

Westchester County Board of Legislators

**COMMITTEE ON public works, TRANSPORTATION, LABOR AND PARKS
JOINT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY**

MINUTES: October 10, 2007
3:30 PM

**committee ON public works, TRANSPORTATION, LABOR AND
PARKS**

MEMBERS: Chair: K. Jenkins; Legislators: J. Alvarado, B.
Ryan, S. Swanson

IN ATTENDANCE: CE: B. Randolph; **DOT:** L. Salley; **BOL STAFF:** B.
Bochow, N. Rentz

With a meeting quorum present, the Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Labor, & Parks was called to order at 4:09 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

METROCARD SYSTEM IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Commissioner of Transportation, Larry Salley sat with the committee to discuss the MetroCard system as implemented in Westchester County. He supplied the committee with a list of outlets where riders can purchase a MetroCard (there are approximately 95 separate locations, not including Metro North Rail Stations).

Commissioner Salley said that ridership has gone up by about fourteen percent. However, revenue has declined, because as people become more accustomed with the system, many learn how to ride using discount ride cards. Another reason why revenue has declined is that the county has lost the stream of revenue from people traveling into the Westchester, as the MetroCard allows for free transfers.

He also indicated that over the last several years, the amount of funding received from the State of New York has increased from \$24 million to about \$40 million, putting Westchester County on par with Nassau County.

Commissioner Salley then gave the committee a briefing on the Bus Rapid Transit study being conducted for the Central Avenue corridor. The survey portion of the study is ready to move into operation in the next two weeks. This will be used to gauge the usage needs of the riding public.

The committee then engaged in a brief discussion about alternative fuel and hybrid busses.

On a motion by Legislator Ryan, seconded by Legislator Jenkins, the Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Labor, & Parks adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST