

## Westchester County Board of Legislators

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, LABOR & TRANSPORTATION

**MINUTES: May 3, 2010**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Chair: Bill Ryan; Legislators: Gordon Burrows, Judith Myers, Martin Rogowsky, and Chairman Jenkins

**GUESTS:** Commissioner Lawrence Salley (Dept. of Transportation), K. Delgado (CE Office)

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 4:13 pm.

Chair Ryan introduced Commissioner Lawrence Salley, Department of Transportation to discuss the operational and fiscal impact of the revisions to the Route BxM4C schedule.

Commissioner Salley stated that the Department of Transportation seeks to provide, rather than cut, bus service to residents. In recent years, weekend bus service and extended-day service had become just as important as morning and afternoon commuter service as weekend and extended-day provides rides for shoppers and wage earners going and coming from their jobs (home health care workers, for example). However, he expects these tough cuts to weekend and extended-day service will likely be followed later in the year by additional service cuts due to the anticipated loss of state aid.

#### **BxM4C bus service between White Plains and Manhattan**

The current service and fare structure will remain in effect until June 28. After that date, service will only be provided weekdays during "peak hours": 5-10am; eliminating all but two midday routes: at or about 10:30 am and 12 pm; and approx. 2:30-7:30 pm. On September 6, the fare will increase to \$8.50 (from \$5.50) and MetroCard use will end. Seniors and the disabled will be eligible for a discount fare of \$4.25 (from \$2.75). There a number of procedural steps to follow - including holding a public hearing - before these changes can be put into place.

The Administration continues to negotiate with Liberty Lines for the bus operator to take over the BxM4C route. Liberty Lines would operate the route as a private line and would independently set the schedule and the fares. There would be no County subsidy for the route beyond 2010. Liberty Lines would continue to rent the buses from the County rent space in the County garage.

#### **Traffic flow improvements on Central Avenue Corridor**

On the motion of Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Burrows, and a vote of 6-0, Items #24-26, two acts and a resolution needed in order for the County to accept \$2.5 million from New York State Department of Transportation's Multi-Modal Program, were approved. The grant funds will be used to make traffic flow improvements to the Central Avenue Corridor (Route 100) from White Plains south to the Yonkers' boarder. This work includes intersection modification and signalization improvements including a queue jumping lane and signal preemption for buses.

These items were previously discussed by the Commissioner of Transportation and are also on the agenda of the Budget and Appropriation Committee.

Item 27, an IMA with the City of White Plains, regarding Central Avenue Corridor Traffic Signals in White Plains and Greenburgh, was moved by Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky, and approved by a unanimous vote.

#### Sewer District modification

On the motion of Legis. Rogowsky, seconded by Legis. Jenkins, the Committee voted to refer agenda item #39 to the County Executive. This is a request from the Town of Mount Pleasant regarding the removal of Old Chappaqua Road property from the County's Saw Mill Sewer District.

#### Receive and File

The Committee voted unanimously to receive and file following items:

11. **HON. VITO PITO: Pumps and Dispensers:** Forwarding a document entitled "Pumps and Dispensers" from Benfordfueling.com.
32. **HON. KEN JENKINS: BXM4C - West-Manhattan Bus Route:** Forwarding correspondence from Town of Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner expressing his concern over the proposed elimination of the BXM4C, Westchester-Manhattan express bus route.
33. **HON. KEN JENKINS: Memo Re: Battery Powered Barricades:** Forwarding a memo from Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner recommending the acquisition of battery powered barricades to illuminate intersections closed during storms.
37. **HON. JUDY MYERS: Tappan Zee Bridge Reconstruction:** Forwarding constituent correspondence regarding the impending Tappan Zee Bridge reconstruction project.
42. **LEGISLATORS ALVARADO, BURROWS, JENKINS, SPRECKMAN, ABINANTI, RYAN, A. WILLIAMS: Resolution - 4C Bus Route:** Forwarding a proposed Resolution directing the Westchester County Department of Transportation to modify the Bee Line Bus 4C to provide peak hour service.

There being no further business before the Committee, on motion of Legislator Rogowsky, seconded by Legislator Burrows, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:39 pm.

**AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST**