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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

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7 LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE

8 Vice Chair

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10 LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

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12 LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

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14 LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

15 Ranking member

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17 LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

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19 LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Call the
3 Public Works Committee to order and ask the
4 clerk to call the roll.

5 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
6 Chairman. Roll call. Legislator Carrie
7 Solages.

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
10 Drucker.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Ranking member
13 Siela Bynoe.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James
16 Kennedy.

17 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Substituting for
19 Laura Schaefer is Legislator Rose Walker.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

21 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman John
22 Giuffre.

23 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

24 MR. PULITZER: Chairman C.
25 William Gaylor III.

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

3 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
4 sir.

5 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: There are
6 four items on the agenda today which are clerk
7 items number 266-22, 275-22, 280-22 and
8 283-22.

9 Clerk item 266-22 is a resolution
10 approving a federal aid project administered
11 by the New York State Department of
12 Transportation and authorizing the county of
13 Nassau to participate in the nonfederal share
14 of the cost of construction, and in the cost
15 of construction supervision and inspection of
16 the project, and authorizing the county
17 executive of the county of Nassau to execute
18 an agreement on behalf of the county with the
19 New York State Department of Transportation
20 for the performance of such work for the
21 project and for participation by the county in
22 the nonfederal share of the cost of the
23 project, which is identified as PIN 0761.59
24 for the Management Enhancement application.

25 May I have a motion. Moved by

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2 Legislator Giuffre. Seconded by Legislator
3 Solages. That is before us. I see we have
4 Commissioner Arnold at the podium to speak
5 about this item.

6 MR. ARNOLD: Good afternoon. Ken
7 Arnold. 266-22 is a New York State master
8 agreement that provides 80 percent funding, or
9 \$1 million, for the traffic management
10 enhancement application. This application is
11 a web-based database that we use to track
12 signal issues, maintenance and inventory.

13 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Just out of
14 curiosity, the 20 percent that's remaining is
15 funded by the state?

16 MR. ARNOLD: No. 20 percent is
17 funded by capital.

18 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Is there any
19 debate or discussion? Any public comment?
20 All in favor please signify by saying aye.
21 Any opposed? The item passes unanimously.

22 Clerk item 275-22 is an ordinance
23 supplemental to the annual appropriation
24 ordinance in connection with public works.

25 May I have a motion. Moved by

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2 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
3 Drucker. The item is before us. Commissioner
4 Arnold it's all yours.

5 MR. ARNOLD: 275-22 is a
6 supplemental appropriation from the federal
7 transit administration for our annual grant
8 for 2023 associated with the NICE bus. The
9 grant is for is for \$11.5 million and that
10 will be used for rolling capital needs and
11 capitalized maintenance.

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: That's all
13 for the bus, NICE bus system, correct?

14 MR. ARNOLD: That is correct.
15 It's 80 percent of the total funding that we
16 utilize for that program. Ten percent from
17 the state, which is an item later on, and the
18 remaining ten percent is county capital.

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any debate or
20 discussion? Any public comment? All in favor
21 please signify by saying aye. Any opposed?
22 The item passes unanimously.

23 Clerk item 280-22 is a resolution
24 authorizing the county of Nassau to
25 participate in a transportation project

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2 providing for the restriping of various county
3 roads under capital project number H62I53-I4G
4 and that's PIN 0761.67 and authorizing the
5 county executive of the county of Nassau to
6 execute the agreement on behalf of the county
7 with the New York State Department of
8 Transportation for the advancement of said aid
9 for transportation projects in Nassau County.

10 May I have a motion. Moved by
11 Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator
12 Bynoe. The item is before us.

13 MR. ARNOLD: So item 280-22 is
14 another New York State master agreement. This
15 is for pavement markings what we call phase
16 14. It's providing the federal share of \$1
17 million. This is our normal pavement marking
18 funds we receive from the TIP, which is the
19 New York State Transportation Improvement
20 Plan.

21 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So the
22 question for you Commissioner Arnold. The
23 reimbursable amount is \$1 million or 3.2? I
24 saw something in the backup about 3.2
25 million.

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2 MR. ARNOLD: Let me double
3 check.

4 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: The staff
5 summary says one million but I believe the
6 backup may show a little bit --

7 MR. ARNOLD: Let me double-check
8 the backup then. I only checked the staff
9 summary. You are correct. We are getting
10 \$3.2 million. The whole project is worth \$4
11 million.

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: You'll
13 provide us with an updated, some updated
14 information on it?

15 MR. ARNOLD: The contract itself
16 is the lead document.

17 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Very good.
18 Any debate or discussion? Any public
19 comment? Ms. Mereday.

20 MS. MEREDAY: Yes. Good
21 afternoon. Meta J. Mereday. With regard to
22 this contract and I guess the previous two my
23 concern and my ongoing request in terms of
24 ensuring that there is diversity inclusion
25 with these projects that are getting state and

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2 more than likely federal funding that we are
3 making sure that we are making every effort,
4 not just the basic or baseline, every effort
5 to be inclusive of service disabled veterans,
6 minority women, etcetera in these projects.
7 And that the projects themselves represent a
8 cross section of the county. Particularly
9 when we're talking about transportation. When
10 we have so many residents who depend on
11 transportation. I don't know the previous
12 resolution as it pertains to buses. I don't
13 know if it's maintaining the current level of
14 buses. But I don't know if there's
15 consideration for additional buses and
16 reinstating some bus lines for many of our
17 seniors as well as veterans who continue to
18 have issues with transportation.

19 So, the diversity, the inclusion
20 and making sure that the transportation funds
21 are equitable throughout the county is my
22 request. Thank you.

