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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

**THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL**

**RECONVENE THE MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022**

**FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**ON**

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022 AT 1:00 PM**

**IN**

**THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501**

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**MICHAEL C. PULITZER**

Clerk of the Legislature  
Nassau County, New York

**DATED: July 13, 2022  
Mineola, NY**



**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 7 – 2022**

An emergency resolution declaring an emergency for immediate action upon:

- 1) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Marie F. McCormack as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the Second Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 206-22); and
- 2) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Michael A. Montesano as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the Fourth Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 207-22); and
- 3) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Jaclene A. Agazarian as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the First Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 208-22); and
- 4) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Norman A. Sammut as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the Second Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 209-22); and
- 5) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Joseph Nocella as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the Second Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 212-22).

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce A. Blakeman, County Executive, has submitted to this County Legislature a written recommendation dated July 14, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Law of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the said recommendation refers to an emergency resolution declaring an emergency for immediate action upon an emergency resolution declaring an emergency for immediate action upon 1) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Marie F. McCormack as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the Second Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 206-22); and 2) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Michael A. Montesano as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for

the Fourth Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 207-22); and 3) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Jaclene A. Agazarian as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the First Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 208-22); and 4) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Norman A. Sammut as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the Second Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 209-22); and 5) A resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Joseph Nocella as a Judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the Second Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York (Clerk Item 212-22); and

WHEREAS, the said recommendation is that the County Legislature adopt a resolution declaring that an emergency exists in Nassau County the nature of which is to take immediate action upon the aforesaid resolutions; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby declares that an emergency exists within Nassau County, the nature of which is to consider and to take immediate action upon the aforesaid resolutions before this Legislature.



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 124-A -2022**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF MARIE F. MCCORMACK AS A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21(D) OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Marie F. McCormack as Judge of the District Court for the Second Judicial District for a term ending December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the said appointment of Marie F. McCormack as Judge of the District Court is hereby confirmed, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 124-B-2022**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF MICHAEL A. MONTESANO AS A  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU  
FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
21(D) OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Michael A. Montesano as Judge of the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District for a term ending December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the said appointment of Michael A. Montesano as Judge of the District Court is hereby confirmed, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 124-C-2022**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF JACLENE A. AGAZARIAN AS A JUDGE  
OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR  
THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21(D)  
OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW  
YORK**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Jaclene A. Agazarian as Judge of the District Court for the First Judicial District for a term ending December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the said appointment of Jaclene A. Agazarian as Judge of the District Court is hereby confirmed, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 124-E -2022**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF JOSEPH NOCELLA AS A JUDGE OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21(D) OF  
ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW  
YORK**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Joseph Nocella as Judge of the District Court for the Second Judicial District for a term ending December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the said appointment of Joseph Nocella as Judge of the District Court is hereby confirmed, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.



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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO  
PRESIDING OFFICER

RECONVENED LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
of June 27, 2022

County Executive and Legislative Building  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, July 18, 2022  
1:40 P.M.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm going  
3 to call this meeting of the county legislature  
4 to order and ask Legislator Tom McKeivitt to  
5 lead us in the pledge.

6 We will be reconvening the June  
7 27th meeting of the Nassau County Legislature,  
8 and Mike could you call the emergency please?

9 MR. PULITZER: An emergency  
10 resolution declaring an emergency for  
11 immediate action upon a resolution confirming  
12 the appointment by the county executive of  
13 Marie F. McCormack as a judge of the district  
14 court of the county of Nassau for the Second  
15 Judicial District pursuant to Section 21-D of  
16 Article 6 of the constitution of the state of  
17 New York. Clerk item 206-22.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
19 you. We need a motion to establish the  
20 emergency. Moved by Legislator Rhoads.  
21 Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel.  
22 Any debate or discussion on the emergency?  
23 Hearing none, all in favor of establishing the  
24 emergency signify by saying aye. Those  
25 opposed? Carries unanimously.

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2 Now I'm going to call the actual  
3 items which are items 106, 107, 208 -- items  
4 206, 207, 208 and 212. These are resolutions  
5 confirming the appointments by the county  
6 executive of Marie F. McCormack, Michael A.  
7 Montesano, Jaclene Agazarian and Joseph  
8 Nocella as judges of the district court of the  
9 county of Nassau for the Second Judicial  
10 District pursuant to Section 21-D of Article 6  
11 of the constitution of the state of New York.

12 We need a motion on those items.  
13 Moved by Legislator Ferretti. Seconded by  
14 Legislator McKeivitt. They are now before us.

15 I'd ask the respective judges if  
16 you want to come up and say a few words.  
17 Mike, just say hello. Just introduce  
18 yourself. All four of you actually.

19 MR. MONTESANO: My name is  
20 Michael Montesano. Formerly assemblyman 15th  
21 Assembly District. Glad to be here today.  
22 Thank you for your consideration for this  
23 appointment.

24 MS. MCCORMACK: My name is Marie  
25 McCormack. I'd like to thank the Honorable

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2 Bruce Blakeman, our county executive, as well  
3 as the members of this legislature here for  
4 considering my appointment. And I also wanted  
5 to thank you for the work you do for the  
6 people of the county of Nassau.

7 MS. AGAZARIAN: Good afternoon.  
8 My name is Jaclene Agazarian. Like my  
9 colleagues, I'd like to thank the county  
10 executive for the nomination and I would like  
11 to thank you all for your consideration and  
12 it's really an honor and a privilege. So  
13 thank you.

14 MR. NOCELLA: Good afternoon.  
15 Joseph Nocella. I want to follow in my three  
16 predecessors in the hopes that in following  
17 them all four of us will prove to be good  
18 judges and fair and impartial judges on the  
19 district court. I thank them. I thank you  
20 for considering this nomination, this  
21 appointment, and I'd like to thank County  
22 Executive Blakeman for making the  
23 appointments.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
25 very much to all four of you.

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2 Any debate or discussion? Hearing  
3 none, we're going to vote on 206, 207, 208  
4 first. That's the appointments of Marie  
5 McCormack, Michael Montesano, Jaclene  
6 Agazarian. All in favor of those appointments  
7 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They  
8 pass unanimously.

9 As to 212, the appointment of Joe  
10 Nocella, any debate or discussion? All in  
11 favor of that item signify by saying aye.  
12 Those opposed? We have 17 in favor and one  
13 abstention. Congratulations to the four of  
14 you.

15 We are going to put the full  
16 legislature into recess and then jump into the  
17 committees. We may be returning later to do  
18 the capital items but there has to be some  
19 discussions in terms of some of the specifics  
20 of those items before we move forward with  
21 respect to that. So, I'm going to put the  
22 legislature in recess, and I am going to call  
23 the Rules Committee.

24 (Meeting was recessed at 1:55 p.m.)

25 (Meeting was reconvened at 5:15

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2 p.m.)

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Now I'm  
4 going to call the full leg back in order. We  
5 have several items, three items on the  
6 calendar. Calendar number three Resolution  
7 96. A resolution declaring a capital budget  
8 emergency pursuant to Section 310(D) of the  
9 county government law of Nassau County.

10 Motion by Legislator Walker.  
11 Seconded by Legislator Gaylor. That puts the  
12 item before us. We need to have an amendment  
13 in the nature of a substitution. This amends  
14 the capital budget emergency resolution to  
15 reflect the project 41887 Museum Row  
16 renovation and expansion and project 51001  
17 district attorney information technology  
18 infrastructure are new projects in the 2021  
19 capital budget amendment.

20 We need a motion to amend.  
21 Legislator Walker makes that motion.  
22 Legislator Gaylor seconds that motion. Any  
23 debate or discussion on the amendment? All in  
24 favor of the amendment signify by saying aye.  
25 Those opposed? The amendment passes

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2 unanimously.

3 Now we have the item as amended.

4 All in favor of the item as amended signify by  
5 saying aye. Those opposed? Carries  
6 unanimously.

7 The next item is calendar number  
8 four, Ordinance 35 of 2022. An ordinance to  
9 amend Ordinance 126 of 2020 adopting the  
10 capital budget for the county of Nassau for  
11 the first year of the four-year capital plan  
12 to commence on January 1, 2021 pursuant to the  
13 provisions of Section 310 of the county  
14 government law of Nassau County.

15 Motion by Legislator Kennedy.

16 Seconded by Legislator McKevitt. That puts it  
17 before the legislature. Now we need an  
18 amendment in the nature of a substitution to  
19 amend the 2021 capital budget amendment to  
20 reflect corrected authorization amounts for  
21 certain projects.

22 Motion by Legislator Kennedy to  
23 amend. Seconded by Legislator McKevitt. So  
24 the amendment is before us. Any debate or  
25 discussion on the amendment?

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, as the  
3 previous vote as it pertains to the emergency  
4 to the capital plan, obviously we supported it  
5 and we plan to support the capital plan.  
6 Unfortunately, as it pertains to the bond  
7 ordinance, from our perspective we at first  
8 heard from the administration earlier today.  
9 We haven't heard anything over the last  
10 several months that we deem to be in good  
11 faith in order to be able to move forward.

12 We had brought to the attention of  
13 the administration several projects that were  
14 identified by a study that have -- road  
15 projects -- that have been deemed to be  
16 unsafe. Newsday had written a story regarding  
17 some of these roads on June 11th. Some of the  
18 roads were identified were Nassau Road,  
19 Babylon Turnpike, Peninsula Boulevard,  
20 Franklin Avenue to name a few. There have  
21 been also several roads such as Elmont Road as  
22 well as Old Country Road where they have been  
23 deemed to be and seem to be unsafe.

24 But I really truly believe more  
25 importantly than anything else the county has

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2 been put on notice. I mean, these roads have  
3 been deemed to be unsafe. The county now  
4 knows. There's been a story about them. We  
5 were just trying to advocate to get these  
6 projects included into the capital plan. And  
7 it seemed like, based on our discussion, based  
8 on what we heard, that it's been rebuffed.  
9 That's unfortunate because I think based off  
10 of what we're asking for these projects are  
11 truly in the best interests of the residents  
12 in making sure pedestrian walkways are safe.

13 So, I think it's an unfortunate  
14 turn that we're actually going through this  
15 exercise of voting for the capital plan even  
16 though we know the bonding is not going to be  
17 there.

18 That being said, we understand that  
19 there are public safety, there are district  
20 attorney, Nassau County Police Department  
21 items in here. We would be more than happy to  
22 vote for that stuff right now. We will bond  
23 it. Get it done. I believe there's 16, \$17  
24 million in PD slash DA. Maybe even some  
25 correction projects -- fire commission,

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2 sorry -- that are in here. We'll be prepared  
3 to do those today.

4 But it seems to be by the  
5 administration it's an all or nothing  
6 approach, which I truly think is unfortunate.  
7 I guess this will get hammered out over the  
8 next three weeks. But from our standpoint we  
9 truly believe that we can do this today.

10 The projects that we're asking for  
11 in the legislative minority are all projects  
12 that the county has been on notice for a  
13 while. Quite frankly, if the administration  
14 had reached out to us in those time frames we  
15 would have gladly shared that with them. That  
16 these projects are a priority.

17 Granted, some of these projects  
18 actually predate this administration. For  
19 some reason when they showed up in previous  
20 capital plans with the other administration  
21 today they're not here. Which is  
22 unfortunate.

23 From that standpoint we're going to  
24 support the plan because we believe that all  
25 those projects should go forward. Whether

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2 they're resurfacing projects. Whether they're  
3 park projects, improvement projects. We think  
4 all these projects should go forward. We  
5 believe in getting not just the work done but  
6 getting many of our labor folks to work.

7 But at the same time we cannot  
8 support the bond authorization at this time.  
9 But we are willing to do the PD and the fire  
10 commission as well as the district attorney  
11 public safety money today. We don't want to  
12 see that get caught up in anything else.

13 But we have a hard time when we  
14 believe that the county has been put on notice  
15 as it pertains to some of these pedestrian  
16 upgrades throughout many districts. We have a  
17 hard time supporting a plan that doesn't  
18 include and ensure that all roadways are going  
19 to be safe. Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The only  
21 point that I would make would be that this,  
22 what we are considering today, is an amendment  
23 to a 2021 capital budget and bonding  
24 etcetera. That additional projects that the  
25 minority wants to include was really more

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2     appropriate being negotiated into the upcoming  
3     2023 capital budget. Because we have projects  
4     as well that we want negotiated into that.  
5     So, I don't believe that it's worth while to  
6     stop this at this time to exert your leverage  
7     to prevent this from going forward when  
8     there's upcoming negotiations on the 2023  
9     capital budget.

10                   Mr. Arnold, I see you standing.

11                   LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS:     Just as  
12     Mr. Arnold approaches, Presiding Officer, the  
13     one thing I just want to reference that a good  
14     chunk of our projects they were in previous  
15     plans. They were there. They're just not  
16     being bonded today. One of the cases in point  
17     I'll bring up is Franklin Avenue. A project  
18     that Legislator Bynoe and I have know about.  
19     We put the previous administration -- Mr.  
20     Arnold knows this -- we put the previous  
21     administration on notice. And for whatever  
22     reason, the authorization in -- the 2021  
23     project authorization is not even being  
24     considered.

25                   Now, granted, there may be some

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2 issues. I'm sure Mr. Arnold will try to  
3 explain them. But you have two legislators  
4 that have been put on notice about an area, a  
5 roadway that is deemed unsafe.

6 And schools. I mean, there's no  
7 politics here. This is straight advocacy for  
8 our constituents.

9 So, from our standpoint, I have a  
10 hard time voting yes to something that I've  
11 been made fully aware of that I've brought to  
12 the parties that can impact the change to  
13 change it. It's just that simple. Sorry for  
14 doing that. Go ahead Mr. Arnold.

15 MR. ARNOLD: Thank you. Before  
16 you today is a capital budget amendment and  
17 associated bond ordinance to continue the work  
18 of the department and the other agencies  
19 throughout the county as a result of the 2022  
20 plan not being acted on. All the projects  
21 that are listed are ongoing existing projects  
22 or equipment purchases or funding for capital  
23 projects that are used to address unforeseen  
24 conditions.

25 Specifically to the traffic items,

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2 there is a significant amount of money in  
3 traffic studies added to this capital  
4 amendment that would be utilized to do the  
5 studies that have been mentioned to us in  
6 these new locations.

7 On the older locations like  
8 Franklin and Nassau, the department has  
9 proposals ready to go out to our on call  
10 consultants. It's just a matter of clearing  
11 other work and these would go out next. They  
12 could go out probably before the end of the  
13 month if necessary.

14 The department also has many other  
15 projects that look at the various traffic  
16 issues that are brought to our attention  
17 whether it's by a legislator, a constituent or  
18 internally by my people. We are initiating a  
19 traffic accident mapping program to look at  
20 locations throughout the whole county. This  
21 body voted on the Greenman Pederson contract  
22 not too long ago. That project finally  
23 started.

24 In addition, we have various  
25 studies going on for many locations. I cannot

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2 even speak to some of these Newsday areas  
3 already being in our queue because of other  
4 complaints that we have received.

5 But the bottom line is that 62500,  
6 which will have a nexus of \$4 million, can be  
7 more than utilized for any study of any area  
8 of your concern immediately once the bond  
9 ordinance is approved. And if warranted, a  
10 larger design and construction project then  
11 would be appropriate to ask for a specific  
12 capital project for those locations.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may  
14 Mr. Arnold. We just approved five projects to  
15 be added to the plan, didn't we? By  
16 emergency?

17 MR. ARNOLD: You approved --

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We just did  
19 the museum. We just did a couple of other  
20 projects. We just approved five projects to  
21 be added to the capital plan.

22 MR. ARNOLD: The museum was  
23 necessary because this body approved an  
24 agreement with the armor museum and this is  
25 the funding that was never allocated for that.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm not  
3 going to get into the merits of what's  
4 important versus not important. Obviously I  
5 voted for them. We did. We think they're all  
6 important. But what we're saying is that the  
7 projects in these neighborhoods are just as  
8 important. We can't make the argument that  
9 it's funded through other sources. Why didn't  
10 we say that about these other projects? Why  
11 couldn't we just fund them through other  
12 sources? The bottom line is those projects  
13 have line items in the capital plan. That's  
14 what we're asking for here, line items.

15 MR. ARNOLD: We were not looking  
16 to add line items for specific projects until  
17 we do the 2023 capital plan. At this point  
18 this is just a continuation of ongoing --

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But we're  
20 doing line items for these five other projects  
21 though.

