it's costing us a million dollars to plan
22 those?

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24 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

25 Yeah. The million dollars is for the consultant for the next few
26 years. So, you know, we've already figured out and have done the
27 design to the great extent for those charging stations. So we're
28 looking for them to update our plan. We're looking for them to
29 design future installations as build-out continues in the County
30 facilities.

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32 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

33 Okay, so it's not --

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35 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

36 It's more than we can handle inhouse, but because they were not on
37 board we went ahead and did those first few initial, most of the
38 design inhouse, for those first few initial stations.

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40 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

41 Okay. It did seem like a lot of money for planning if it was only
42 --

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44 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

45 Yeah, we'd originally estimated ten million, so this was -- this
46 was what we got to move forward with the process. So if we're
47 going to move forward wisely we don't plan to get ahead of
48 technology or ahead of the needs of the County.

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50 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

51 All right. Okay, thank you.

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53 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

54 Legislator Krupski.

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1 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

2 Thank you. So listening to the discussion, you're going to place
3 them in three different locations. Is the -- I don't know how much
4 energy you need to get to a charging station or how much it's going
5 to cost. How do you come off the grid and if you're going to put
6 two in in one location, do you plan on putting more in so that when
7 you're digging the hole and laying the wires you're ready to wire
8 up more units or how does that work.

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10 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

11 Yeah, these locations have been picked so they're very close to the
12 electrical feeds in the building. Like, for instance, at the
13 Legislature at the North County Complex it's around the corner.
14 It's still the first set of parking spots. That is the shortest
15 run from the building. We can't do too many at each of these
16 buildings. You know, once you get beyond four or six charging
17 units you've got to upgrade the electrical feeds and provide more
18 service, and that service will be better and easier to track in the
19 future. So until that's available through PSE&G and other sources,
20 these are what we can do now with the existing electrical supply to
21 those buildings.

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23 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

24 Then you'll need someone to manage -- I would think manage it. So
25 I'm going to pull up my electrical vehicle and charge it for how
26 long, 20 minutes, 60 minutes?

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28 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

29 Yeah, I don't know that we have a limit. We will be watching it
30 closely.

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32 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

33 Then, yeah, because other employees that, you know, want to charge
34 when they're at work, I mean, it would be the convenient time to
35 charge. That would be -- someone would have to manage that, I
36 would think, right?

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38 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

39 Yes, and that's why we want the tracking system. I've insisted on
40 the tracking system that we can track everything.

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42 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

43 Okay.

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45 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

46 So that we can monitor as we go. But there are limitations, the
47 fact that these are being funded 90% and 50% by PSE&G. We do have
48 to make them public, open to the public, those four at least.

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50 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

51 For free. For how long?

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53 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

54 We can get back to you on that. I don't know the exact length of
55 the contract.

1 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

2 And what's the cost to charge a vehicle like that?

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4 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

5 And, again, Joe might be able to answer that question, our
6 electrical engineer is here, but it's also something we can get
7 back to you on.

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9 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

03:27PM 10 Oh, yeah, that's fine. You can get back to me. Thank you. That's
11 fine. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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13 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

14 Thank you, Legislator Krupski. Legislator Anker.

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16 **LEG. ANKER:**

17 So, again, my question, I think we've spoken about this before is,
18 why don't we do solar charge? If PSEG is paying us, you know,
19 going to fund 90%, well, we're going to have these electrical
03:28PM 20 charges and who is going to pay for the electric? The County will
21 be paying the electric to PSEG? The ratepayers, right. So why
22 don't we do solar charges? It's very nice that PSEG is providing
23 this 90% rebate, however, you know, the sustainable direction
24 really would be more solar. I mean, we do have the solar panels,
25 you know, on the parking lots. I just -- it might be a better
26 direction, again, a future direction.

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28 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

29 Yes, Legislator, we're looking into that. I think in the future
03:28PM 30 you'll see more and more of that. We did look at some portable
31 units that were solar powered that were just very expensive and we
32 think over time the product will be better and the price will be
33 better say two or three years from now.

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35 **LEG. ANKER:**

36 Right. And the longer you have the solar the payback starts to
37 come down, so -- but we appreciate you looking towards the future
38 and new technology that hopefully will help benefit, you know, the
39 County and our, you know, ability to manage our finances, so
03:29PM 40 thanks.

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42 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

43 Is that all, Legislator Anker? Thank you. Legislator Thorne.

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45 **LEG. THORNE:**

46 Hi, Commissioner. Good afternoon. I just -- I got to touch back
47 on this million dollars for the consultant. First, what's the name
48 of the consultant that's going to get the million dollars?

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03:29PM 50 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

51 Lirzardos. They're a regular electrical consultant. We use them
52 often on our buildings.

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54 **LEG. THORNE:**

55 And what is the definitive range of the contract for a million
56 dollars as a consultant?

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2 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

3 I believe it's three years, but Joe Iannucci, our Chief Electrical
4 Engineer, can answer that. Joe?

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6 **MR. IANNUCCI:**

7 Hi, good afternoon. The one million dollars for this year is like
8 the first installment of the overall project. This is a three
9 phase project, starting with phase zero. Phase zero would be to
03:30PM 10 review the feasibility study that was created a couple of years
11 ago, review that study, update it, look into newer technologies
12 that have come out. Phase I of the project is the initial
13 build-out which is four locations, the North County Complex, H.
14 Lee Dennison Building, Yaphank County Center and Riverhead County
15 Center. So the one million dollars for planning this year will
16 partially fund the design work for the first phase of the project,
17 which is for those four locations.

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19 **LEG. THORNE:**

20 So is it safe to assume it's one million dollars every year, then,
21 going forward?

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23 **MR. IANNUCCI:**

24 Yes. I believe the overall proposal from the consultant was five
25 million dollars.

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27 **LEG. THORNE:**

28 So it's five million for a consultant for three years.

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30 **MR. IANNUCCI:**

31 Yes. And then Phase II will be additional locations. So this is
32 -- the point of the project is to conform with the County
33 Executive's Order to convert the entire fleet to electric. That's
34 the overall purpose of this project.

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36 **LEG. THORNE:**

37 And, listen, I'm all in agreeance with that, but I want to make
38 sure I have that -- our job is oversight on taxpayers money and it
39 went from one million to the next couple of years to five million
03:31PM 40 over the next three years. You can see where I need to be
41 concerned about the taxpayers, right?

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43 **MR. IANNUCCI:**

44 Understood.

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46 **LEG. THORNE:**

47 Thank you.

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49 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

03:31PM 50 Real quick -- and thank you, Legislator Thorne. Real quick, Joe,
51 just state for your name for the record. The stenographer didn't
52 get it.

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54 **MR. IANNUCCI:**

55 Sure. I am Joseph Iannucci, Jr. I'm the Electrical Engineer and
56 Capital Projects Manager with Facilities Engineering in DPW.

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CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Thank you. Good? All right, no problem. All right, any further questions? That being said, so we're going to go with the vote. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. THORNE:
Opposed.

LEG. ANKER:
Opposed.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Opposed.

LEG. PICCIRILLO:
Opposed.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Abstentions?

CLERK TASSONE:
Three.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Three? Is that the number?

CLERK TASSONE:
Chairman Caracappa, Legislator Piccirillo, Legislator Anker, Legislator Thorne, all opposed.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
So in favor of it was how many?

CLERK TASSONE:
Three.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
So it fails.

CLERK TASSONE:
Fails.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
There was four opposed. All right, so with that being said, 1053 -- no, I'm sorry. I'm on the wrong one. Let's skip down.

LEG. PICCIRILLO:
Mr. Chairman, making a motion to reconsider.

LEG. THORNE:
Second.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
We have a motion and a second to reconsider the vote. Are we tabling? Did you want to make a motion to table?

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2 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

3 Yeah, I just don't want it to fail. I think we should table it and
4 get more information and not kill it.

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6 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

7 I would agree with that, Legislator. So, with that, would you like
8 to make a separate motion?

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10 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

11 Yeah. I make a motion to table.

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13 **LEG. THORNE:**

14 I'll second it.

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16 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

17 We have a motion to reconsider. I'll second the motion to
18 reconsider. All in favor to reconsider the vote? Any opposed?
19 Abstentions to reconsidering the vote?

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21 **CLERK TASSONE:**

22 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
23 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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25 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

26 Okay. Now, we have a motion from Legislator Piccirillo to table.

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28 **LEG. THORNE:**

29 Second.

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31 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

32 And that would be the I.R. 1065. So we have a motion from
33 Legislator Piccirillo, second from Legislator Thorne, to table I.R.
34 1065 for further evaluation. All in favor of that? Opposed?
35 Abstentions?

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37 **CLERK TASSONE:**

38 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
39 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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41 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

42 So with that, 1065 is tabled.

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44 Okay, moving on. We have *I.R. 1068 - Appropriating funds in*
45 *connection with the County Share for participation in Traffic*
46 *Signal Timing, Coordination and Communications Improvements (CP*
47 *3309)(Co. Exec.).* Anybody?

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49 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

50 Motion.

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52 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

53 Motion by Legislator Krupski.

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55 **LEG. THORNE:**

56 Second.

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2 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

3 Second by Legislator Thorne. Anybody on the motion? All in favor?
4 Opposed? Abstentions?

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6 **CLERK TASSONE:**

7 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
8 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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03:34PM 10 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

11 I.R. 1068 is approved. Next up is *I.R. 1074 - Appropriating funds*
12 *in connection with Dredging of County Waters (CP 5200) (Co. Exec.).*

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14 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

15 Motion to approve for the purpose of debate.

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17 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

18 Of course. I'll second that. I'll second the motion.

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20 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

21 On the motion, Mr. Chairman.

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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

24 On the motion, Legislator Piccirillo.

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26 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

27 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through the Chair to Commissioner Brown.
28 Commissioner, just -- I'm reading this and I know there was a list
29 provided in the backup document of several locations, but in the
03:35PM 30 5th Whereas clause, the specific dredging project to be funded by
31 the appropriation made herein and the bonds to be issued to fund
32 such appropriations are not known as the date hereof and will not
33 be determined until all permits have been issued for such projects
34 by the DEC. So is this just a target list that you sent us or?

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36 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

37 Yes. I mean, this is the target list. You know, it changes, the
38 priorities change. There may be a couple that get added on by the
03:35PM 39 time we do it. This is, you know, the same amount we've been
40 asking the last couple of years that has kept this funding and kept
41 this going, so it's no more than that. We don't expect the program
42 to change very much.

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44 As for, you know, the specific wording, you know, that really gets
45 advised by the Budget Department so I can't speak to that exactly,
46 but that is an answer we can get. If you have a specific question
47 about that Whereas we can get back to you.

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49 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

03:35PM 50 Well, my most specific question is that, you know, if we approve
51 this today that the whole list isn't going to change and we're
52 actually approving work that we're not seeing. That's my issue.

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54 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

55 We don't expect the list to change significantly. The order may
56 change slightly and you may see a couple slide in there that become

1 urgent.

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3 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

4 Yeah, I mean, listen, the more the merrier. There's a serious, you
5 know, issue of dredging around the County, so I'm all for it.

6 Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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8 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

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9 I also notice in the legislation that there's -- it doesn't mention
10 the spoil sites in some of these locations so it's a concern as
11 well.

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13 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

14 We do. Those sites are important to us for you know, when we do
15 the work so we are, you know, rebuilding those sites to make sure
16 they they're working, that they're able to take the spoils that go
17 in there, so that's part of the program. And we may not have seen
18 that kind of focus in the previous years but that's -- we need to
19 keep our spoil sites, you know, in good repair.

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21 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

22 Is there any specific need to move with this today for \$5,700,000,
23 knowing that the list can change, the priority can change? I mean,
24 you know, you have certain Legislators up here that requested
25 dredging for their areas. They were excited to see these areas on
26 their list for their residents and their communities, and at this
27 point voting yes for it is not guaranteeing that this list will
28 even be nearly the same six months from now or whatever it may be,
29 two months from now.

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31 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

32 Yeah. Chairman, in my time here the last three years I've not seen
33 that list change significantly. It's been basically what has been
34 put out in the resolution has been the list that we've followed.
35 There's been a couple of additions here and there but there's been
36 no significant changes in previous years.

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38 We also -- our dredging windows are June and then when we get into
39 September that's the big window until January. So we do want, you
40 know, the ability to move forward with what we can and for that
41 month or so that we have in June.

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43 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

44 How much time do you think it would -- you would need to get a more
45 secure list of where these jobs would take place, when and the
46 priority?

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48 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

49 Yeah. We're -- the list, you know, might change in a month, Mr.
50 Chairman, it might change in two months.

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52 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

53 Based on?

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55 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

56 It's impacted by -- it's also impacted on how much we get done in

1 June and how much it changes going forward, so. I, you know, I'd
2 be hesitant for us to establish an exact list with an exact
3 priority because something may come in that becomes much more
4 urgent that may have been off our list that now should be number
5 four. Number six might become number four, number three might
6 become number five, as we get closer to --

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8 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

9 Right, and I get that, Commissioners. How did you come up with
10 this list that you have in front of us right now? And is that from
11 projects that weren't done last year or these are coming in now?
12 How often do these come in? I mean, we're in the middle of winter.
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14 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

15 Yeah, I mean, it's an ongoing process so they're always coming in,
16 they're always being requested by the towns. The towns have to
17 provide us the information before we can even go forward. There's
18 a series of things they have to provide. It also depends on
19 whether they submit their documentation or not. So if any of these
20 are not complete in their documentation and they don't submit it in
21 time, we may have to slide them down a couple of spots at the
22 priority order. So it's also dependent on the towns and what they
23 submit, because they're required to submit the request.
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25 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

26 But in the same breath then, forgive me, because I'm just trying to
27 get informed on this. So if a location or a town or a village is
28 late in getting their paperwork in and you move them down the list
29 because they're late, and they come back to you and it turns out it
30 is a priority, then they get moved back up.
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32 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

33 Yes, but that's something we can adjust as we go. When we finish,
34 say, the second location at the end of September, if we are
35 planning to do something in, you know, December or the next year
36 because we have the paperwork and all of a sudden we've got it and
37 we're ready to go and it's now the highest priority, we could
38 switch gears and move that in October. We have the combination of
39 both our in-house dredging machine and the contractor dredging
40 machine, so we have some flexibility to change of priorities, even
41 as we go in the fall when we deal with a situation like that.
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43 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

44 How many of these locations can we expect to get dredged during the
45 period that we have to?
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47 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

48 Yeah, I'd say historically that from my, you know, recollection the
49 last three years, I'd say we do four to eight.
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51 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

52 Four to eight.
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54 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

55 Four to eight every year. It could be more than that depending on
56 how extensive they are. It's really how big is the job and then

1 we've got to move from location to location.

