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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, September 9, 2019
2:45 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:3 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
4 Presiding Officer5 HOWARD KOPEL,
6 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer7 DENISE FORD,
8 Alt. Deputy Presiding Officer

9 STEVEN RHOADS

10 DEBRA MULE

11 C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

12 VINCENT MUSCARELLA

13 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

14 LAURA SCHAEFER

15 THOMAS MCKEVITT

16 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
17 Minority Leader

18 ROSE MARIE WALKER

19 JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

20 JOSHUA LAFAZAN

21 ARNOLD DRUCKER

22 JAMES KENNEDY

23 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

24 CARRIE SOLAGES

25 SIELA BYNOE (Not present)

26 MICHAEL PULITZER,
27 Clerk of the Legislature

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JOHN BUDNICK	11
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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I would like
3 to call the legislators back to the chamber.

4 Mr. Pulitzer. Could you call the
5 roll, please?

6 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
7 Mr. Nicoletto. Deputy Presiding Officer
8 Howard Kopel?

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
11 Presiding Officer Denise Ford?

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Let the record
14 reflect that Legislator Siela Bynoe is
15 absent. Legislator Carrie Solages?

16 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
18 Debra Mule?

19 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.
21 William Gaylor III?

22 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
24 Vincent Muscarella?

25 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen
3 Birnbaum?
4 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.
5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
6 DeRiggi-Whitton?
7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
8 Here.
9 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
10 Kennedy?
11 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.
12 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
13 Thomas McKeivitt?
14 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.
15 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
16 Schaefer?
17 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.
18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
19 Ferretti, Jr.?
20 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.
21 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
22 Drucker?
23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.
24 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
25 Marie Walker?

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

3 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

4 Joshua Lafazan?

5 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

7 Steven Rhoads?

8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader

10 Kevan Abrahams?

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding

13 Officer Richard Nicolello?

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: We have a

16 quorum, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,

18 Mr. Pulitzer.

19 We have five items on the agenda.

20 What we are going to do is call the first

21 one which relates to naming Detective Luis

22 Alvarez Memorial Park after that we will

23 call the last one which relates to a gift

24 offered by the World Trade Center Oak

25 Project and following those two we will call

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2 the three in the middle, which are Bay Park
3 diversion items.

4 So please call the emergency with
5 respect to 306.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Emergency
7 Resolution 15-2019, an emergency resolution
8 declaring an emergency for immediate action
9 upon a resolution changing the official name
10 of Terrill Avenue Park to Detective Luis
11 Alvarez Memorial Park.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: We need a
13 motion to establish the emergency.

14 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
17 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator
18 Gaylor. Any debate or discussion on the
19 emergency? All those in favor of
20 establishing the emergency signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Those opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Emergency is established.

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2 Item 306 of 2019 is a Resolution
3 changing the official name of Terrill Avenue
4 Park to Detective Luis Alvarez Memorial
5 Park.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
9 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator
10 Gaylor. The item is now before us. Deputy
11 Presiding Officer Kopel.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you,
13 Presiding Officer. It's a privilege to be
14 able to present this item to the Legislature
15 and to the public.

16 This is a hero who lived in
17 Oceanside and that's part of my district.
18 Now, Detective Alvarez has an interesting
19 history. He served in the Marines, he
20 severed as an undercover agent for the New
21 York City police as a detective. He was on
22 the bomb squad. He was one of those who ran
23 to the emergencies, ran to the fire, ran to
24 the danger at 911 and spent three months
25 working in the danger zone.

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2 He devoted his life to protecting
3 us an he did a magnificent job. But he
4 wasn't finished. Even they he was
5 desperately ill, he had almost 70 rounds of
6 chemotherapy each round is torture, as I
7 hope nobody here knows.

8 Nonetheless, he persevered in
9 helping other members of the police force,
10 of the fire department and even civilians
11 who suffered as a result of 911, as a result
12 of illnesses, which they suffered because of
13 inhaling the various harmful substances that
14 were released at on 911.

15 Right to the very end, when he
16 knew that he was going, the day before he
17 entered hospice, he summoned his last
18 reserves of strength and traveled to
19 Washington D.C. where he testified in favor
20 of renewal of the 911 fund, and I think it's
21 a fair thing to say that it's through his
22 efforts that this fund was renewed and that
23 additional money was allocated for the other
24 victims.

25 So, to the very end he had his

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2 mind on helping other people, other victims
3 hopefully that they won't have to suffer
4 quite as badly as he did.

5 As I say, it is a privilege
6 asking to have this park renamed in his
7 honor and I hope and I'm confident that the
8 other legislators on this panel will join me
9 in doing so. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
11 Gaylor.

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you,
13 Presiding Officer. As Howard said,
14 Detective Alvarez is from Oceanside, but he
15 was really truly was a representative of all
16 Nassau County and really all of this country
17 and this world.

18 He had served 20 years with the
19 New York City Police Department, many of
20 them on the bomb squad. Before he went off
21 to assist the Department of Homeland
22 Security.

23 During this time he, like many
24 others, spent day and night working after
25 911 on the pile as it's sometimes referred

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2 searching for survivors and combing through
3 the rubble and debris.

4 Three days before Father's Day in
5 2016, he was diagnosed with stage four colon
6 cancer that had already metastasized to his
7 liver. Doctors gave him six months to live.
8 He turned that into three years and he made
9 most of that three year time count for
10 himself and thousands of others of the 911
11 responders and victims who were equally
12 suffering.

13 Now, because of his work and the
14 work of other heros from 911, our first
15 responders will continue to get the health
16 care they deserve. The world simply needs
17 more people like Detective Alvarez.

18 I'm voting yes on this measure
19 and urge my colleagues to do the same.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
21 Legislator Gaylor. Anyone else that would
22 like to speak at this time. I think you all
23 said it very well. Any public comment?

24 MR. BUDNICK: Honorable members
25 of the County Legislature, please remember

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2 epitomized the model of the United States
3 Marine Corp. He was always faithful.
4 Always faithful to those who needed the help
5 of the Zadroga Act. He was always faithful
6 to those in need on 911.

7 I hope and pray that you will
8 consider placing various pictures, if you
9 can, of Detective Alvarez on the sign that I
10 assume will be on the site. One of him as a
11 Marine, one on or about 911, one of him
12 about 2014, and one the day he testified in
13 front of Congress on the Zadroga Act, to
14 show what 911 did to him and so many of the
15 other first responders.

16 I beg you, please, to do this to
17 create a historical record of this hero of
18 Oceanside. Hero of Long Island. Hero of
19 New York. Hero of America. Hero of our
20 world.

21 I also note that today is the one
22 month anniversary of the burial of our
23 former County Executive Thomas Gulotta, and
24 ask you in charge to think about what could
25 be done to memorialize. He and his family,

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2 particularly his father, the honorable Frank
3 Gulotta, Sr., in this county.

4 Thank you very much for listening
5 to me. I can't say how much I really
6 support this and hope it is done right and
7 hope it is done to create a historical
8 record so that we will all know who that
9 Detective Alvarez was and how much he helped
10 to make sure that the 911 victims after 911
11 got the help that they needed with a Zadroga
12 Act. Thank you very much for listening to
13 me and putting up with me. God bless.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
15 John.

16 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday
17 resident, 911 first responder, member of the
18 Feel Good Foundation. I had the pleasure of
19 meeting with Detective Alvarez during our
20 efforts with regard to Zadroga as well as
21 this most recent bill that I'm happy to see
22 that their names were attached to that.

23 As I stand here today as we all
24 prepare for the anniversary on Wednesday, I
25 stand here with a side effect of my own 911

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2 related conditions including COPD, PTSD,
3 GERD and various other names with multiple
4 syllables. As of two days ago, I had no
5 voice with the bronchial inflammation that I
6 had. I know fortunate for you it's on its
7 way back because I have to give a
8 presentation on Wednesday as a matter of
9 fact.

10 But I too stand in support of
11 this and I echo Mr. Budnick's request to
12 make sure we reflect his military service,
13 his service to New York Police Department
14 and the bomb squad and his service to our
15 country as a 911 first responder.

16 And being actually part of the
17 outreach brigade to only find out there are
18 only two congressional districts in this
19 country that did not have someone who was
20 impacted by 911 and supported the efforts
21 and location of this tragedy.

22 So I do support this endeavor and
23 I hope again we can look to not just
24 recognizing and memorializing those two have
25 passed but to providing the support and

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2 resources for those of us who are still here
3 and still fighting.

4 In closing I will state, in
5 standing in the line for those who wanted to
6 make sure that the family of Detective
7 Alvarez knew that we would never forget and
8 his wife made sure that I promised to her
9 that I would never forget those of us, the
10 number of responders are surpassing those
11 brave soles and innocent victims that died
12 on that dead, in three locations at Ground
13 Zero, the Pentagon, and Shanksville,
14 Pennsylvania.

15 So I'm standing today in support
16 of those who cannot stand, who cannot speak,
17 who cannot feel, taste or smell just the
18 beauty of being a part of this country the
19 diversity for this country and rest assured
20 that my passion for those who are under
21 served and under represented and under
22 reported will continue.

23 If I to walk, if I have to crawl,
24 if I have to roll in here in a wheelchair, I
25 will never forget, and I will never forget

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2 those servicemen and women who continue to
3 protect our freedom abroad and continue to
4 be underserved here at home.

5 Thank you and, again, I support
6 this Resolution.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
8 Meta. Anyone else, any other public
9 comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 All those in favor signify by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Those opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 That passes unanimously.

17 Mr. Pulitzer could you call the
18 emergency for Item 356.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Yes, sir.

20 Emergency resolution number
21 19-2019, an emergency resolution declaring
22 an emergency for immediate action upon a
23 Resolution to accept a gift offered by the
24 World Trade Center Oak project to the Nassau
25 County Department of Parks, Recreation and

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2 Museums.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Motion to
4 establish the emergency.

5 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR MULE: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
8 Legislator Ferretti, seconded by Legislator
9 Mule. Any debate or discussion?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 All those in favor of the
12 emergency signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Those opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Carries unanimously.

17 Now I will call the item.

18 Item 356 of 2019 is a resolution
19 to accept a gift offered by the World Trade
20 Center Oak Project to the Nassau County
21 Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
25 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Ford and

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2 Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. Legislator
3 Ford.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: Good afternoon.
5 Actually, this is a beautiful follow-up to
6 the memory of Luis Alvarez.

7 I received a phone call from a
8 Chris Hopcraft. He is with the World Trade
9 Center Oak Project last week. What it is,
10 this organization that's he's part of, the
11 World Trade Center Oak Project is a group of
12 people that, it turned out that they
13 traveled to the September 11th memorial at
14 the World Trade Center and they collected 60
15 fresh acorns dropped from the Memorial Oak
16 Trees throughout the September 11th
17 Memorial.

18 When they went back to their home
19 state of Michigan, they planted them and
20 they tried to grow trees. They had a
21 problem. The first ten didn't take, so they
22 put the 50 of them in the refrigerator and
23 then I guess over the winter they slept and
24 when they brought them in the springtime
25 they were able to plant them and low and

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2 behold they started growing saplings.

3 Mr. Hopcraft is friends with
4 people in the New York City fire department
5 and that's why he reached out to me because
6 they were looking for homes for these trees
7 where we they feel that they will be given
8 the respect for the symbol that they are,
9 the resiliency after 911.