22 MR. ARNOLD: Each one has a  
23 specific purpose. The parking lot by family  
24 court needed to be addressed in a timely  
25 matter to coincide with the family court

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2 project. That's why it was added as a  
3 specific project.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm all for  
5 everybody getting everything they need for  
6 their constituents. That's not issue. No one  
7 has to sell me on this stuff. I just voted  
8 for it. I'm for it. I'm going to vote for  
9 the capital plan. I'm just not going to  
10 support the bond ordinance unless you're going  
11 to break out the PD and the public safety  
12 stuff because that stuff I'm ready to do  
13 today.

14 But from our standpoint, what we're  
15 asking for is not to have these projects to be  
16 commingled into traffic safety with everything  
17 else that's being requested throughout the  
18 county. These are projects that the county  
19 has been put on notice.

20 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, we have been  
21 put on notice by Newsday but until we do the  
22 study do we know what the merits of the notice  
23 are? And that's what 62500's whole purpose  
24 is, is not to end up with, you know, dozens of  
25 capital projects for traffic until the initial

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2 work is done and the scopes are identified and  
3 then we put together a specific project.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But some of  
5 these projects, Ken, have been known about for  
6 years. I don't know about you but I've known  
7 about Franklin Avenue. I think we've brought  
8 that up before. Babylon same thing. Elmont  
9 Road in Legislator Solages' district I know  
10 it's been known about for quite some time.

11 MR. ARNOLD: Elmont Road we've  
12 completed, between Elmont Road and Dutch  
13 Broadway, about \$1.5 million of construction  
14 improvements.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But the one  
16 thing we did talk about today that there is an  
17 intersection where the mosque is located where  
18 he's brought to this attention going back to  
19 2019 Legislator Solages?

20 MR. ARNOLD: And we addressed  
21 that at the time saying that the county does  
22 not want to put up uncontrolled crosswalks and  
23 that the residents need to use the closest  
24 intersection to cross. If that needs to be  
25 revisited I'm open to do that. There are

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2 other projects that we're working on to try to  
3 control unprotected crosswalks. We can go  
4 back and look at that. But at that time that  
5 was our response.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But the way  
7 the Sheridan area project that was proposed in  
8 '22 and has not been adopted.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It seems  
10 like to me this is really more of an issue --  
11 I can't explain what the issue is really  
12 because it sounds like to me if I'm hearing  
13 you and I trust you because I've known you for  
14 many, many years. Going back to the time when  
15 I was in the finance office with Judy Jacobs.  
16 It's not an issue of that.

17 But it sounds like to me that the  
18 administration is prepared to fund them  
19 because they're going to pay for a lot of the  
20 studies through multiple different ways for a  
21 lot of these projects. I don't know if it's  
22 going to include everything that Legislator  
23 Drucker would like to see on Old Country  
24 Road. Or Stillwell Park that Legislator  
25 Lafazan would like to see to get done. But

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2 some of these road projects you are saying  
3 today that you would cover them through the  
4 traffic study 62500?

5 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, what  
7 we're asking for is for the projects to be  
8 broken out very similar to what we just did, I  
9 want to say ten minutes ago, for the five  
10 projects that were broken out before we did  
11 the emergency to include in the capital plan.  
12 Why are those projects being deemed so  
13 differently than the ones we're asking for?  
14 That's the part I don't understand.

15 MR. ARNOLD: This amendment in  
16 front of you is at least six weeks in the  
17 making. That's what we're looking to proceed  
18 with. We have many projects that have  
19 momentum that I need to keep on moving  
20 forward. We can keep saying what's the impact  
21 of a two-week delay, a three-week delay, but  
22 it does commingle everything else that this  
23 department needs to put out on street. And to  
24 keep pace we felt it was important when we  
25 develop this amendment probably two or three

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2 months ago to keep forward progress on  
3 completing or moving forward the existing  
4 scheduled work.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, you're  
6 saying it's extremely important that we do the  
7 bond today. We're prepared to do the public  
8 safety today. Why couldn't the public safety  
9 be broken out of the rest of the bond  
10 package? We've done that in the past, right?

11 MR. ARNOLD: We've done it many  
12 different iterations. For a couple of years  
13 we did every single bond ordinances on items  
14 for the same purpose. So, of course, we can  
15 always separate. It's just a matter of  
16 another thing to take care of.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It just  
18 seems like it's -- and I'm not saying you  
19 particularly Ken -- but it's just seems it's  
20 the administration thing it's our way or the  
21 highway. That's what it appears like. Which  
22 is fine. Because it will get resolved over I  
23 guess hopefully the next couple of weeks.

24 MR. ARNOLD: My bottom point is  
25 the work that you're asking for these road

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2 segments we can utilize money that is in the  
3 amendment that you're looking at today. We  
4 don't need to wait and do another line.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's why  
6 I don't think it's a money issue. That's why  
7 it boggled my mind when we had heard that the  
8 administration said nope, vote for the capital  
9 plan the way it is. It doesn't make any  
10 sense.

11 Because now we're saying that okay,  
12 we'll include it in the 2022-23 bond  
13 authorization but what we're asking for a lot  
14 of this stuff doesn't require more money. It  
15 just requires it to be in its own line so that  
16 we can point and tell our constituents, look,  
17 it's going to be funded here and here's the  
18 dollar amount for it. Rather than have it be  
19 commingled. If someone else gets hurts on one  
20 of these roads we're not going to be able to  
21 say hey, it's commingled in the traffic study  
22 money. We were going to take care of it.

23 We want to be able to say it's  
24 taken care of and here's the line item for  
25 Peninsula Boulevard or Old Country Road or

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2 Babylon Turnpike or Grand Avenue. We wouldn't  
3 be able to say that and point to that.

4 The only thing that's holding this  
5 up is that we have to do a SEQRA to be able to  
6 develop a capital line in the budget. But we  
7 can do that on August 8th. Why couldn't we do  
8 that on August 8th?

9 So, it's not a money issue. It  
10 really isn't. I got to tell you, honestly, it  
11 sounds like it's our way or the highway type  
12 of thing. Which it's unfortunate because  
13 we're talking about people's lives. These are  
14 not pork projects. These are real projects.  
15 And I hate the way that it's being described  
16 because one of the projects, I believe it was  
17 Nassau Road, is being described as a  
18 streetscape.

19 MR. ARNOLD: That's how it was  
20 submitted initially but we've taken that in  
21 the department and expanded ourselves to  
22 include resurfacing and traffic improvements.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If anybody  
24 tried to walk across Nassau Road it's the  
25 furthest thing from a streetscape that needs

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2 to happen there. I look forward to the study  
3 but I don't need a study to tell me that  
4 that's a very unsafe road. I'm probably going  
5 to put myself on the record and get myself in  
6 trouble with this but it's not the safest road  
7 to cross. And to me, I don't need a study to  
8 prove that.

9 But to me it just seems like today  
10 the administration has taken this approach  
11 where safety upgrades and pedestrian walkways  
12 in these neighborhoods don't need a line item  
13 but museum row and these other items that we  
14 just did ten minutes ago we broke those out,  
15 we did those by emergency, we added them to  
16 the capital plan, they got their own line,  
17 these projects were good we can do those but  
18 we can't do these.

19 MR. ARNOLD: But to be clear, the  
20 administration is not saying that we're not  
21 doing the projects. We're saying the funding  
22 exists in this amendment to do what you want  
23 to do. Then the line item could be added  
24 whence the study is completed or near  
25 completion so we understand the scope and the

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2 magnitude of course at that time. So I don't  
3 think we're disagreeing.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I got it.  
5 We're not disagreeing with the funding but  
6 what we are disagreeing with is that we just,  
7 five minutes ago, we just added five projects  
8 to the capital plan by emergency that are  
9 going to be a part of the bond ordinance. We  
10 just did that.

11 But now it seems like the projects  
12 that we're proposing, that we would like to  
13 see, that are not pork projects, that are good  
14 projects that go towards addressing pedestrian  
15 walkway safety, are not going to be added in  
16 the same way.

17 MR. ARNOLD: Again, this  
18 amendment has been in the process of being  
19 presented to you, it's been back and forth for  
20 a number of weeks.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And we've  
22 presented some of these projects as you know,  
23 Ken. Franklin--

24 MR. ARNOLD: I'm not disagreeing  
25 with Franklin or the ones that are in the

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2 plan. But the other projects are new. I  
3 don't disagree with you with Franklin.  
4 Legislator Bynoe has a bunch. You had a  
5 couple. I'm not disagreeing. They have line  
6 items. But the other items that you want to  
7 add my position is that we have the funding in  
8 the amendment for 62500 to kick those off.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think  
10 you have both set forth your positions  
11 adequately at this point.

12 Legislator Bynoe.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Mr. Arnold,  
14 so, Commissioner Arnold, thank you for  
15 acknowledging Franklin Avenue and that it's an  
16 existing project. It really should have taken  
17 place and should have started a long time  
18 ago. I know COVID happen and other things  
19 occurred but you and I both have met several  
20 times. We've talked in depth about the  
21 academy school and the problems that one  
22 encounters in that area. Especially during  
23 the admission in the morning and when they  
24 dismiss at night.

25 And so, not only did we know about

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2 those issues, because I'm getting complaints  
3 on a regular basis in my office, it's now  
4 memorialized and it's in the Newsday article.  
5 I don't see why this particular line item  
6 still did not get -- it's not up for bond. It  
7 should be out for the bond with everything  
8 else that's going out. I don't understand why  
9 we would be holding that back.

10 Even if you wanted to argue that  
11 Peninsula, because we're trying to address  
12 Peninsula, Peninsula is a new project. I  
13 don't understand why this administration will  
14 not fund the issues to be corrected on  
15 Franklin Avenue. Answer that for me please.

16 MR. ARNOLD: Working with OMB we  
17 don't bond for construction until we have a  
18 project ready to go to bid in that calendar  
19 year. Since we have not started the study of  
20 design, we're not ready to allocate or  
21 identify how much construction funding, which  
22 is why we did not put in a bond ordinance for  
23 those projects for construction.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Did you put in  
25 the bond ordinance for the design component?

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2 MR. ARNOLD: It's already there,  
3 yes.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: How long is a  
5 design likely to take?

6 MR. ARNOLD: Once the consultant  
7 starts you're probably talking six to eight  
8 months, study and design.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Six to eight  
10 months. And then we're going to wait what?  
11 Until that's done? I'm just trying to get an  
12 idea of what we're talking about here. When  
13 will pedestrians be safe in that area?  
14 Because this is a project from like 2019 or --  
15 2019.

16 MR. ARNOLD: 2019 or 2020.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I thought it  
18 was 2019.

19 MR. ARNOLD: One of those two  
20 years.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It might have  
22 been the 2020 plan that was put in in 2019.

23 MR. ARNOLD: Couple of plans  
24 ended up later.

25 The design six or seven months.

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2 Then you have procurement and then we go to  
3 construction. That the three phases of how  
4 work happens. Like I'm working Legislator  
5 DeRiggi-Whitton right now on Shore and  
6 Prospect and we just had a community meeting  
7 and we had the same conversations. Just a  
8 matter of getting consensus and then getting  
9 into final plans and specs and then getting  
10 the job out to bid.

11 I will say that on the Franklin job  
12 I think we need to go back and look at our  
13 notes. I don't believe the limits included  
14 the school.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Oh, it did.

16 MR. ARNOLD: I don't know.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I remember you  
18 and I both were remarking about how terrible  
19 it was. But that's my focus is that academy  
20 school.

21 MR. ARNOLD: We may have to  
22 change it. I think when we initially talked  
23 about this months ago I don't think the limits  
24 included that. It may have changed since  
25 then.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: They  
3 definitely do include it. They definitely  
4 include it. And the money is there. It  
5 definitely includes it.

6 MR. ARNOLD: Top of my head, I  
7 think there's a disconnect there that can be  
8 straightened out. I'm not worry about that.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's the  
10 whole purpose of me doing this whole endeavor  
11 is to make that area safe.

12 Then so Peninsula, which has also  
13 been identified as an issue, are we saying  
14 that -- what's the timeline for pedestrians to  
15 be safe in that area? Because I actually  
16 asked for a hearing for public works because  
17 while these areas were identified in this  
18 study that was done by a third party there are  
19 other legislators who have safety issues in  
20 their communities too.

21 MR. ARNOLD: The big picture on  
22 traffic is we get complaints every day from  
23 everywhere. Which is why we presented a  
24 project to look at accident data spatially on  
25 our mapping system so we can start looking at

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2 clusters and not just go by reactions of  
3 peoples' opinion. But get the data mapped to  
4 put together a plan forward.

5 Because the department gets  
6 overwhelmed when there's 4,000 complaints each  
7 wanting to be acted on. That's why we put  
8 together a capital project a couple of years  
9 ago. Just hired consultants just was brought  
10 on board to work with the I think it's the  
11 Department of Transportation's accident data.  
12 I'm not sure our police accident data. I  
13 think we're using DOT's accident data. To map  
14 it including the cause throughout the whole  
15 county to get a snapshot on where our problems  
16 are so we can start focusing efforts in that  
17 direction as compared to being reactive to  
18 people's concerns in one place.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I understand  
20 that. But we do know that in some areas there  
21 are just accidents waiting to happen, right?  
22 I think there may have been one young person  
23 that was hit traversing Franklin Avenue to go  
24 to school, you and I both know because we  
25 talked about it, how horrific that scene is

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2 over there at Franklin Avenue. It's not a  
3 problem that we made. It's a problem that the  
4 village made by allowing that school to go on  
5 that school without having proper setbacks and  
6 for parking. But at the end of the day we're  
7 charged with fixing it.

8 MR. ARNOLD: But also, everybody  
9 in this room will recognize that enforcement  
10 is a big part of traffic safety. We can put  
11 all the safety measures in the world but if  
12 nothing's enforced or enforcing is lacking  
13 that also gets us into trouble.

14 Traffic is we call it the three  
15 E's, education, enforcement and engineering.  
16 All three pieces have to work properly  
17 together. I can't solve a problem if somebody  
18 crosses mid block or a drunk driver, all those  
19 issues I can't fix those accidents.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Some of those  
21 I see you can. Because I'm seeing on  
22 Hempstead Turnpike where people used to cross  
23 in the middle by the hospital where they  
24 shouldn't you put up those railings that  
25 actually -- maybe the state did it. She's

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2 saying the state did it. The point is  
3 engineering can be used to encourage people to  
4 only use certain walkways.

5 MR. ARNOLD: And we just did that  
6 by Legislator Solages' district by Saint  
7 Boniface Church. We did the same thing. It's  
8 not up yet but part of the solution is to  
9 direct pedestrians to the corner.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: What can we do  
11 to make sure -- I mean, today we need bonding  
12 in certain instances, and I do agree with  
13 Minority Leader Abrahams, we need to be able  
14 to illustrate to our residents that we're  
15 taking these matters of safety very  
16 seriously. We're not saying let's throw good  
17 money out to bad. We're not engineers. We  
18 have a lot of attorneys here but I don't think  
19 anyone here is an engineer. So, we are  
20 relying on you.

21 What I'm concerned about is  
22 whether -- there's two things. Is the  
23 administration willing to be partners in this  
24 to make sure that the bonding is done timely.

25 And then the other part is, do you

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2    have everything you need to be able -- that's  
3    why I wanted to have a hearing.  Because  
4    sometimes I feel like these projects sometimes  
5    they take longer than I would even expect and  
6    I've worked in government over two decades.  
7    So, to the general public it seems like we're  
8    not moving fast enough to be able to remedy  
9    these issues.

10                   I really think that today this is  
11   the issue of bonding but I think there are  
12   bigger issues that we need to peel back the  
13   onion on and really be able to address these  
14   issues.

15                   So, I know it's in the 11th hour  
16   that some of these projects may have bubbled  
17   up through various different ways, but I don't  
18   think that this should be a situation where we  
19   dig in our heels and say we're just not going  
20   to do what's right to illustrate to our  
21   residents that we heard them and that we're  
22   earmarking money specifically into their  
23   community to ensure their safety as they're  
24   trying to go to work, go to school, go to  
25   church and just be safe as they walk or drive

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2 in their communities.

3 I think breaking out those items to  
4 earmark them for the particular areas of  
5 concern, we're spending more time talking  
6 about it. It would have taken less time just  
7 to just break out those items. I don't even  
8 know why we continually do these things. But  
9 it's a loss for everyone if we just don't  
10 break it out. You say you're going to do it.  
11 Just break it out.

12 Moreover, the ones that have the  
13 bonding, that have legitimate projects, bond  
14 them. Bond for them specifically. That's the  
15 ask of this side of the aisle. That's our  
16 ask.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
18 Ferretti.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Hello,  
20 Ken. Can you, just shifting over to the  
21 public safety portion of the plan, can you  
22 specifically list the items that would be used  
23 for the funding in the public safety portion?

24 MR. ARNOLD: I believe it's  
25 ambulances, ambulance equipment, sheriff

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2 vehicles, fire marshal vehicles, snow plows,  
3 mosquito control equipment and I believe  
4 there's PD fleet in there. I may be off on  
5 that one. To name a few. You have tasers.  
6 You have firearms. All those items.

7 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Bullet  
8 proof vests?

9 MR. ARNOLD: They're in there  
10 also, yes.

11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So if this  
12 does not go forward today then that funding  
13 will not be approved, correct?

14 MR. ARNOLD: Right. It will be  
15 delayed until the next time.

16 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. Now  
17 I want to make sure I understand because I'm  
18 sure many of us on this side of the aisle have  
19 projects that we're looking to have completed  
20 as well in our districts. Myself included.  
21 We've talked about Polaris. You explained to  
22 me, just over the weekend, that that's an item  
23 that will not start until next year. And so  
24 this amendment today is just for projects that  
25 are actually about to start in this year,

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2 correct?

3 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So,  
5 projects that we have that are going to start  
6 next year that we will address in the upcoming  
7 capital plan for '23, correct?

8 MR. ARNOLD: Right. Which starts  
9 next month that conversation.

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Right. So,  
11 it's not like you're, for example, I'm just  
12 taking my own project that we're talking  
13 about, it's not like you're saying we're not  
14 doing it, it's that the process is that  
15 because the work is starting next year it will  
16 be approved for next year's capital plan,  
17 correct?

18 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So, if I,  
20 for example, was to say I'm not voting for  
21 this amendment because my project I want it in  
22 this amendment today, essentially I would just  
23 be foregoing all of the projects that are in  
24 this amendment such as the public safety  
25 projects, the ambulances, the police vehicles,

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2 the bullet proof vests, the tasers, the  
3 firearms, all the things our police and public  
4 safety need to protect us, and if we want to  
5 talk about danger, not approving this is  
6 certainly going to present a danger. All when  
7 I'm going to get this bonding any way, right?

8 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
11 Drucker.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you  
13 Presiding Officer. Just real quick John.  
14 I've been told that there is a bonding project  
15 that's on today for your district. The  
16 Wantagh Avenue concrete panel restoration for  
17 \$12 million that is on today. That's for your  
18 district.

19 MR. ARNOLD: And also Legislator  
20 Rhoads also. It's also Rhoads' district and  
21 McKevitt. I think they all touch it.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Right. But  
23 I'm saying there are certain projects that --

24 MR. ARNOLD: Right. But that  
25 project is going out to bid next month, along

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2 with Long Beach Road. That's why they were  
3 added so we would have the bond ordinance to  
4 award the contract.

5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So,  
6 commissioner, I guess the way my take on all  
7 of this is, what you're asking the minority  
8 leader when he was talking, when he was making  
9 his remarks, is you're saying have faith in  
10 us. We have money in our budget. We have  
11 money in the bonding that you're going to  
12 approve and we'll be able to get to your  
13 projects in the '23 capital plan.

14 MR. ARNOLD: I said in this  
15 amendment we have bonding to start the studies  
16 that's he's asking for, individual projects,  
17 in the '23 plan.

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Right. But  
19 you're asking us have faith that we'll get to  
20 it in '23. Meanwhile, I personally have had  
21 discussions with you and have asked for  
22 projects in Old Bethpage that were really  
23 traffic safety problems. Really design  
24 problems. And this was going back to like  
25 2019. There have been fatalities. Yet I

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2 don't see it anywhere ever since. There's  
3 never in any budget line item for it.

4 The one on Haypath Road. There's a  
5 trail and there's a crosswalk. There are  
6 people who have almost gotten killed over  
7 there. There are tons of people now walking  
8 and jogging, riding bikes across the trail up  
9 and down this county.

10 The Round Swamp Road and Old  
11 Country it's a design defect. There have been  
12 numerous accidents and fatalities there. I've  
13 pointed this out to you for years already and  
14 I see nothing.

15 It's countywide money and it's not  
16 available. We're not seeing anything for it.  
17 I asked for a separate budget line item for it  
18 and they said oh, we're going to do a traffic  
19 study. I hear nothing. Years later I hear  
20 nothing about this. Whatever happened with  
21 the traffic study?

22 I think that we, on this side of  
23 the aisle, need a commitment and the  
24 commitment should be being able to break out  
25 these items now. That's the commitment. We

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2 don't want to rely upon assurances from the  
3 administration. Don't worry, trust us, it's  
4 going to happen. It's not good enough.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just  
6 getting back to the beginning. What we're  
7 doing today is there was an existing 2021  
8 capital budget, correct?

9 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So, most  
11 of those projects that are in that budget were  
12 already approved back in 2021 under the prior  
13 county executive. So, all you're doing today  
14 is you're adding five additional projects that  
15 for whatever reason timewise need to go  
16 forward as soon as possible?

17 MR. ARNOLD: Right.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: With  
19 respect to the projects that the minority's  
20 bringing up by and large there is money within  
21 the capital plan to at least start the studies  
22 for those projects?

23 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Even if we  
25 had put all of the projects they want into

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2 this amendment at this time they still  
3 wouldn't go forward. They still have to do  
4 the studies first, right?

5 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I  
7 understand the points you're making but  
8 basically, again, we're a month away from  
9 starting a discussion of the 2023 capital  
10 budget. I really don't think the amendment is  
11 the time to force this issue, and I don't  
12 think you'd accomplish anything by doing it.

13 Again, I have had the experience  
14 over the years, you can put whatever you want  
15 into the capital budget. If the Department of  
16 Public Works is not ready to go forward  
17 because of the processing that project is not  
18 going to go forward, period.

19 You can make those changes in the  
20 form of an amendment now I don't think any of  
21 your projects would get done any faster than  
22 they would if we just put them in the 2023  
23 budget. Anyway, that's why I urge my  
24 colleagues to vote for this.

25 Anyone else?

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I  
3 just think when something is brought to the  
4 public's attention like it was in this article  
5 with this study that it really kind of helps  
6 us to show a good intent by listing those  
7 areas. I think it protects the whole county.  
8 It shows that we're working on it. Sort of  
9 like being put on notice and taking action.

10 And that's why in my mind I thought  
11 it really would have been good to have these  
12 roads named. If they had done a Newsday story  
13 about a place in Glen Cove that really said  
14 watch out, we're going to have a problem  
15 there, I would be arguing the same points.

16 Again, it's not just that we want  
17 to have these projects done, we've been kind  
18 of put on notice as a county that these roads  
19 are dangerous.

20 So, to not even have them listed if  
21 God forbid someone does get hurt and they go  
22 back and say well, do you have them planned to  
23 be repaired? We can say well, they should be  
24 included in the study. It's not as good as  
25 saying yes, specifically here in our capital

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2 budget is Franklin, whatever, Peninsula.

3 So, again, I think not only is this  
4 pragmatic for a planning stage but it just  
5 shows that we're taking it serious and as a  
6 county we're protecting our residents from or  
7 our county from future lawsuits.

8 Again, it's not just we pulled  
9 these out of the air. These have been  
10 publicly stated as being dangerous and this  
11 would just show in good faith that we're  
12 acting upon these recommendations to try to  
13 protect everyone.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Okay.  
15 We've done this to --

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't  
17 have a question for Mr. Arnold. I just want  
18 to make sure I'm clarifying because I think  
19 our positioned got kind of muddied up a little  
20 bit. We are prepared to vote for the public  
21 safety items that Mr. Arnold had mentioned.  
22 The bullet proof vests, the vehicles for fire  
23 commission, the vehicles for PD. So on and so  
24 forth.

25 Is it the majority's position or

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2 the administration's position that they're not  
3 going to break this out and basically saying  
4 no to public safety right now? Because we're  
5 ready to vote yes for that. I want to make it  
6 very clear on the record that we are ready to  
7 break it out. Which we have done in past.  
8 We've broken out public safety plenty of times  
9 over multiple administrations. Whether it had  
10 been the Mangano administration or the Curran  
11 administration we have broken out public  
12 safety before. So, if I'm understanding this  
13 correctly, the majority and the administration  
14 is telling us no to breaking out public safety  
15 today so we can get what our public safety  
16 folks need today done?