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3 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

4 Anyone else? Legislator Thorne.

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6 **LEG. THORNE:**

7 Commissioner, are you looking for additional dredge -- thank you,
8 sir -- spoil sites in the Town of Brookhaven? We don't have any
9 that I know, right?

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11 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

12 I can't speak to that specifically. Our Deputy Chief Engineer,
13 Alex Prego, is here. He may know that information. If not, we can
14 get back to you.

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16 **LEG. THORNE:**

17 So does he know that information?

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19 **MR. PREGO:**

20 Good afternoon. We don't have any identified right now, additional
21 sites, but we are always on the lookout for more. Over the years a
22 lot of the former sites have been developed or redeveloped and are
23 out of -- really not possible to be reused now. So we don't have
24 any new ones identified right now at this moment.

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26 **LEG. THORNE:**

27 All right. So the only thing that concerns me here about that is
28 when you have two or three areas in my district where you're going
29 to -- it's going to be quite an expense to move the spoils to a
30 more distant location. Am I wrong about that?

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32 **MR. PREGO:**

33 So there's a few different things. You don't always need upland
34 spoil sites if it's -- if there's not contaminants and it's mostly
35 sand. So every project does not require an upland disposal site.

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37 **LEG. THORNE:**

38 And the majority of them do, is that a correct assumption?

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41 **MR. PREGO:**

42 On the south shore, yes. I would probably say majority, and then
43 we use hydraulic dredging and we pump it to those upland locations.
44 It's not actually shipped mechanically, it's done hydraulically.

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45 **LEG. THORNE:**

46 Okay. For now I'm good.

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48 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

49 Alex, would you mind just stating your name and position for the
50 record, please, for the stenographer.

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52 **MR. PREGO:**

53 Alexander Prego, Assistant Chief Engineer, Highway Structures and
54 Waterways, Department of Public Works.

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1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 Thank you. Any other questions? Seeing none, we have a motion and
3 a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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5 **CLERK TASSONE:**

6 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
7 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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9 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

10 I.R. 1074 is approved. Moving on, *I.R. 1075 - Authorizing*
11 *execution of a new Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk*
12 *County Sewer District No. 14 - Parkland with Sherwood Corporate*
13 *Center (IS-0752) (Co. Exec.).*

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15 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

16 I'm going to make a motion to approve, but just -- what's Sherwood
17 Corporate Center? Is Janice here?

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19 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

20 We have a motion. I need a second.

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22 **LEG. THORNE:**

23 Second.

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25 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

26 We have a second from Legislator Thorne. On the motion. Janice,
27 do you mind coming forward? Janice McGovern.

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29 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

03:43PM 30 While Janice is coming up here, Legislator, one of the things that
31 I've suggested is perhaps we attach a map to these resolutions in
32 the future so you can see the exact location.

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34 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

35 That would be helpful.

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37 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

03:43PM 38 You'll be much more familiar with it. As we have, as the Presiding
39 Officer knows, and the Chairman knows also, both on the committee,
40 the Sewer Agency. We have them at the Sewer Agency. I think it
41 would be helpful if we also included them. The next few
42 resolutions all are the same. They've gone through the Sewer
43 Agency and, you know, we have to go now to the Legislature to make
44 them formal.

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46 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

47 Yeah. Parkland is a residential neighborhood. Actually, my mother
48 lived there growing up and I'm just curious what Sherwood Corporate
49 Center is.

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51 **MS. MCGOVERN:**

52 It's really just for commercial buildings. I don't know which
53 buildings they are right now out of my, you know, out of memory.
54 I'd have to look up exactly which stores or which, you know, who
55 are the owners of, you know, what each building is meant for. I
56 have to get back to you on that. I just don't know it off the top

1 of my head.

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3 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

4 It's all residential there. I just don't know where they're moving
5 the pipe to where it would hook up to a commercial building.

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7 **MS. McGOVERN:**

8 Oh, it's actually -- this particular resolution is just they had an
9 agreement for many, many years and it expired, so they just had to
10 renew the agreement. It's a paperwork type of thing.

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12 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

13 Perfect.

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15 **MS. McGOVERN:**

16 But I could get it back to you if you want.

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18 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

19 No, you're good. Thank you so much.

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21 **MS. McGOVERN:**

22 Okay, thanks.

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24 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

25 And that's to approve the 16,000 plus gallons per day?

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27 **MS. McGOVERN:**

28 Yes.

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30 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

31 And that's all heading to where?

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33 **MS. McGOVERN:**

34 Sewer District 14.

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36 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

37 That's for the record. That's for the record there, Mr. McCaffrey.
38 Welcome to the family.

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40 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

41 If I may, Mr. Chairman. The next ten, this one and the next nine,
42 are all renewals in some form or another. Some things have changed
43 but they're all renewals.