10 When I think about Oaks being a
11 strong tree, that we as New Yorkers, and as
12 Americans, we are very strong people. So I
13 asked and they want to donate it as long as
14 we love and respect the tree we can have it.
15 I know that every one here in Nassau County
16 especially in the Legislature feels the same
17 way, that this is something that we would
18 absolutely revere for the memory that it
19 holds.

20 I spoke with the County Executive
21 just Friday and we decided that we would do
22 this by emergency today and I thank you very
23 much for allowing us to do this.

24 I think that with this, the tree
25 will be planted by a 911 memorial in

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2 Eisenhower Park, and I hope that everybody
3 will take the time that you go visit and sit
4 by it and just think about what it
5 memorializes and even look at the names on
6 the walls and maybe hopefully some day we
7 will have another wall sadly to say for our
8 Nassau County residents that are dying as a
9 result of 911 cancers.

10 I think the most important thing
11 is we remember who they are and the service
12 they gave to us and to their country.

13 So this tree will be planted and
14 I'm thrilled that it's here so soon. I
15 think we will be getting the tree this week
16 so I guess, Commissioner Krieb, you will
17 have to get somebody out there and to dig
18 that hole and get that tree planted as soon
19 as possible.

20 I thank you very much and I thank
21 all of my fellow legislators to join me in
22 support of accepting this gift.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.
24 Anyone else want to speak on this item?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Well said, Denise. Any public
3 comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 All those in favor signify by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Those opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 That passes unanimously as well.

11 Mr. Clerk, please call 307, 316,
12 317, call the emergencies, please.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

14 Emergency Resolution number
15 16-2019, an emergency Resolution declaring
16 an emergency for immediate action upon a
17 Resolution authorizing the County Executive
18 to execute a Design Build professional
19 consulting service agreement with the New
20 York State Department of Environmental
21 Conservation and AECOM USA, Inc., in
22 relation to the Bay Park Diversion Project.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Call them
24 all.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Emergency

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2 Resolution 17-2019, an emergency Resolution
3 declaring an emergency for immediate action
4 upon an ordinance to amend Ordinance Number
5 174-2018 adopting the capital budget for the
6 year 2019 for the County of Nassau
7 corresponding to the first year of the four
8 year capital plan pursuant to the provisions
9 of Section 310 of the County Government Law
10 of Nassau County.

11 Emergency Resolution number
12 18-2019, an emergency Resolution declaring
13 an emergency for immediate action upon the
14 bond ordinance providing for a capital
15 expenditure to finance the capital projects
16 identified herein within the county of
17 Nassau and authorizing \$409,094,531 of bonds
18 the County of Nassau to finance said
19 expenditures pursuant to the Local Finance
20 Law of New York and the County Government
21 Law of Nassau County.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
23 Mike.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
25 moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
4 DeRiggi-Whitton makes a motion to establish
5 the emergency, seconded by Legislator
6 Kennedy. Is there any debate or discussion
7 on the emergency? Legislator Rhoads.

8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you,
9 Mr. Presiding Officer. Is there anyone here
10 on behalf of the administration?

11 Commissioner Arnold, how are you?

12 MR. ARNOLD: Good.

13 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Obviously
14 this matter is extraordinary important.
15 It's coming to us by emergency today.
16 Ultimately my question is, our understanding
17 is there is a deadline of September 13th to
18 apply for grant funding; is that correct?

19 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: How long did
21 we know about this September 13th deadline?

22 MR. ARNOLD: Probably sometime in
23 late July the grants were announced.

24 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: The deadline
25 was announced obviously for the applications

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2 at the same time the grant was announced,
3 correct?

4 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

5 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Obviously we
6 are authorizing almost half a billion
7 dollars in bonding. I believe \$409,094,531
8 in bonds yet it's being brought to the
9 Legislature by emergency even though we have
10 known now for roughly a month and a half we
11 were up against this deadline.

12 Obviously this is an important
13 project and I guess the question becomes why
14 did the administration wait so long to bring
15 it to us?

16 It seems as though now we have to
17 vote on this, and you may not be the right
18 person to answer the question and I
19 apologize for putting you in this position,
20 but you're the one who is here.

21 We are being forced to consider
22 at the last minute significant proposals
23 involving a tremendous amount of taxpayer
24 dollars potentially while we are under the
25 gun to make sure it gets done in advance of

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2 a deadline otherwise we can lose funding.
3 Is there a particular reason for that?

4 MR. ARNOLD: The project
5 applications came out after the last
6 legislative session. We have been meeting
7 with both sides talking about this over the
8 last two weeks. This is not something that
9 just showed up.

10 A week or so ago we have had
11 discussions. I answered many questions in
12 preparation of today's meeting, and it's
13 just a matter of timing on the project and
14 getting the grants done in time.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I can't speak
16 for the Presiding Officer, but I'm quite
17 certain we could have called any kind of
18 special meeting to ensure that, one,
19 legislators may not have enough time to
20 fully digest what's involved in this, and
21 more importantly that the public has an
22 opportunity to be able to be heard on this
23 as well.

24 Us doing it by emergency really
25 makes it very difficult for the public to

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2 know what it is that we are passing and be
3 heard if they want to be heard on that
4 issue.

5 This is, as I said, an incredibly
6 important project and I feel I'm a little
7 frustrated because again, it seems to be
8 coming up at the 11th hour when really we
9 have no choice but to say yes.

10 MR. ARNOLD: I understand that
11 this is just a bond ordinance with a grant.
12 The contracts will follow with typical lead
13 times. Get the chance to actually have
14 discussion whether we move forward with the
15 contracts themselves.

16 The contract today has a
17 sufficient bond ordinance in the capital
18 plan already to cover that contract. It
19 will be the next set of contracts that will
20 come here where this bond ordinance will be
21 utilized, in addition to the grants that the
22 county received.

23 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you,
24 Commissioner.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Just to echo

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2 the comments of Legislator Rhoads. The
3 administration has provided briefings to
4 both majority and minority. They have
5 provided a power point presentation, but it
6 doesn't take the place of a public meeting,
7 the public to speak, establishing a record
8 and transcript of that type of thing.

9 So, unfortunately, this has
10 happened a number of times now and most
11 recently with respect to the -- I guess the
12 Long Beach diversion earlier this summer.
13 Once again, up against a grant deadline.

14 Is that a common thing they would
15 announce a grant in late July and less than
16 two months later they would have a deadline
17 of submitting applications for that grant?

18 MR. ARNOLD: I think it happened
19 last year also when they announced the
20 applications there was a very short time to
21 get the package together. I think it did
22 happen again last year but we will take it
23 into account the next time it comes up.

24 Most grants also don't require
25 bond ordinances. This is an odd EFC grant

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2 that requires a bond ordinance.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: EFC stands
4 for?

5 MR. ARNOLD: Environmental
6 Facilities Corporation.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: New York
8 State agency?

9 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: And part of
11 the reason, the whole reason we are doing it
12 by emergency is New York State is driving
13 this, New York State through their
14 Environmental Fund Corporation, New York
15 State through their optimal what they want
16 to do in Design Build. So the emergency
17 nature of this is created by the state of
18 New York, correct?

19 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
21 questions on the emergency?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Hearing none, all in favor of
24 establishing the emergency signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 Those opposed?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 The emergency is established.

6 I will call all three items
7 together and we will consider them together
8 and if need be we can always separate them
9 out for a point.

10 MR. ARNOLD: I prepared a joint
11 statement for them to talk about all three
12 at the same time.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: 307, 316,
14 317. 307 is a resolution authorizing the
15 County Executive to execute a Design Build
16 professional consulting services agreement
17 with the New York State Department of
18 Environmental Conservation and AECOM, USA,
19 in relation to the Bay Park Diversion
20 Project.

21 316, an ordinance to amend
22 ordinance 174 of 2018 adopting the capital
23 plan for the County of Nassau for the first
24 year of the four year capital plan to
25 commence on January 1st, 2019 pursuant to

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2 the provisions of Section 310 of the County
3 Government Law of Nassau County.

4 317 is a bond ordinance providing
5 for a capital expenditure to finance the
6 capital projects identified herein within
7 the county and authorizing \$409,094,531 of
8 bonds of the County of Nassau to finance
9 such expenditure pursuant to the Local
10 Finance Law of New York.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
12 moved.

13 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
15 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton, seconded by
16 Legislator Kennedy.

17 The item is now before us.

18 MR. ARNOLD: Thank you. As I
19 discussed in front of this body in July, the
20 county, working with New York State is
21 embarking on an initiative to address
22 nitrogen rich western bays.

23 The first part of the initiative
24 that was supporting the bipartisan vote in
25 July of this year was the closure of the

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2 Long Beach plant and the diversion of sewage
3 to be treated at the County's Bay Park
4 facility.

5 The second and most ambitious
6 initiative is called the Bay Park Diversion
7 or Conveyance Project. This project will
8 end the use of Bay Park outfall at Reynolds
9 Channel to 99 percent of flow conditions by
10 conveying treated sewage or effluent to the
11 Cedar Creek ocean outfall.

12 Only under severe rain conditions
13 will the Bay Park outfall need to be
14 utilized. It should be also noted that the
15 Bay Park facility is undergoing two process
16 upgrades, one of which I hope to call later
17 today which will reduce nitrogen by 60
18 percent.

19 Specific to the this project, we
20 are in front of this body today requesting
21 approval of the contract with AECOM and also
22 the bond ordinance and capital plan
23 amendment.

24 Back in December 2017, the county
25 entered into an agreement with New York

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2 State DEC to address nitrogen issues in
3 western bays. Part of the agreement
4 introduced the concept of the county
5 utilizing the authority of the DEC to
6 deliver a contract utilizing Design Build.

7 There are several types of Design
8 Build contracts. The method that we will be
9 utilizing is fixed price best value method.
10 The benefit of utilizing a Design Build is
11 that the project is controlled related to
12 cost and schedule.

13 Design Build has been utilizing
14 many regional projects and has resulted in
15 completion of projects on time and on
16 budget. The examples include the Tapanzee,
17 Gothels, and Kosciuszko Bridges, and, in
18 the county, Third Track, and Nassau
19 Expressway.

20 A Design Build delivery requires
21 three main contractors or firms. The
22 preliminary design that will be the basis of
23 the project and define the project goals.
24 This work is ongoing. This work is in a
25 contract that this body approved with WSP in

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2 2018.

3 Then there is the onus agent
4 contract. This is the AECOM contract in
5 front of you today. The main and most
6 important scope of work in this contract
7 includes the development of the Design Build
8 procedures manual for the project, the
9 development of the request for proposals to
10 be given to short listed Design Build firms
11 to provide technical assistance to the
12 owners of the project which is both the
13 state and the county and selecting and
14 negotiating with the DB firm and then
15 managing the DB firm to project completion
16 including working with various trade unions,
17 ensuring quality control in the project, and
18 finalizing commissioning of the project.

19 Following the third piece of the
20 puzzle is the Design Build firm itself. It
21 is anticipated that this contract which will
22 be procured by New York State DEC will be in
23 front of this body for approval during the
24 second quarter of 2021.

25 Like the AECOM contract, there

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2 will be a tripod agreement between the
3 state, county, and the firm. This firm will
4 be a team of both engineers and contractors
5 that will provide the final design plans and
6 build a conveyance system.

7 Specific to the contract here
8 before you today with AECOM is a tripod
9 agreement like I said between the state, the
10 county and the firm.