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: If you  
18 want to vote for public safety items in a  
19 couple of moments you will have an  
20 opportunity.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, we're  
22 not prioritizing public safety?

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We  
24 understand that you have -- we need a vote to  
25 pass bonding but doesn't mean you dictate how

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2 that vote goes.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, we're  
4 not going to prioritize public safety today?

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We are  
6 prioritizing public safety by voting yes. You  
7 are not. That's what it comes down to.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You are  
9 tying it to stuff that does not include  
10 pedestrian walkways and everything else.  
11 We're ready to roll up our sleeves. We are  
12 prepared to vote for our police officers, our  
13 fire commissioners, our ambulances. We're  
14 ready to do it right now. Right now. We are  
15 putting public safety up here. You are  
16 telling us today it's got to be all this \$160  
17 million and not the \$17 million that's for  
18 public safety. That's what you're saying to  
19 us.

20 MR. ARNOLD: If I can add one  
21 thing. Most of these projects, whether  
22 they're police or our public works, all drill  
23 back down to public safety. I'm doing Wantagh  
24 Avenue because of public safety. I'm doing  
25 Long Beach Road because of public safety. I'm

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2 entering into an IMA with the Village of  
3 Matinetoock for public safety. A drainage  
4 issue.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Arnold,  
6 no disrespect. I understand what you're  
7 saying they are public safety. But there's a  
8 big difference between a police officer having  
9 a bullet proof vest and a street being fixed.  
10 There just is.

11 So, from that standpoint we are  
12 prepared to make sure our officers have  
13 vehicles, that our officers have bullet proof  
14 vests. We're ready to vote on it right now.

15 I see Mr. Walsh sitting there. I  
16 want to make sure. Is this the  
17 administration's position that we are saying  
18 no to public safety today when we have -- I'm  
19 counting -- it looks at least 18 votes that  
20 are going vote for it today. Is that what  
21 we're saying? I want to make sure that I'm  
22 clear because I want to make sure the record  
23 is clear on our side. We're ready to vote  
24 yes. Our police officers are going to get  
25 what they need if it's broken out today.

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2 There is no reason not to do it. Unless  
3 there's some other political agenda that I'm  
4 not aware of.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here's the  
6 difference. Your vote is conditional, our's  
7 is not. We are voting for these amendments.  
8 You're saying give us what we want and we'll  
9 vote for public safety. Give us what we want  
10 and we'll vote.

11 So, we don't want a conditional  
12 vote. We don't want your conditional  
13 support. You have an opportunity in a couple  
14 of minutes to vote for these items. You'll  
15 get an opportunity to say yes. We hope you do  
16 so.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Obviously  
18 you're misinterpreting. Your vote is  
19 conditional because you're saying that you  
20 won't include these projects. I've been  
21 around the block like you Rich for many  
22 years. I understand that this stuff goes back  
23 and forth in negotiations. I get it. Why get  
24 public safety caught up in that stuff that has  
25 to go back and forth. Now walkways and

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2 pedestrian walkways, making sure our roads are  
3 safe really shouldn't be negotiated. We  
4 should just do it because it's the right thing  
5 to do.

6 But I understand we're going to  
7 have to hammer that out over the next couple  
8 of weeks. But why hold up police officers  
9 getting bulletproof vests? Why hold up police  
10 officer from getting vehicles? We can do that  
11 now. I know you guys are all for helping our  
12 police. We can do it now. So, we can put the  
13 stuff that matters the most, which we all  
14 agree, making sure officers have bullet proof  
15 vests with every thing that's going on in this  
16 world. Every time I turn around there's some  
17 type of a shooting that's happening.  
18 Everything that's going on in this world let's  
19 make sure our officers get what we need. We  
20 can do it right now. We can do the right  
21 thing right now. And then over the next three  
22 weeks, I promise you, my side, Mr. Walsh, Ken  
23 Arnold, your side we'll figure out the rest.  
24 We can figure it out. But we can't turn our  
25 backs today on police officers and our fire

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2 commission workers and our ambulance  
3 equipment.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You'll  
5 have an opportunity to vote yes in a few  
6 moments.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, you are  
8 turning your backs.

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: You have an  
10 opportunity to not turn your back by voting  
11 yes in a few minutes.

12 Legislator Ferretti.

13 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'm just,  
14 for the sake of curiosity, which specific line  
15 items does the minority object to in this  
16 capital plan? You don't object to any of  
17 them. So, you're simply saying remove items  
18 you don't object to. So, you'll vote on some  
19 that you don't object to?

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We're  
21 saying add items.

22 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Add items  
23 or sever the parts of the capital plan that  
24 you object to.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

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2 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Then why  
3 not vote in favor of it?

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What we  
5 heard was that public safety is the priority.  
6 We're prepared to vote for the public safety  
7 today.

8 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: What about  
9 the other parts?

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The other  
11 parts need to include these pedestrian  
12 walkways which we have been put on notice.

13 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So, what  
14 you're saying is that you're not going to vote  
15 in favor of items that you support?

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You said  
17 that in a way that I'm trying to figure out.

18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: You're  
19 claiming that the items that you want severed  
20 you support, correct?

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No. I  
22 think you're mixing.

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I don't  
24 think I am. The items that you want taken out  
25 of this vote you support, correct?

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Absolutely.

3 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: You're

4 asking to have things removed from the plan --

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

6 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Yes. Not

7 removed from the plan. Not voted on today.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We are

9 asking to vote on the PD and the public safety  
10 stuff now.

11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And not on  
12 the other things that you support?

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The other  
14 things that we support, which we support, I  
15 said that before, I said that in my opening  
16 statement we support them, but they do not  
17 include every single pedestrian walkway  
18 project.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I  
20 understand that. But what you're asking for  
21 is to not vote today on things that you  
22 support?

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: In order  
24 that everybody that --

25 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So, because

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2 you're not getting your cake you're taking  
3 away --

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

5 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Yes. It  
6 is.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: John, what  
8 we're saying is that the people of Nassau  
9 County in its entirety are not represented in  
10 this capital plan because we just identified  
11 ten projects that come down to, as Mr. Arnold  
12 described them, public safety projects that  
13 are not included. Why shouldn't they be  
14 included?

15 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I don't  
16 want to keep going on. We all have things  
17 that are not included, itemized in this plan.  
18 But I don't want to say sever the things in  
19 your district, let's not vote on them today  
20 because my thing's not in the plan.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you  
22 have things in the plan.

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'm sure so  
24 do you.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you got

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2 like \$13 million in the plan, so you're pretty  
3 good.

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: First of  
5 all --

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You don't  
7 have \$13 million in the plan?

8 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: First of  
9 all, that is a road that goes through the  
10 entire -- almost all of Nassau County and  
11 services many districts, number one.

12 Number two, that was multiple years  
13 ago that that was first started.

14 But number three, I don't think  
15 it's right to stomp your feet and say we don't  
16 want to vote on these things, even though we  
17 support them, we support the Wantagh Avenue  
18 \$13 million, we don't want to vote on it  
19 today. And what the result is going to be is  
20 that we're not going to get the police, the  
21 ambulance and all of these resources they  
22 need. And to try to turn it around, Minority  
23 Leader, like you just did is completely  
24 disingenuous. The bottom line is there's  
25 going to be 12 votes in favor or 11 --

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: John you  
3 know --

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: It's  
5 completely disingenuous. Because you don't  
6 want to vote today for things you support --

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You know  
8 why it's not disingenuous? Because you called  
9 for it, you guys called for breaking out the  
10 police before. You called for it and we did  
11 it. It's been done before. I'm not coming up  
12 with an idea that's never been done before.  
13 Steve, you've been here. You know this.  
14 Rich, you know. I'm pointing to the guys who  
15 have been around here for awhile. When we  
16 were with Mangano we did that. When we were  
17 with Curran you did that. We always did  
18 that. That's not a new issue. We've always  
19 broken out public safety.

20 So, I don't understand like it's  
21 some type of new idea that I'm coming up  
22 with. It's been done over previous  
23 administrations and it's been done before.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here's  
25 what's new. This is a budget amendment and

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2 with five items added to a two-year old  
3 capital budget. And we are one month before  
4 starting conversations on the 2023 capital  
5 budget. And you've had your commissioner of  
6 public works whose been here through  
7 Republicans and Democrats and Republicans  
8 again, telling you that he has the money in  
9 his budget to start the studies for the  
10 projects you're talking about.

