

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**and**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
  
**of the**  
  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

A regular meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Tuesday February 23, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Jay Schneiderman - Chairman  
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chairman  
Legislator Wayne Horsley  
Legislator Tom Muratore

**MEMBER NOT PRESENT:**

Legislator Tom Barraga

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan- Counsel to the Legislature  
Gil Anderson - Commissioner - DPW  
Bill Hillman - Chief Engineer - DPW  
Bob Shinnick - Transportation Division - DPW  
Robert Doering - Budget Review Office  
Rosalind Gazes - Budget Review Office  
Catherine Stark - Aide to Chairman Schneiderman  
Linda Bay - Aide to Minority Caucus  
Paul Perillie - Aide to Majority Aide  
Barbara LoMoriello - Deputy Clerk - SC Legislature  
Ben Zwirn - County Executive's Office  
Inspector Brady - Suffolk County Police Department  
Susan Ciano - Widow of Glen Ciano - Suffolk County Police Officer  
Dot Kerrigan - AME  
All Other Interested Parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

**MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:**

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:09 P.M.\*)

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Good afternoon. I would like to call this meeting to order this 23rd of February 2010, the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee. If you would rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Horsley.

*Salutation*

Be seated. Madam Clerk, do we have any yellow cards, speaker cards?

**LEG. STERN:**

Yes, there were. Debbie has it.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I believe there were some being handed in. I have no presentations this morning, so we will begin with public portion. I have one card so far. It's for Susan Ciano speaking on the naming in Bellport -- Commack Road, I'm sorry. Ms. Ciano, if you will step up to the podium. You have three minutes to make your comments. You can start by identifying yourself for the record.

**MS. CIANO:**

Hi. My name is Susan Ciano, I am the wife of Glen Ciano. He was killed last February 22nd, line of duty, Suffolk County Police Officer. I want to thank you for considering to renaming -- naming Commack Road, you know, with my husband, Glen Ciano Place. It means a lot to me that he will not be forgotten that -- and not only the fact of him not being forgotten in just things he did and how he was, but for people to know that he was killed by a drunk driver. And maybe people would be able to put that in the back of their head. He was lost as a family man, a Police Officer, a father. And I think it's important that people know what was taken away by a drunk driver. So he served Suffolk County as a Police Officer willingly, happily, and it will make us proud to have this named after him.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Thank you. Certainly are sympathy and condolences on your loss. Do we have additional cards, I think, on this issue? No? Inspector Brady, did you want to say a few words?

**MS. LOMORIELLO:**

Hold down the button there, please.

**INSPECTOR BRADY:**

I'm Inspector Edward Brady, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Precinct of the Suffolk County Police Department. I wasn't aware that I would be speaking, but thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

No need to speak.

**INSPECTOR BRADY:**

Okay. I just wanted to reiterate what Ms. Ciano said. Police Officer Glen Ciano unfortunately lost his life in the service of the people of Suffolk County. He was a decorated Police Officer. He was cited five times for excellent police work in his 23 year career. And I believe it would be an honor to the Police Department and as well as to the people of Suffolk County to rename this intersection in his honor. He was killed in the performance of his duty, and in fact, lost his life serving the people of Suffolk County. And I also want to echo what Ms. Ciano said in thanking the Legislature for considering this proposal by Legislator Stern. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Thank you, Officer. I have no other cards. Legislator Muratore.

**LEG. MURATORE:**

Mr. Chairman, if I might as well. As people know, I'm a retired Police Officer I had the honor and privilege of working with Glen Ciano. I trained Glen as a young Police Officer when I was an instructor in the academy and then in my duties as Vice-President when I served alongside of him in his delegate ship. As Ms. Ciano said and the Inspector said, there's not a more deserving individual to have his name on the road in Suffolk County for all that Glen did for the residents. So I would strongly add my support to this and ask the Clerk that I be down as a cosponsor. And hopefully we can ask the others Legislators to make this goes through in a timely fashion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Thank you, Legislator Muratore. I have to stop for a motion by Legislator --

**LEG. STERN:**

Mr. Chairman, I'm going to make a motion to take the resolution out of order.

**MR. NOLAN:**

1128.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

So that's a motion by Legislator Stern to take IR 1128 out of order, second by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Hearing none --

**LEG. STERN:**

Motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So again, 1128 is now before us. There's a motion the approve. Let me just read the resolution. **1128, to rename the intersection of CR 4, Commack Road and CR 67, Vanderbilt (Motor) Parkway, as "Glen Ciano Road". (Stern)**

**MS. PERILLIE:**

No, it's Ciano Place. It was amended.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

So there's an amended copy. It's Glen Ciano Place, because it's just the corner that's being named.