11 The procurement method completed
12 for this selection followed New York State
13 policy and the steps and details are
14 outlined in two memos from the DEC that are
15 included in the contract package.

16 Please note that the department
17 did not participate in any role of the
18 selection of AECOM. The department has
19 utilized on a number of projects in the past
20 currently and the firm has performed well on
21 these assignments.

22 Two of these assignments involve
23 projects that closely align with the
24 conveyance project. AECOM is a design
25 contractor for the effluent pumping station

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2 at Bay Park and also was the firm that did
3 the due diligence on the Sunrise Highway
4 Aqueduct.

5 The total contract value for the
6 AECOM contract before you today is \$16.6
7 million which includes a direct non salary
8 costs of about 3.9. Note, part of the non
9 salary costs includes 1.5 million stipend
10 that will be allocated to the short list of
11 firms that are not selected for the DB
12 contract. The exact stipend for these firms
13 has not yet been determined however it's the
14 standard practice in the DB method to
15 compensate these firms for the efforts put
16 forth and also allows the ideas put forth by
17 these firms to be applied to the project and
18 hopefully help save the county money.

19 In regards to the funding of the
20 conveyance project, the department
21 previously submitted and had approved a bond
22 ordinance, capital project 3B116 for this
23 work.

24 Current list capital project has
25 51.9 million in bond ordinance and 165

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2 million in outside funding.

3 These bond ordinances have been
4 utilized for contracts for all work done up
5 to date including the encumbrance of this
6 AECOM contract before you today.

7 The current funding plan for the
8 project identifies three programs that
9 outside funding will be coming from. EFC
10 loan with principal forgiveness that we
11 currently have, federal funds, which is the
12 HMPG western bays resiliency grant, and
13 finally New York State non federal matching
14 funds.

15 For the department to receive the
16 New York State non-matching federal funds,
17 we must apply for various grant
18 opportunities being offered.

19 Once such an opportunity has a
20 deadline of this coming Friday and one
21 requirement is of the application as we have
22 discussed is to confirm the funding
23 commitment which means we have to have bond
24 ordinance.

25 The bond ordinance before you

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2 today, \$408 million and change, this would
3 give the capital project 3B116 a total
4 ordinance of \$460 million which is in line
5 with the most recent estimate for the
6 project.

7 It should be said that both the
8 state and the department will continue
9 working to identify additional grant
10 opportunities and also continue to look for
11 the ways to reduce the cost of the project.

12 The submitted bond ordinance
13 request also identifies \$262 million in bond
14 ordinance to be rescinded from capital
15 project 35-123 which is utilized as part of
16 the Bay Park Sandy recovery.

17 Similar to the conveyance project
18 at the time the Sandy recovery was brought,
19 we had to show bond ordinance for that work.

20 Being that the county has now
21 received FEMA funding in the amount of \$262
22 million in reimbursement, an adjustment to
23 this bond ordinance can be done.

24 It is anticipated that this same
25 process will follow as we do the conveyance

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2 project.

3 To summarize, with the support of
4 both AECOM contract and the bond ordinance,
5 the department working with the New York
6 State DEC finalizing 30 percent design
7 package by the end of this year.

8 Concurrently, a request for
9 qualifications for DB firms is scheduled to
10 be released next month with the firms being
11 prequalified by February of 2020.

12 The design package will set for
13 technical requirements for request for
14 proposals that will be given to the
15 prequalified Design Build firms.
16 Anticipated release by the spring of 2020.

17 As previously mentioned, that
18 will lead us towards an executed Design
19 Build contract in the second quarter of
20 2021, followed by a notice to proceed by the
21 summer of 2021 and the completion of the
22 project by December 2024.

23 Specific to public outreach
24 associated with this completion of the 30
25 percent design documents, our plans are

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2 three fold.

3 We will be looking to hold
4 meetings with the effected villages and
5 legislators in the town of Hempstead to go
6 over the project concept at the 30 percent
7 mark. These meetings will occur in
8 September October, for legislators in
9 November, for villages and the town.

10 We then plan to hold several
11 individual meetings with homeowners and
12 businesses affected by the easements for the
13 project.

14 Finally we will be working with
15 the legislators, the villages and the town
16 to be looking to have public meetings before
17 the end of the year. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
19 Ken. I'm sure there will be plenty of
20 questions. I have a couple.

21 The intent is to employ Design
22 Build, the state has to be involved,
23 correct?

24 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.
25 They have the authority for Design Build.

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2 The county does not.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Failing to
4 do the diversion from Bay Park, could it
5 potentially expose the county to fines
6 and/or penalties.

7 MR. ARNOLD: That's correct. The
8 December agreement stipulates that the
9 county must reduce nitrogen entering
10 Reynolds channel.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: This
12 contract with AECOM, it sounds a little bit
13 like a construction manager in some ways.

14 MR. ARNOLD: It's more towards --
15 between program management and a little bit
16 of construction management.

17 They are the onus agent, we call
18 that, and they will be dealing with the
19 Design Build firm directly for both the
20 county and the state dictating that they
21 follow all the protocols set in the proposal
22 that they would be ordered under and making
23 sure that the contract is built according to
24 the goals of the design.

25 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Assuming we

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2 pass the bond ordinance today, the actual
3 contract, our part of the three part
4 contract will come back to us, correct?

5 MR. ARNOLD: For the Design Build
6 firm?

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Yes.

8 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: So therefore
10 we will still maintain control of the
11 project until such time as we -- the
12 contract comes before us?

13 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: In terms of
15 the bond ordinance, the use of that, will be
16 in large part contingent upon whether we
17 approve that or not?

18 MR. ARNOLD: That's correct.
19 That's why I mentioned during Legislator
20 Rhoads' questions that the spending of the
21 money will come back in the Design Build
22 contract.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: The county
24 is currently -- will be withdrawing
25 authorization of up to \$262 million of bonds

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2 that was previously authorized, correct?