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45 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

46 All right. So we have a motion and a second on 1075. All in
47 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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49 **CLERK TASSONE:**

50 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
51 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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53 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

54 1075 is approved. *I.R. 1076 - Authorizing execution of a new*
55 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
56 *District No. 3 - Southwest with Walt Whitman Associates, LLC*

1 **(HU-1014) (County Executive).** I'll make a motion.

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3 **LEG. THORNE:**

4 Second.

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6 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

7 Second by Legislator Thorne. On the motion? Seeing none, all in
8 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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10 **CLERK TASSONE:**

11 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
12 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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14 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

15 I.R. 1076 is approved. *I.R. 1077 - Authorizing execution of a new*
16 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
17 *District No. 3 - Southwest with Melville Corporate Center*
18 *(HU-1236) (Co. Exec.).* I'll make a motion.

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20 **LEG. THORNE:**

21 Second.

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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

24 Second by Legislator Thorne. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none,
25 all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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27 **CLERK TASSONE:**

28 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
29 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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31 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

32 I.R. 1077 is approved. *I.R. 1078 - Authorizing execution of a new*
33 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
34 *District No. 3 - Southwest with 330 South Service Road Melville*
35 *(HU-1343) (Co. Exec.).* I'll make a motion.

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37 **LEG. THORNE:**

38 Second.

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40 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

41 Second by Legislator Thorne. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none,
42 all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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44 **CLERK TASSONE:**

45 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
46 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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48 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

49 I.R. 1078 is approved. *I.R. 1079 - Authorizing execution of a new*
50 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
51 *District No. 6 - Kings Park with Kings Park Manor (SM-0884) (Co.*
52 *Exec.).* I'll make a motion.

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54 **LEG. THORNE:**

55 Second.

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1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 Second by Legislator Thorne. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none,
3 all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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5 **CLERK TASSONE:**

6 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
7 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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9 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

03:46PM 10 I.R. 1079 is approved. *I.R. 1080 - Authorizing execution of a new*
11 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
12 *District No. 6 - Kings Park with Willow Ridge HOA (SM-0772) (Co.*
13 *Exec.). I'll make the motion.*

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15 **LEG. THORNE:**

16 Second.

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18 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

03:46PM 19 Second by Legislator Thorne. Anyone on that motion? Seeing none,
20 all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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22 **CLERK TASSONE:**

23 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
24 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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26 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

03:46PM 27 I.R. 1080 is approved. *I.R. 1081 - Authorizing execution of a new*
28 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
29 *District No. 3 - Southwest with Kedrion Biopharma (HU-1011) (Co.*
30 *Exec.). I'll make the motion.*

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32 **P.O. MCCAFFREY:**

33 Second.

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35 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

36 Second by Legislator McCaffrey. Changing it up a little bit.
37 Anyone on the motion? Seeing none, all in favor? Opposed?
38 Abstentions?

03:46PM 39
40 **CLERK TASSONE:**

41 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
42 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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44 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

45 1081 is approved. *I.R. 1082 - Authorizing execution of an*
46 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
47 *District No. 3 - Southwest with Estee Lauder Plant (HU-1036) (Co.*
48 *Exec.). I'll make a motion.*

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50 **LEG. THORNE:**

51 Second.

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53 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

54 Second by Legislator Thorne. Anyone on the motion? Seeing none,
55 all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**

2 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
3 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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5 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

6 I.R. 1082 is approved. *I.R. 1083 - Authorizing execution of a new*
7 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
8 *District No. 6 - Kings Park with Lakebridge Club HOA (SM-0740) (Co.*
9 *Exec.).*

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11 I'll make a motion. Second by Legislator McCaffrey. Anyone on the
12 motion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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14 **CLERK TASSONE:**

15 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
16 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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18 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

19 I.R. 1083 is approved. *I.R. 1084 - Authorizing execution of a new*
20 *Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer*
21 *District No. 6 - Kings Park with Country Pointe at Kings Park HOA*
22 *(SM-1365) (Co. Exec.).*

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24 I'll make a motion. Second by Legislator McCaffrey. Anyone on
25 that motion? With that, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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27 **CLERK TASSONE:**

28 Seven. *(Vote: 7-0-0-1. Legislator Trotta - Not Present; Presiding*
29 *Officer McCaffrey is included in the vote).*

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31 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

32 1084 is carried. *I.R. 1086 - Authorizing the County Executive to*
33 *execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement with various school districts*
34 *within the County in connection with the procurement of artificial*
35 *turf (Co. Exec).* I'll make a motion.