11 So, I don't understand what you're  
12 doing, but to turn it around and say oh,  
13 you're voting against public safety I mean no  
14 one is going to believe that. It's silly.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We can call  
16 it for what it is. Whatever you want to call  
17 it. But the bottom line is, I think  
18 Legislator Drucker said it best, he's had  
19 projects that have been lumped into that  
20 county line before and they have gone  
21 nowhere. So, from that standpoint that is why  
22 the project -- I've heard many times some of  
23 your members on your side ask for stuff to be  
24 broken out by line item because you want to  
25 insure not just that the money is going to be

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2 spent on that project, but you want to insure  
3 that the public identifies it and that we  
4 illustrate it, as Legislator Bynoe says, that  
5 commitment to that project.

6 This is not a money issue. I said  
7 that to Ken before. Because it sounds like, I  
8 take him at his word that the money is there  
9 and he's using part of the 4.8 in the traffic  
10 study money and he can easily send it over to  
11 these projects. This is not a money issue  
12 maybe. This seems like to me -- maybe  
13 Mr. Walsh can testify to it -- it seems like  
14 more like it's our way or the highway.

15 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: The  
16 difference, respectfully, it would make sense  
17 to me if you were saying there's 40 things  
18 here. We don't like number seven, eight, nine  
19 and ten. Sever that and we'll vote for the  
20 public safety stuff. That would at least make  
21 logical sense to me. That's not what you're  
22 saying.

23 You're saying we like seven, eight,  
24 nine and ten but take it out and we'll vote  
25 for the public safety stuff. That's

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2 counterproductive. It is. Because it's  
3 saying you'll support all the things in the  
4 capital project. That means they are for  
5 public safety, they are for the betterment of  
6 the residents, you just don't want to vote on  
7 them right now for some reason.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The reason  
9 is that the capital plan does not represent  
10 all segments of the county in regards to  
11 public safety of pedestrian walkways. It just  
12 doesn't.

13 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: That's  
14 true. We agree.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We agree on  
16 that.

17 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: It doesn't  
18 represent the things I want too. But that  
19 doesn't mean I'm going to say no to the good  
20 things in the capital plan because I'm not  
21 getting my cake right now.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's not  
23 about getting my cake. It's about being able  
24 to illustrate to our residents, to all of our  
25 residents. I mean, frankly, I don't know who

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2 drives home and is not going to go down  
3 Franklin Avenue. We all drive down Franklin  
4 Avenue. I should want to think that we want  
5 to make sure we don't hit somebody on the way  
6 there.

7 So, the bottom line is these  
8 roadways impact everyone. It's the right  
9 thing to do. The story was out on June 11th.  
10 We were put on notice. If something else  
11 happens and we don't have it identified in the  
12 capital plan guess what? We're going to be  
13 settling another suit.

14 But we can do it today. It sounds  
15 like based on what Mr. Arnold said, the money  
16 is there for a lot of stuff. I would say  
17 we're like 90 percent there.

18 If someone made a decision, and I  
19 would like to know who it is, but, you know  
20 what? maybe it's irrelevant, someone made a  
21 decision that you know what? even though the  
22 money's there we're not going to line item it  
23 today. We're not going to give the  
24 legislative minority what they want because  
25 they're asking for it or whatever may be the

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2 case. Someone made that decision.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I can tell  
4 who. County Executive Curran. This is her  
5 capital plan. If your items weren't in that's  
6 the previous county executive made that  
7 decision. I'm being facetious.

8 Legislator Rhoads.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I know that  
10 everybody is saying that these road projects  
11 aren't public safety projects. Essentially is  
12 the argument that you're making. But some of  
13 these things are important. We're talking  
14 about the Wantagh Avenue project, for example,  
15 which goes as, Legislator Ferretti mentioned,  
16 through multiple districts. There are areas,  
17 and it's part of this project, there are areas  
18 of Wantagh Avenue that don't have sidewalks.  
19 I mean, I've got kids walking to school in the  
20 wintertime that nobody shovels the grass next  
21 to their house. So, I've got kids that are  
22 forced to walk on Wantagh Avenue in order to  
23 be able to get to school.

24 If one of those kids gets hit by a  
25 car what am I supposed to tell him? It wasn't

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2 a public safety issue and the minority didn't  
3 vote for it.

4 The decision that you're making,  
5 which is to take a project that's ready to go,  
6 it's supposed to go out to bid now to get  
7 started next year, and now that's going to go  
8 on the back burner someplace and it's never  
9 going to get done. It's supposed to start  
10 now. What are we supposed to do with that?

11 You're treating these projects as  
12 though they don't impact public safety and  
13 you're calling out the projects for police  
14 officers. We're going to deal with, a month  
15 from now, we're going to deal with next year's  
16 capital plan. There's an opportunity to talk  
17 about additional projects. There's stuff that  
18 I wanted in these budget amendments that I'm  
19 not getting either.

20 But to hold up worthwhile projects  
21 that do have a direct impact on public safety  
22 to me is just being spiteful and I don't  
23 understand it. I understand using leverage as  
24 a negotiating tactic to try to get what you  
25 want.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's not  
3 that.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: But that's  
5 essentially what's happening. And we're  
6 holding up, by not approving the bonding  
7 today, we're holding up worthwhile projects  
8 that do directly impact on public safety.  
9 We're perfectly happy to have a discussion a  
10 month from now about additional projects for  
11 next year's capital plan.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Steve,  
13 forget the politics. I wish I could just turn  
14 the mics off because honestly, do you remember  
15 us breaking out public safety and PD projects  
16 in the past under County Executive Mangano and  
17 County Executive Curran?

18 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: But breaking  
19 out public safety projects, right, breaking  
20 out vests for police officers is not going to  
21 address the public safety problem that we have  
22 on Wantagh Avenue.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But Steve,  
24 that's not my question though. My question  
25 is, we ended up passing capital -- I'm having

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2 a one-on-one discussion with you. Forget the  
3 politics. We've had this stuff happen before  
4 where the politics comes up and we go back and  
5 forth. But I remember, and that's what I'm  
6 asking you for, I remember while all that  
7 stuff needed to be worked out, I remember us  
8 multiple time over multiple administrations  
9 breaking out PD because this is stuff that  
10 matters. And when the Mangano administration  
11 came to me and ask me to do that we did it.  
12 And I believe when the Curran administration  
13 came to you guys you did it. So, from that  
14 standpoint, why is it any different now?

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: All these  
16 projects matter.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But what  
18 I'm trying to say is they matter and I'm  
19 confident they're going to get done. But we  
20 have a chance today to do the same thing that  
21 we've done in the past. I'm only saying this  
22 to highlight you because I know you were there  
23 with me over those multiple years. Like Rich  
24 was and I can't remember everybody. Maybe  
25 Laura. Maybe Rose. I can't remember

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2 everybody that was actually here going back to  
3 the beginnings of the Mangano administration.

4 But from that standpoint -- Howard he knows  
5 I'm right. But that being said --

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Actually, my  
7 opinion is that you guys are beating this  
8 thing to death. The horse is dead. Leave it  
9 alone. Have mercy. You're just going back  
10 and forth. And there's no audience and  
11 there's no reporters. What for?

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I got it  
13 Howard. I got it. I'll just say like I said  
14 before, we don't see breaking out the public  
15 safety any different than the times it has  
16 been broken out before. We can come up with  
17 these examples of why it shouldn't be done  
18 now. But to me, there's no difference in when  
19 we did it over a Republican administration or  
20 a Democratic administration. We should be  
21 able to do it now.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This is  
23 item, calendar item four Ordinance 35-2022 as  
24 amended. Go ahead.

25 MR. WALSH: Arthur Walsh, Chief

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2 Deputy County Executive.

3 It's great hearing all the  
4 arguments and different arguments about what's  
5 together what's not. What is a the fact is  
6 that we received an email from your finance  
7 director at 3:34 today adding six items.  
8 Including the two from you Mr. Drucker. If  
9 this was such an important issue then why did  
10 we receive it while we were here?

11 So, this adding of items might have  
12 been good when Ken started doing the plan  
13 several weeks ago. But to throw six of them  
14 at us at 3:33 while we're down here is  
15 disingenuous, is spiteful and our position is  
16 to go forward with the bill as it is and not  
17 throw in the 11th hour, really the 12th and a  
18 half hour, six items.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Walsh,  
20 I'm not too sure if you're aware but your  
21 administration told us no to new projects.

