



Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes July 17th, 2019

Present: T. Filorimo, C. Shields, C. Dineen, D. Sheehan, T. Maran, N. Palumbo, H. Burgess, T.J. Schiavoni, T. Neely, V. Taldone

The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM. The June minutes were approved as presented.

Concern was expressed over the redesign of the North Highway-Montauk Highway intersection in Hampton Bays. (This was the subject of a July 11th Press article.) The Town is in discussion with the County, as these are both County roads and the design was approved by SCDPW.

The members were advised that in a change of plans, the Town will pursue a bike share program with Zagster this year; this is part of the County bike share program in which four Towns on LI will participate. Huntington has dropped out, so Southampton was asked to participate. This pilot program will be in Hampton Bays; and is expected to start around Labor Day.

The Town met with the DOT in June regarding the TAP biking grant which will link Red Creek Park with Good Ground Park and Hampton Bays hamlet center. The grant process is very involved, with the initial step being submission of the Federal Aid Project Proposal (FAPP). Members were assured that there will be opportunities for stakeholder and general public input during the process. In response to questions raised at an earlier meeting, the initial cost estimate for implementation of this project was reviewed with the members.

Other aspects of improving biking infrastructure in the Town were discussed, including the possible use of CPF lands for biking trails; and the possible use of LIRR/utility rights of way.

The advised the Town that the LIRR is not responsible for any recent clearing along the tracks in the Shinnecock Hills area; the Town is continuing to investigate this, for possible consideration as a future bike trail connection opportunity.

The members were updated on the South Fork Commuter Connection service. Overall train ticket sales in the Speonk to Montauk corridor continue to grow.

The conversation regarding bus shelters and the County's refusal to pursue installation of the 'Southampton' model in Flanders was continued from last month. Photos of the alternative were shown and the relative cost of each discussed. Funding through CDBG grants was also discussed. This evolved to a discussion about the perceived need for shelters in other locations; and whether focusing on the type of shelter or the need for additional shelters was the greater priority. Members expressed an interest in seeing the alternative shelter in place; the County will be asked to advise where the closest one is installed.

N. Palumbo spoke about the upcoming annual "Car Free Day" and "Mobility Week" event planned for September. The Town expects to support this at the Municipality Silver level.

Members were advised that the Town is continuing to coordinate implementation plans with the DOT for the Bridgehampton Traffic Safety project, with construction expected to start after Labor Day.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 21st, 2019 from 3-5PM in the Lower Level Meeting Room.