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37 **LEG. THORNE:**

38 Second.

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40 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

41 Second by Legislator Thorne.

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43 **LEG. ANKER:**

44 On the motion.

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46 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

47 On the motion, Legislator Anker.

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49 **LEG. ANKER:**

50 How much money is going towards these artificial turfs?

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52 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:**

53 Yeah, this resolution was put through by Legal, so I'm not sure I
54 could --

03:48PM

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 She's making her way up. Just please state your name and title for
3 the record, please.

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5 **MS. WRIGHT:**

6 Sure. It's Afreen Wright from the County Attorney's Office. There
7 is no financial obligation on the County. It's not the County
8 that's purchasing. We're just doing the administrative function of
9 procurement.

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11 **LEG. ANKER:**

12 Okay. Because, again, a lot of the schools, well, the parents have
13 issues with artificial turf, it being a health hazard. Have you
14 done research on that or is that being considered?

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16 **MS. WRIGHT:**

17 No.

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19 **LEG. ANKER:**

03:48PM 20

21 Are we going to do that? I just don't want to get sued, you know,
22 if it becomes a health hazard and we were part of, you know, giving
23 money for artificial turfs. I'm not saying artificial turfs aren't
24 needed. A lot of -- you know, most of the schools, a lot of the
25 parks have artificial turf. But I know 20 years ago when I was
26 doing research when they were just starting to become popular, you
27 know, the particles would get in the kids clothing and it really
28 became a concern with parents.

29 **MS. WRIGHT:**

03:49PM 30

31 So this was all spurred by a request from Legislator Piccirillo's
32 office to our then Director of Shared Services Ed Moltzen. The
33 question that came to me was can we participate in this sort of a
34 cooperative procurement and the answer is yes, we can. At the time
35 19 school districts were interested. They have now dwindled down
36 to 13 school districts, many of whom have had the artificial turf
37 program approved by the budget in the election in November.
38 Huntington is quite eager to get going on this as well.

39 We do not make any representations about the sustainability or the
03:49PM 40 quality or environmental appropriateness of artificial turf. We're
41 simply here to be -- to effectuate what SuffolkShare is intended to
42 do, which is to minimize the administrative backlog amongst those
43 school districts and combine our purchasing value with economies of
44 scale. You know, a savings to the school district is a savings to
45 the taxpayer, who is our mutual constituent.

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47 **LEG. ANKER:**

48 Does the County own any artificial turfs?

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50 **MS. WRIGHT:**

51 Not to my knowledge.

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53 **LEG. ANKER:**

54 Okay, thank you.

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 I've got Legislator Krupski, followed by Legislator Fleming.

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4 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

5 Thank you. I did -- I have the same concerns as Legislator Anker,
6 and the injuries to the children. I mean, the environmental and
7 health concerns, but also the injuries. I think that's why all the
8 Major League sports teams got away --

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03:50PM 10 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

11 I guess a simple question. Do we hold any liability by doing this?

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13 **MS. WRIGHT:**

14 Well, each of the school districts are required to consummate the
15 transactions on their own, so what we're doing is putting out the
16 bid based on the specifications that the school districts have
17 provided to us, we advertise it, with the commitment that there are
18 13 school districts that if they want to purchase artificial turf,
19 will purchase it through the County bid. So when a bidder comes
03:51PM 20 and sees that sort of a commitment we're hoping that the price will
21 be -- will affect -- the bid will be affected by that sort of a
22 commitment. The school districts would then have their -- they do
23 have their own engineers who have curated specific specifications
24 and plans for each of the turfs that they want to either install
25 artificial turf at or replace fields for. And like I said, they
26 are responsible for consummating the transaction with the
27 successful bidder.

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29 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

03:51PM 30 So again, in layman's terms, do we assume any liability if we are
31 the curators?

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33 **MS. WRIGHT:**

34 Our responsibility is to ensure that the bid is put out pursuant to
35 General Municipal Law 103. That's the extent of our commitment.

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37 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

38 Good. Thank you.

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03:51PM 40 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

41 All right. Legislator Fleming.

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43 **LEG. FLEMING:**

44 Thank you. But wouldn't the pricing be dependent upon the number
45 of participating schools?

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47 **MS. WRIGHT:**

48 So, yes. There are 13 participating schools. The school districts
49 were pretty adamant that they did not want to have a commitment to
03:52PM 50 purchase, which makes sense, but if they do purchase, they will
51 purchase off of this bid.