3 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: You
5 mentioned a number of grant opportunities
6 that are available. Do you have any
7 projection as to how much you think the
8 county and/or the state will be able to
9 obtain to reduce the local cost on this?

10 MR. ARNOLD: Right now the state
11 has given us assurances of I think it's \$77
12 million of grant opportunities which are
13 non-federally funded grants. That's one of
14 the grants we are applying for. We are
15 looking beyond that on how we can apply for
16 additional types of funding sources. That's
17 ongoing.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Does anyone
19 else have any questions? Deputy Presiding
20 Officer Kopel and then Legislator Rhoads.

21 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Good
22 afternoon. I'm wondering, have you
23 considered or the state considered the
24 question of tertiary processing as an
25 alternative?

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2 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, we did. That
3 was part of the initial work we did and it
4 was twice, if not three times more expensive
5 than the projects we have in front of us
6 today.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: The cost of,
8 well, I understand, is it the case that the
9 state will no longer approve outfall pipes,
10 new ones?

11 MR. ARNOLD: I believe that it's
12 the EPA that will no longer approve another
13 ocean outfall, I'm not sure it's the state,
14 I believe it's the EPA.

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: That's a fact?

16 MR. ARNOLD: That is the feedback
17 we've been getting when we brought up that
18 question early on. That project is also
19 much more expensive than this project.

20 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Is it because
21 -- I remember back a number of years ago
22 when we talked about this originally the
23 costs were estimated at 3 to \$500 million at
24 that time. For a new outfall pipe or
25 extended one for Bay Park itself.

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2 MR. ARNOLD: I believe the ocean
3 outfall back when we were talking about was
4 half a billion dollars.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Right. It's
6 not that far off from this.

7 MR. ARNOLD: That's also -- time
8 is money and this project was three
9 something in that same time frame.

10 As time goes by, these projects
11 are more expensive.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: No question
13 about it, but which one would have a longer
14 life?

15 MR. ARNOLD: They would both have
16 equal lives.

17 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
19 Rhoads.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Yes,
21 Commissioner, just a couple of follow-up
22 questions.

23 Obviously the effluent is being
24 diverted to Cedar Creek's outfall pipe and
25 obviously a number of the legislators have

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2 concerns along the path, making sure we have
3 significant public outreach.

4 When we had our initial meetings
5 Brian Schneider was working with you at the
6 time, and had our meetings over at Wantagh
7 High School with regard to this.

8 We had the assurance given to us
9 by the administration that the public would
10 have an opportunity to have input into the
11 process and be heard before we before any
12 shovels went into the ground on this
13 particular project.

14 Then there are a number of
15 concerns they had. One obviously, even
16 though we're confident that the treated
17 effluent is going to go through that new
18 sleeve the conduit is being used for, they
19 wanted some assurance that if there's a
20 leak, that there is a way to deal with that,
21 that it's detected early, and any potential
22 exposure is contained and mitigated.

23 They wanted to know the path
24 specifically the path to get from the
25 conduit out to the outfall pipe.

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2 MR. ARNOLD: Legislator, like I
3 mentioned, in my remarks, we plan on sitting
4 down not only with you but any other
5 affected legislator to talk about your
6 concerns in preparation of any public
7 meeting set up that you would like to have
8 before the end of the year.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Now is the
10 design complete?

11 MR. ARNOLD: Remember, this is a
12 Design Build interim process. It's a 30
13 percent design package will be complete, but
14 the Design Build is one the reasons the
15 Design Build is very effective is, the
16 proposers can offer other alternatives to
17 save money and time.

18 So we offer the blueprint of what
19 we're looking to achieve with restraints.
20 That's put together in a proposal that goes
21 to the Design Build firms. They can come
22 back with alternatives.

23 So, yes, the design, 30 percent
24 will be completed, but that does not mean
25 that that will not change as we go through

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2 this interim process code.

3 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Do we know
4 where the pipe will be connected at this
5 point?

6 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, we will have a
7 preferred alignment that is almost finalized
8 that we want to sit down with you and go
9 over that and then have a public meeting on
10 that, yes.

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: You
12 anticipate being able to do that before the
13 end of the year?

14 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: The other
16 concerns that were raised obviously, has
17 there been and we received assurance that
18 there would be a flow study; in other words,
19 if you are increasing the flow through the
20 outfall pipe, one, we need to check the
21 structural integrity of the pipe to make
22 sure it can handle that and my understanding
23 is, even at the increased flow, if this
24 project moves ahead, you are still only
25 using half the capacity of the pipe,

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2 correct, approximately?

3 MR. ARNOLD: Something like that,
4 yes.

5 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: But we are
6 going to check the structural integrity of
7 the pipe?

8 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. Part of the
9 WSP scope of work included inspection, both
10 robotic and with people of the existing
11 outfall which again we will go over that
12 with you in these meetings.

13 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So that's
14 been done already?

15 MR. ARNOLD: Some of it, yes, some
16 of it is almost completed.

17 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: The other
18 concern of course was with a flow study to
19 make sure where the pipe will actually
20 discharge, this treated effluent if we're
21 increasing, doubling the amount of effluent
22 that's going through Cedar Creek's pipe, we
23 want to make sure it's not going to wash
24 back on to our shore lines.

25 MR. ARNOLD: The diffusion study,

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2 yes. Again, we'll have that information
3 ready to speak with you on.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: That has also
5 been completed or is it in the process?

6 MR. ARNOLD: In process, might be
7 almost completed. October is the deadline
8 for a bunch of milestones for the WSP
9 contract. I'm not sure the 30 percent is a
10 milestone. I'm not sure what the milestone
11 is for some of these outlying studies but
12 it's all getting wrapped up very soon.

