

**RESOLUTION NO. 427 -2015, IMPROVING COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS**

WHEREAS, the County Department of Public Works (“DPW”) is charged with the maintenance of County roads and other infrastructure, including medians, shoulders, bridges and recharge basins; and

WHEREAS, these County assets require ongoing maintenance to repair potholes, trim grass and remove litter or graffiti; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible for DPW to be aware of all the maintenance needs throughout the County at any one time; and

WHEREAS, increased communication between County residents and DPW would help DPW learn about infrastructure maintenance needs in a more timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Information Technology (“DoIT”) is responsible for the development and maintenance of information technology infrastructure for use by County employees and residents interfacing with the County online; and

WHEREAS, DPW should work with DoIT to develop an online portal and an accompanying mobile application for smart phones to allow citizens to report infrastructure maintenance needs; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Information Technology and Department of Public Works are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to jointly develop an online form and a mobile application to allow the public to notify the County when maintenance and/or repair is required on a County road or facility; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that DoIT is authorized, if necessary, to utilize volunteer resources from local institutions of higher education or develop a contest to assist in the development of these platforms; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that any notice provided to DPW through these platforms shall not constitute official notice of defects under § C8-2(A)(2) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: May 12, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 28, 2015