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53 **LEG. FLEMING:**

54 I guess that's my question. I mean, we've seen these fights at the
55 school board level and they get very heated and very lengthy and
56 oftentimes the parents who are opposed to the use of the artificial

1 turf prevail, that's what I've seen in my own school district. So
2 the question is if the pricing is dependent upon the number 13 and
3 Southampton, just for instance, or Longwood, for instance, does
4 not -- is not able to carry the vote, are we going to lose the
5 pricing structure of the bid?
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7 **MS. WRIGHT:**

8 Well, the pricing is going to be due at the time that the bids are
9 reviewed. So right now what we can advertise to the bidders is
03:53PM 10 that, again, 13 school districts have committed that if they need
11 turf will purchase turf. I'm probably saying the same thing over
12 and over again without maybe answering your question. What was
13 that? I am? So is there a chance that out of the 13 school
14 districts all 13 of them say we've changed our minds, we're not
15 going to be purchasing artificial turf, sure that could be a
16 possibility.
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18 **LEG. FLEMING:**

19 But I guess what I'm trying to say is if the pricing is dependent
03:53PM 20 upon the number of participating schools. In other words, if it's
21 an economy of scale that's being achieved then if half of them drop
22 out won't the other half lose the price advantage that they had by
23 being part of the larger group.
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25 **MS. WRIGHT:**

26 No, because the bids are due at a date certain. So the bid is --
27 the bidders are putting their bid in based on the possibility that
28 up to 13 school districts could purchase off of this bid. They
29 can't then go and change their bid after a few of them may drop
03:54PM 30 out.
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32 **LEG. FLEMING:**

33 So the vendor is taking a risk.
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35 **MS. WRIGHT:**

36 It could be.
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38 **LEG. FLEMING:**

39 But just so the record is clear, and I'll ask you to repeat it,
03:54PM 40 because you are good at it I guess, is any given school district
41 would be free to decline to install artificial turf if the parents
42 and the folks who sit on those boards decide that it's not safe for
43 the children.
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45 **MS. WRIGHT:**

46 I'll rephrase that a little bit and answer it this way. Any of the
47 13 school districts that have agreed to sign the intermunicipal
48 agreement, any of them may decline to purchase artificial turf from
49 the County bid at any point during the bid process.
03:55PM 50

51 **LEG. FLEMING:**

52 Thank you.
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54 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

55 Mr. Chairman, this just came about because I saw two or three
56 schools within my own district doing this by themselves and it was

1 really expensive, so I had called the County Attorney's Office or I
2 think I called Ed Moltzen's office and said, "Well, can the schools
3 get on the SuffolkShare Program and try to bid for all these
4 together to save money." That's the only reason I was looking to
5 do this, but the health and safety and all that stuff is done at
6 the school board level. This is solely procurement on the County
7 level.

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9 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
10 Legislator Thorne.

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12 **LEG. THORNE:**

13 So real quick, because I just want to make sure -- Legislator
14 Fleming brought up a question in my mind. If everybody does or if
15 nobody does participate in this program, does it cost us one penny
16 either way? We're not in breach of contract, they didn't get any
17 customers from it. And just to reiterate, and I know you said it
18 very clearly and I appreciate that, there is no liability on us.
19 It is a school district action through their board and answerable
20 to their taxpayers. Is that correct?

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22 **MS. WRIGHT:**

23 That's correct. This is what's called an annual requirements
24 contract, so it's kind of like a catalog where a bidder would say
25 this type of turf cost this much, this is the labor cost to install
26 it, to maintain it and to repair it, and at some point if we were
27 to effectuate a purchase order on that, that's what the charge
28 would be, but there is no cost to the County at this time.

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30 **LEG. THORNE:**

31 And the only thing it does is enable the County to help the school
32 districts possibly save their taxpayers money. Is that correct?

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34 **MS. WRIGHT:**

35 That's correct.

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37 **LEG. THORNE:**

38 Thank you so much.

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40 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

41 So from what I see here in Exhibit A, participating school
42 districts include Amityville, Copaigue, East Islip, Huntington,
43 Longwood, Middle Country, Patchogue-Medford, Riverhead, Sachem,
44 Southampton, Connetquot, Hampton Bays and Lindenhurst.

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46 **MS. WRIGHT:**

47 That's correct, Legislator.

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49 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

50 All right. Well, thank you, Afreen. I appreciate everything you
51 do.

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53 **MS. WRIGHT:**

54 Sure. Thank you.

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 Especially on that wastewater Sewer Agency. All right. So, Bobby,
3 you lost my spot, thank you very much for coming in here and
4 tearing it up. All right. It's here, I found it.

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6 All right. So on 1086 we have a motion and a second. Anybody else
7 on the motion? Seeing none, all in favor? Opposed? Abstain?

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9 **LEG. ANKER:**

10 Abstain.

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12 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

13 Abstain.

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15 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

16 Cosponsor.

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18 **CLERK TASSONE:**

19 Six -- I'm sorry, four. *(Vote: 4-0-2-1 Abstentions: Legislators*
20 *Anker and Krupski; Not Present: Legislator Trotta).*

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22 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

23 Four. So I.R. 1086 passes. I also cosponsor that as well. I'll
24 send the e-mail. Do we still have to do that here in Riverhead or
25 can I just say it?