13 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I do want to
14 make sure that when we do have those public,
15 meetings that the public has the opportunity
16 to have input into the process, that's still
17 your intention even with the state's
18 involvement?

19 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. I mean, the
20 project -- when we sit down and go through
21 it, the alignment, there's a lot of
22 different caveats of the alignment, but we
23 can talk about what involvement and we've
24 dealt with many villages and schools. We've
25 talked with many people already, but, yes,

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2 there will be discussions on what we need to
3 do.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you,
5 Commissioner.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
7 Mule.

8 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you,
9 Presiding Officer. I represent as you know
10 a South Shore community that was very highly
11 affected by Sandy and I'm very excited about
12 this project for many reasons.

13 I do believe that it will be the
14 legacy of this body when the project is
15 completed in terms of transforming the
16 environment of the western bays and so I'm
17 very interested in it going forward. It
18 needs to go forward in the proper manner and
19 in the best way possible.

20 With that, I want to reiterate
21 that public outreach of course is going to
22 be critically important.

23 In hearing discussions two years
24 ago already, I remember people talking
25 about, oh my gosh, I don't want sewage going

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2 underneath my home because that's what will
3 happen. But, of course, we know that's not
4 what we are talking about. We are talking
5 about treated effluent and, in fact, with
6 the modifications that are going to be made
7 at Bay Park, the effluent is actually going
8 to be in better shape than ever.

9 The truth is that we already have
10 sewage going underneath our homes because
11 that's how it gets to the sewage treatment
12 centers. My point is, public outreach is
13 critically important.

14 MR. ARNOLD: We have set up a
15 robust program on this. We realize how
16 important it is. It was important with the
17 Third Track project. That's why they have
18 been as successful as they have them. We
19 are looking to make sure our outreach is as
20 robust.

21 LEGISLATOR MULE: I've also
22 toured both the Bay Park and Cedar Creek
23 facilities.

24 In addition, I attended the
25 August 21st meeting that was made available

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2 to all the legislators to discuss this
3 project and ask my questions.

4 So I truly believe that this is
5 really really critical and would be
6 something that will protect us in case of
7 future flooding like Sandy, because we know
8 that the grasses are going to be much
9 stronger and will build up once the western
10 bays are cleaned up and Reynolds Channel is
11 in much better shape environmentally.

12 Let's just keep in mind about the
13 public outreach. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Minority
15 Leader Abrahams.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just a
17 quick question about traffic mitigation.

18 My district doesn't have Sunrise
19 but a lot of my constituents utilize Sunrise
20 like many of us on the South Shore and in
21 many parts of the county.

22 Can you talk a little bit about
23 the anticipated traffic, if there are, I'm
24 assuming there would be, traffic disruptions
25 that would occur on Sunrise Highway and how

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2 long that will be that way and how they will
3 be mitigated to try to minimize them?

4 MR. ARNOLD: Well, right now
5 we're working with New York State DOT,
6 anything we do there requires a permit from
7 that office.

8 They have indicated to us that we
9 must keep three lanes of traffic open in
10 both directions during rush hour, only lane
11 closures can happen at night. That's the
12 premise that we're operating under, that
13 they'll be three lanes in each direction
14 during rush hour with nightly lane closures.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Do you
16 anticipate that level of construction
17 occurring the whole stretch of Sunrise or in
18 segments?

19 MR. ARNOLD: Don't quote me on
20 the exact number, but there are as many as
21 two dozen valve chambers that all require
22 excavation to get into and those will be the
23 locations where we will do the pipelining,
24 so those locations, some of which are in
25 Sunrise Highway, there will be work permits

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2 set up with the state with the scenario that
3 I previously said which is three lanes of
4 traffic during rush hour and lane closures
5 at night.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I guess
7 what I meant, Sunrise Highway, from
8 beginning to end, the long stretch of
9 roadway, do you anticipate opening up all
10 parts of the road at the same time or done
11 in segments?

12 MR. ARNOLD: In segments. Like I
13 said, I don't know how many crews this
14 contractor is going to propose, but we would
15 not have the whole road open at the same
16 time.

17 But there could be areas where
18 they start on both ends and have multiple
19 crews working and maybe have three or four
20 locations open at any one time.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Understand.
22 Thank you, Ken. Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi,
24 Ken. I know that the bond today is over
25 \$400 million. Can you break down exactly

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2 how much we are going to be getting back
3 from all the different entities, like state
4 and federal?

5 MR. ARNOLD: I did supply that to
6 both parties.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
8 put it on the record.

9 MR. ARNOLD: Right now, again
10 this is a working document, we are looking
11 at receiving approximately \$160 million in
12 grants. That's where we are currently.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
14 we're looking at about \$240 million from the
15 county contribution?

16 MR. ARNOLD: A little higher than
17 that, but yes.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
19 to put on record then, we're going to be
20 looking to bond \$322 million and change from
21 the county contribution; is that correct?

22 MR. ARNOLD: As things stand here
23 today, that is the number we have, but,
24 again, the Design Build out, we are hoping
25 that this cost comes down and we continue to

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2 look for additional opportunities to offset
3 the additional grant money.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
5 Gaylor.

6 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you,
7 Presiding Officer. Commissioner Arnold, I'm
8 host concerned about the public awareness
9 component. I thought I heard you say you
10 would start with some kind of briefings in
11 October. Those are geared towards elected
12 officials mostly. When do you anticipate
13 the first public meeting for our citizens
14 because I know many have some concerns?

15 MR. ARNOLD: Before the end of
16 the year. I know we have holiday season so
17 there might be some conversations may not
18 want to have a meeting at a certain time
19 frame but we will work with each legislator
20 affected by the project and talk through how
21 we want to approach reaching out to the
22 public including the villages and towns in
23 that conversation.