22 MR. WALSH: You told us no at  
23 3:34 when I got an email.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That email  
25 was in response that we had received from

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2 Mr. Otsuni that the capital plan was going to  
3 go forward. So we wanted to make sure our  
4 projects --

5 MR. WALSH: So you just decided  
6 to throw six more items in. Ken didn't know  
7 about those six items. One o'clock he found  
8 out. Do you think that's fair negotiating  
9 when we were deliberating -- I'm speaking.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I was  
11 speaking first actually though but go ahead.  
12 The floor is yours.

13 MR. WALSH: When Mr. Arnold's  
14 been getting emails back and forth about this  
15 capital. We have an interest in public  
16 safety. We have an interest in safe roads.  
17 To throw stuff at us at 3:30 today or 1  
18 o'clock, I got it at 3:30, is not playing fair  
19 ball. So, it is what it is and we wish to go  
20 ahead with the vote.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Obviously  
22 there's a bit of miscommunication because it  
23 wasn't thrown at you at 3:30.

24 MR. WALSH: We have the email.  
25 You want to see? You got a copy of it.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Walsh,  
3 you just asked me not to cut you off and then  
4 you just come back and cut me right back after  
5 I just got to speak. What do you want me to  
6 do?

7 Bottom line is, we had mentioned to  
8 Mr. Arnold, we had a discussion this morning  
9 in our caucus room I would say it was around 1  
10 o'clock, 12:30 Ken. However, in that  
11 discussion many of these projects they're not  
12 new. These are projects that if the capital  
13 plan was sent to us in it's correct format  
14 several weeks ago we would have brought them  
15 up then. But we couldn't bring them up then  
16 because the projects -- the capital plan was  
17 flawed. Which we made the changes and I  
18 appreciate you guys making the changes and we  
19 made the changes.

20 So then we basically just got your  
21 revised capital plan last week. Not with any  
22 discussion, not any outreach. I think, Mr.  
23 Walsh, this is like the first time I'm  
24 actually seeing you here talking.

25 So, from that standpoint we didn't

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2 get any outreach from you guys. We never saw  
3 it. Never heard about it.

4 MR. WALSH: The plan didn't  
5 change in substance. It was a changing of the  
6 numbers. So, the identified projects were the  
7 same identified projects from several weeks  
8 ago. If there were any change that we made  
9 there was some administrative spreadsheet with  
10 the numbers.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The  
12 identified projects that are in the email,  
13 some of these projects go back to previous  
14 administrations.

15 MR. WALSH: They're all new  
16 projects. New project Peninsula Boulevard,  
17 Hempstead Turnpike. New project, Elmont Road,  
18 Elmont. New project Sheridan Boulevard  
19 Inwood. New project Grand Avenue, Baldwin.  
20 New project Old Country Road, Round Swamp  
21 Road. New project Haypath Road.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. And  
23 then let's go through the other projects. Not  
24 a new project Franklin Avenue. Not a new  
25 project Nassau Road. Not a new project

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2 Babylon Turnpike. Not a new project Old  
3 Country. Not a new project Stillwell Park. I  
4 can go tit for tat Mr. Walsh. I don't know  
5 what you're trying to prove.

6 The bottom line is, what are we  
7 talking about? We're talking about projects  
8 that are going to protect pedestrian walkways  
9 and make it safer. And somehow Mr. Arnold  
10 already said that we can pay for it in traffic  
11 study money but somehow we don't want to shift  
12 it to line items. Why?

13 MR. WALSH: I was listening. He  
14 said there's a process that we have to go  
15 through.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes there's  
17 a SEQRA that's required. We can do the SEQRA  
18 over the next three weeks and we can do the  
19 capital plan in three weeks and this is  
20 resolved, correct?

21 MR. WALSH: It probably should  
22 have been addressed earlier. I guess that's  
23 your side's fault.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It can  
25 probably be addressed -- we get it. We'll

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2 take all the blame. I don't really care. I  
3 just want to get the projects done. So the  
4 bottom line is, we can do this capital plan in  
5 its entirety in three weeks.

6 MR. WALSH: That's your choice.  
7 At the peril of public safety that's your  
8 choice.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no.  
10 What I'm trying to make sure I understand, Mr.  
11 Walsh, is that we're prepared to vote for PD  
12 and public safety today. It's your  
13 understanding or it's your position that  
14 you're not going to break it out today.

15 MR. WALSH: We're not breaking it  
16 out.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, how can  
18 you say that it's our vote against PD when  
19 we're prepared to vote for PD today?

20 MR. WALSH: When I hear the no  
21 vote it will be.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It really  
23 isn't because if we're prepared to vote for  
24 the PD today you got a yes vote for the public  
25 safety.

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2 MR. WALSH: You can't vote for  
3 half a thing.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yeah, you  
5 can. Because you know why? Because it's been  
6 done during previous administrations but  
7 you're not aware of that.

8 MR. WALSH: It's not happening  
9 today. You want to add 11th hour stuff.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I want to  
11 make sure I'm clear. You're making the  
12 decision, unilateral decision to not do and  
13 break out the PD money because you want the  
14 whole thing today and not just the PD to get  
15 voted on for bullet proof vests and for  
16 vehicles?

17 MR. WALSH: You're making the  
18 unilateral decision to add six items at 3:30  
19 today and claim that is the basis not to vote  
20 for the whole thing. If you want to live with  
21 that go ahead. But I don't think it's  
22 intelligible to throw six things in at the  
23 11th hour while we're still down here. We  
24 didn't look at them. We don't know anything  
25 about the projects. Ken's been here. And

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2 that's going to be basis not to vote for it?

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All

4 right. All right.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Walsh,  
6 you're confusing the projects because some of  
7 these projects, as Mr. Drucker had mentioned,  
8 DPW has known about since 2019.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We are  
10 moving ahead. We have an amendment on the  
11 floor with respect to Ordinance number 35 of  
12 2022. As I said, the ordinance amends 2021  
13 capital budget to reflect corrected  
14 authorization amounts for certain projects.

15 All in favor of the amendment  
16 signify by saying aye. 179. All in favor  
17 signify by saying aye. The item is amended.

18 We need to vote on the item as  
19 amended. All in favor of the item as amended  
20 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? It  
21 carries unanimously.

22 Now we are going to the bond  
23 ordinance. It's calendar number five  
24 Ordinance 36-2022. A bond ordinance providing  
25 for a capital expenditure to finance the

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2 capital projects identified herein within the  
3 county of Nassau and authorizing \$156,949,668  
4 of bonds of the county of Nassau to finance  
5 said expenditures pursuant to the local  
6 finance law of New York and the county  
7 government law of Nassau County.

8 Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer  
9 Kopel. Second by Legislator Rhoads. The  
10 bonding ordinance is before us. All in favor  
11 signify by saying aye.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may  
13 before that vote takes place. We're going to  
14 vote to abstain. Mr. Walsh, I welcome you, if  
15 you want to hammer this out. We believe it  
16 can be hammered out in three weeks but we're  
17 willing to hammer it out now.

18 So, from our standpoint we're going  
19 to vote to abstain on the entire capital  
20 plan. It's unfortunate that PD stuff and the  
21 police stuff is not been prioritized to be  
22 broken out but that's okay. Not okay by us  
23 but we know it's going to get done at some  
24 point.

25 So, we're more than willing to work

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2 with you Mr. Walsh. Ken, you want to stay  
3 we'll hammer it out because we feel that these  
4 projects are of the utmost priority and we  
5 should move forward with an entire capital  
6 plan in the next three weeks make sure we're  
7 ready for that. My recommendation to my side  
8 of the aisle is to abstain.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All of the  
10 public safety items that we have been  
11 discussing were already in the 2021 capital  
12 budget except for one which is respect to  
13 ambulances which adds \$3 million. So that was  
14 the only new additional one. All of them were  
15 already voted by all of us in past.

16 And number two, we just all voted  
17 for it. So, by withholding your vote you're  
18 simply just insuring that it can't go forward.

19 I already called the item. All in  
20 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?  
21 Those abstaining? It fails by a vote of 11  
22 votes for and seven abstentions. 11, six  
23 abstentions.

24 Motion to adjourn? Moved by  
25 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator

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Gaylor. All in favor of adjourning signify by  
saying aye. Those opposed? Carries  
unanimously.

(Meeting was adjourned at 6:20  
p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary  
Public in and for the State of New  
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THAT the foregoing is a true and  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
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