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27 **CLERK TASSONE:**

28 Of course.

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30 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

31 Different rules for Hauppauge?

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33 **CLERK TASSONE:**

34 Universal rule.

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36 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

37 All right. We're getting there, folks. *I.R. 1105 - Amend*
38 *Resolution No. 1083-2021, to extend the report deadline for the*
39 *Task Force to support the creation of jobs in the Renewable Energy*
40 *Sector (Fleming).*

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42 Motion by Legislator Fleming, second by Legislator Krupski. On the
43 motion anyone? I have a question for Legislator Fleming. So you
44 asked for, I believe, 180 days for extension. I'm hoping the task
45 force will get this in. I know you made the announcement and this
46 goes to -- your extension goes to 10/31 of the end of this year and
47 I know after that I don't believe you'll be sitting with us
48 anymore. I mean, that's what I read in the paper. It could be
49 wrong. I don't know. I don't want to come out and say anything,
50 but that's what I saw.

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52 **LEG. FLEMING:**

53 After October 31st? Heck no.

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55 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

56 No, December.

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LEG. FLEMING:

Correct. I will be serving out my term, thank you for bringing that to everyone's attention.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Oh, I thought this went to December 31st, but anyway, we hope to see the report. That's on the record. All right, so -- he said he's going to miss you and that's on the record.

LEG. FLEMING:

Who said that?

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Legislator Piccirillo.

LEG. FLEMING:

Oh, dude.

03:59PM

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

That's on the record, too.

LEG. FLEMING:

Thank you, Mr. Piccirillo.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Thank you, dude. So we have a motion and a second. Anybody else on the motion? Seeing none, all in favor? Opposed? What's the third one, again? Abstentions. That's the word I was looking for. It got lost on me.

04:00PM

CLERK TASSONE:

Six. *(Vote: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Trotta).*

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

All right, so 1105 is approved. Moving on. *I.R. 1110 - Approving extension of the License and Franchise for the Davis Park Ferry Co. Inc. For Cross Bay Service between Patchogue, New York and Fire Island Community of Davis Park (Presiding Officer McCaffrey).*

04:00PM

LEG. THORNE:

Motion with a cosponsor.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

We have a motion.

LEG. PICCIRILLO:

I'll make a motion to discharge without recommendation.

04:00PM

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

We have a motion to discharge without recommendation. Are you seconding that, Dominick -- Legislator Thorne?

LEG. THORNE:

Absolutely, because we need to move this.

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

2 All right. We have a motion to discharge and a second, it's a
3 discharge without recommendation. Anybody on that motion?
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5 **LEG. ANKER:**

6 On the motion.
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8 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

9 Legislator Anker.
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11 **LEG. ANKER:**

12 Have they raised the rates?
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14 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

15 Well, we have Stephanie here. Stephanie Sherman, are you with us?
16 I'm so sorry -- Steph, I would have taken this out of order. I'm
17 so sorry that you had to go through that. I didn't realize it. My
18 apologies. Just right to the podium. State your name for the
19 record.
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21 **STEPHANIE SHERMAN:**

22 Stephanie Sherman.
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24 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

25 With?
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27 **STEPHANIE SHERMAN:**

28 Davis Park Ferry Company.
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04:01PM

30 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

31 All right. So we have a question from Legislator Anker.
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33 **LEG. ANKER:**

34 Are you raising the rates for the ferry?
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36 **STEPHANIE SHERMAN:**

37 No. We have to go through a procedure to do that, and that would
38 probably -- we only do that when we need to. So it was in 2019 we
39 did that.
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04:01PM

41 **LEG. ANKER:**

42 Good to know. Thank you for your service to our community.
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44 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

45 All right. Legislator Thorne.
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47 **LEG. THORNE:**

04:01PM

48 So I had an opportunity to speak with you. I was also overjoyed to
49 hear that the Davis Park Ferry, which is certainly -- charges us no
50 additional, has dedicated a vessel to always be ready in the event
51 of a major emergency on Fire Island to transport our firefighters,
52 which is near and dear to my heart, our EMS works, or people off
53 the Island. So I just want to thank you for being a very
54 responsible ferry owner and always ready to help our 911 services
55 get to that Island should something erupt over there that we need
56 to get there. So thank you for keeping that vessel ready for us.

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STEPHANIE SHERMAN:

You're welcome. We're ready in the middle of the night. They call us, we've gone many times, so.

LEG. THORNE:

I've been on your boat in the middle of the night, I'm well aware, yes. Thank you.

STEPHANIE SHERMAN:

It came to my attention that the bond is expiring tomorrow but I have the new one here if you'd like to take it for the record. I don't know. The bond that I have to have -- that the company has to have.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Submit it to the Clerk. The Clerk will take it from you and we'll put it on the record.

So we have a motion and a second. Anybody else on the motion? Motion to discharge without recommendation. Seeing none, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? I remembered that time.

CLERK TASSONE:

Six. *(Vote: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Trotta)*

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

I.R. 1110 is approved and we'll put on the agenda for next month's -- next week's meeting. Again, I apologize for having you stick around, Steph.

All right. So, where are we. Seeing no other business, we stand adjourned. Thank you all.

*(*The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.*)*