23 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: All very good
24 points. Appreciate that Ms. Mereday.
25 Commissioner Arnold you want to address?

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2 MR. ARNOLD: In relation to the
3 master agreements, New York State requires DB
4 eagles for all their project funding and the
5 department works with them to meet those
6 goals.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: And I think,
8 Ms. Mereday, on your comment about the buses,
9 the funding of that 11 and a half million
10 dollars was not to increase the number of
11 lines but to replace the capital items, the
12 fleet, the vehicles themselves, as well as the
13 facility, the upgrades. Am I correct on
14 that?

15 MR. ARNOLD: That's correct.

16 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any other
17 public comment? Legislator Walker.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: In regard to
19 the fleet themselves, do we have any other
20 information about the buses that were on fire
21 and destroyed? Are they buses that were
22 obsolete already?

23 MR. ARNOLD: Those buses had
24 completed their useful life. In excess of 20
25 years. They were there to be salvaged and

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2 sold. And I don't know the extent of the
3 investigation.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: But they were
5 already buses that we had taken completely out
6 of service?

7 MR. ARNOLD: They were out of
8 service buses.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: That's what I
10 thought but I just wanted to verify that.
11 Thank you.

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Back to
13 280-22. Excuse me, Legislator Giuffre. Go
14 ahead.

15 We're going to take a vote on
16 282-22. All in favor please signify by saying
17 aye. Any opposed? The item passes
18 unanimously.

19 Go ahead. Legislator Giuffre he'd
20 just like to make a comment.

21 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Ken, I
22 wanted to thank you. I know there was a
23 paving project in my district. One of my
24 constituents. Inevitably there's going to be
25 some curb damage sometimes and you responded

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2 immediately. The constituent was pleased. I
3 know it's being taken care of. Thank you for
4 that.

5 MR. ARNOLD: Thank you for
6 recognizing that.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Next item
8 before us is clerk item 283-22 which is an
9 ordinance supplemental to the annual
10 appropriation ordinance in connection with
11 public works.

12 May I have a motion. Moved by
13 Legislator Giuffre. Seconded by Legislator
14 Drucker. The item is before us.

15 MR. ARNOLD: 283-22 is a
16 supplemental appropriation for the department
17 to receive an additional \$100,000 from
18 New York State DEC through the Long Island
19 Regional Planning Council. This money is part
20 of our septic rebate program and that's what
21 it will be utilized for.

22 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Can you just
23 give me a quick status of the septic rebate
24 program? How many residents have applied?

25 MR. ARNOLD: I don't have that

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2 handy. I knew you were going to ask that
3 question today. So if I can bring that to the
4 leg session and get you an update. Because
5 this program is also tied to other funding
6 sources including ARP. So there's a lot of
7 pieces and parts. So I'll get you a status of
8 the whole program.

9 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Status. How
10 many residents. How much has been awarded.

11 MR. ARNOLD: We'll get something
12 to this body before that meeting.

13 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you
14 Commissioner Arnold. Is there any other
15 debate or discussion?

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Mr. Chairman
17 thank you. Ken, just a quick question because
18 on some of the other projects that we're
19 seeing obviously are multimillions of
20 dollars. This one is \$100,000 for replacing
21 aging and failing septic systems. It just
22 seems like a low amount, \$100,000.

23 MR. ARNOLD: What happens a lot
24 of times in these grants is there's money that
25 gets passed through different programs. We've

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2 received, and this body I think has approved
3 from the DCE I think it's \$2 million for the
4 same program. They jumble together different
5 fundings and we receive it and it's just how
6 we accept it.

7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: This just
8 adds to what we've already receive?

9 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. And when I get
10 you the update you'll see the bigger picture.
11 Because there's also ARP that matches. So
12 this is a fairly decent size program.

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
14 Ken. Appreciate that.

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any other
16 debate or discussion? Any public comment?
17 All in favor please signify by saying aye.
18 Any opposed? The item passes unanimously.

19 So, we have an addenda item to our
20 agenda. I need a motion to suspend the
21 rules. Moved by Legislator Walker. Seconded
22 by Legislator Bynoe. All in favor please
23 signify by saying aye. The rules are now
24 suspended.

25 So, there's one item on the agenda

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2 today which is clerk item 288-22. It's a
3 resolution authorizing the county to implement
4 a program of projects funded by the state mass
5 transportation capital program to advance such
6 funds required to be advanced by the county
7 and the state of New York to implement such
8 program and to authorize the county executive
9 to execute any and all agreements and other
10 documentation necessary to implement this
11 program.

12 Commissioner Arnold.

13 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. So, like I
14 mentioned earlier, 288 is another master
15 agreement with New York State for \$1.5
16 million. This is the ten percent match for
17 the 11.5 that the federal government
18 provides. So, that's how this program is put
19 together each year. Federal aid 80, state
20 ten, county capital is the last ten percent.
21 This master agreement is that contract with
22 the state to receive that \$1.5 million.

23 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Rules are
24 suspended. I don't think we need a motion.
25 We can make a motion. I don't think so but we

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2 can make a motion if you think you need it.

3 But once we suspend the rules my understanding
4 is we don't need the motion. We'll say it's
5 moved by Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by
6 Legislator Solages.

7 Again, the item is now before us.
8 Do we have any public comment? All in favor
9 of the item signify by saying aye. Any
10 opposed? The item passes.

11 There's no other business in front
12 of this committee. Can I have a motion to
13 adjourn? Moved by Legislator Walker.
14 Seconded by Legislator Giuffre. All those in
15 favor say aye. This committee is now
16 adjourned.

17 (Committee adjourned at 3:14 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

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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notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 11th day of
September 2022

FRANK GRAY