24 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Do you
25 anticipate that any work will actually start

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2 before there will be a public meeting?

3 MR. ARNOLD: No. There will be
4 no physical work done on in contract until
5 the Design Build contract comes back to this
6 body.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So we have
8 ample time then to do the various outreach?

9 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, there will be
10 many conversations about this project,
11 iterations, with all affected legislators.

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: And just
13 moving back to the subject brought up by the
14 Minority Leader on lane closures on Sunrise
15 Highway. Did you say you had to leave three
16 lanes open at all times?

17 MR. ARNOLD: That is the
18 direction we've been given so far from New
19 York State DOT.

20 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: But my
21 understanding is, for most of the distance
22 between Lynbrook and Cedar Creek, it's
23 either a two lane or three lane highway.

24 MR. ARNOLD: Sunrise is three
25 throughout. There could be occasions where

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2 we might be in the median building temporary
3 roads, a parking lane might be impacted in
4 some location to keep the three lanes open.

5 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you for
6 clarifying. Nothing further.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
8 legislators?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Any public comment? Mr. Budnick
11 and Ms. Mereday.

12 MR. BUDNICK: Joseph Budnick.
13 Just two technical questions. I understand
14 we have a grant submission drop dead date on
15 the 13th.

16 Will these resolutions give the
17 County Executive and/or the Commissioner of
18 Public Works sufficient authority to meet
19 those drop dead dates by the state for
20 submission?

21 Is there any additional authority
22 that's needed to authorize them to act that
23 is not contained in this Resolution and
24 these ordinances? That's one technical
25 question.

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2 Another technical question with
3 reference to the facility that the county is
4 going to be utilizing to transport from the
5 Bay Park to the Cedar Creek facility. Has
6 anyone checked --

7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Mr. Budnick,
8 I just want to point out one thing. Nothing
9 will go to the Cedar Creek treatment plant.

10 MR. BUDNICK: No, I understand
11 that. It's going to go to a transfer plant
12 somewhere in the Seaford Wantagh area and
13 then it's going to be connected to current
14 sewer lines that will proceed down to the
15 Cedar Creek plant.

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: No.

17 MR. BUDNICK: Fine. Go right to
18 the outfall. That's not the point.

19 The question is, when the city of
20 Brooklyn acquired the easements or the
21 property that we're going to be using, has
22 anybody checked to determine whether there
23 are any deed or easement restrictions that
24 might prohibit what the county needs to do
25 here and might require the county to act in

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2 the nature of condemnation to eliminate any
3 such issues?

4 Has anybody checked the records
5 of Queens County with regard to these
6 questions?

7 I don't know if anybody has but I
8 suggest somebody do so before anybody's
9 posterior is engaged in actualization of a
10 meat clever.

11 Anyhow, I think that this plan
12 needs be to be forwarded and activated as
13 quickly and as humanly possible.
14 Particularly for the benefit of all the
15 citizens of this county. Particularly those
16 along the north shore Sunrise corridor.
17 Thank you for putting up with me.

18 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
19 Baldwin resident. I'm so glad that
20 Legislator Rhoads brought up the point about
21 residents are going to be impacted and how
22 effectively they will be notified with
23 regard to this considering it's going to be
24 coming up one of the two main thoroughfares
25 that Baldwin residents have if we're talking

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2 about bringing it up from Bay Park along
3 Grand Avenue and will have a nice
4 opportunity to by a number of houses that
5 are still empty or damaged with regard to
6 Sandy.

7 So I'm finding it interesting
8 that we have these emergencies with these
9 construction projects but we still haven't
10 addressed the emergencies of residents who
11 are paying taxes on properties that are
12 still unlivable.

13 So I'm hoping as we are review
14 all of that, we make it accessible for those
15 residents who are not in those homes that
16 are along that same route.

17 Also, considering what's taking
18 place now on Sunrise Highway in those areas,
19 are we now going to remove those roads that
20 were previously in line to be repaired
21 because of the pothole situation or are we
22 going to repair them and then once again
23 have to find the funds to address the
24 residents like myself who have to continue
25 to get car repair work for the county roads

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2 that are in extreme disrepair. Are those
3 things taken in consideration?

4 And I wish I could echo my
5 legislators enthusiasm about this project,
6 but many of the Baldwin residents remain
7 concerned about the ongoing traffic jams an
8 what would be potentially a problem for many
9 of them to get out and get to work or get
10 their children to school or to get around in
11 general. Because we are now less one
12 supermarket that we are still trying to get
13 that addressed and I'm still trying to find
14 out how effectively this project itself is
15 going to be inclusive of minority women,
16 veteran businesses, when we still do not
17 have an outreach plan for procurement and
18 supplier and workforce diversity.

19 There are a number of concerns
20 with regard to this project and because, if
21 I read it correctly from the notes that I
22 wrote down, that we are following New York
23 State policies, that I'm hopeful that there
24 will be a review of the relatively new
25 legislation as it pertains to the increased

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2 need for workforce and supplier diversity
3 within the procurement processes when it
4 comes down to state and federal funding.

5 So, again, hopefully we will be
6 looking for notifications via in the mail or
7 however you can do it effectively and
8 consistently as opposed to having something
9 posted in Newsday and the meeting is that
10 evening. That is not effective
11 communication to residents that need to hear
12 and have their voices heard. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
14 public comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Hearing none, I will call for a
17 vote on these three items; 307, 316, 317 of
18 2019.

19 All in favor signify by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Those opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 They carry unanimously.

25 Motion to adjourn.

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2 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
5 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
6 Birnbaum.

7 All in favor of adjourning
8 signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Those opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 We are adjourned. Going back now
13 to the committees.

14 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative
15 Committee adjourned at 3:43 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 30th day of September, 2019.

FRANK GRAY