**LEG. STERN:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Is there going to be any kind of monument placed? How is it -- there's signage that's going up?

**LEG. STERN:**

Yes. That will be determined in working with DPW as to -- and working with the Ciano Family, of course, as to what form that's going to take.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

And this -- the obvious question -- I know the answer, but I feel I need to ask it on the record -- this has been through Sitings Committee?

**LEG. STERN:**

This was approved by the Sitings Committee at its last meeting.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So it is then eligible for a vote. Is there any discussion on this?

**LEG. STERN:**

Is there a second?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I believe that Legislator Muratore made the second.

**LEG. STERN:**

On the motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

On the motion, Legislator Stern.

**LEG. STERN:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It really has been a privilege for me and my office to work with the Ciano Family and with Inspector Brady and our hardworking men and women who protect all of us, but particularly the 2nd Precinct would do just an outstanding job for our entire community. This is important.

This is important not just because the naming of a corner will ensure that Officer Ciano's name and legacy lives on, but as I had said during the meeting of the Sitings Committee, that Officer Ciano was killed and taken way to early from us in the line of duty, but it was a drunk driving incident as well. And the corner of Vanderbilt Parkway and Commack Road is a heavily traveled, heavily used intersection that is on the border of separate Legislative Districts. Anybody using the Northern State or the Long Island Expressway in that area is going to be passing by this corner where this tragedy occurred.

I'm there back and forth several times a day every day. And I can tell you that you I use it frequently as a teaching moment with my young children when I'm driving with them in my car as to how important it is to be a safe driver and the dangers of drunk driving and the scourge that it continues to be throughout Long Island. So my hope is that by naming this location, it is important step that we can all take here in Suffolk County to ensure that not only is Officer Ciano's legacy preserved for his family, for his community, for all of us, but also continues to service as a teaching moment that I think all of us need to take into account when we're using our roadways and ensure that his legacy lives on as an important opportunity that we need to take advantage every time we pass by Glen Ciano Place to ensure that we do all we can to continue to not only preserve his legacy, but ensure to the extent that we can that further tragedies are prevented in the future. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Well said. Okay. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**APPROVED** unanimously (**VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga**).

Thank you for coming out. Again, our condolences on your loss. We wish we could give you back, you know, Glen, but we can't. But we can at least preserve his memory and not -- you know, for the entire community and hopefully have it serve as a reminder and a way to prevent further tragedies, future tragedies.

**MS. CIANO:**

Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

This will now go to the full Legislature on March 2nd.

**MS. CIANO:**

All right.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

At that meeting in Riverhead, okay?

**MS. CIANO:**

Thank you.

**LEG. STERN:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Now we go to the beginning of the agenda.

**IR 1005. Directing the Department of Public Works to add a stop on the 3C Bus Route. (Montano)**

Is there a motion of any kind? I'll make a motion to table.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

I'll second the motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Second. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1005 is **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

Steve is actually still in the room. Did you want to go on with the tabling there on that vote?

**LEG. STERN:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Supporting the tabling?

**LEG. STERN:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

The last vote was to table. So Legislator Stern is voting with the majority.

**1026. To implement Sunday bus service and extend weekly morning and evening service in Suffolk County (ROMAINE).**

Is there a motion? Legislator Muratore, motion to approve?

**LEG. MURATORE:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion to approve. Is there a second? I'll make a motion to table.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

I'll second the motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Seconded by Legislator Horsley. Any discussion? I guess on the record, I'm all in favor of Sunday service. In fact, it's long overdue. The fact that we have a million and a half people in this County

and we have no public transportation on Sundays is embarrassing. So, you know, I support Legislator Romaine's efforts to implement Sunday service, but we do have to pay for it. So I have a separate bill that does pay for it. So though I'll be moving to table it because I'm adjusting the fare schedule a little bit, our fares haven't increased in I think 15 or 16 years now. I'm suggesting some mild fare increases that are below what they would be than if you adjusted the old rate for inflation and certainly below what the, you know, similar bus service in other areas are.

But I think this bill since there is no way -- it doesn't provide any payment, any additional funds to cover that Sunday service, I don't know how we would do it. So I'm going support tabling it. If there's no further discussion, we'll vote on the tabling. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1026 is **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

**IR 1021. Authorizing the conveyance of County-owned surplus unused right-of-way fronting a parcel of land having a Suffolk County Tax Map Identification Number of District 0200 Section 593.00 Block 01.00 Lot 015.000 pursuant to Section 125 of the New York State Highway Law. (Co. Exec.)**

I will make a motion to approve.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by -- who said the second?

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

I did.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Horsley. On the -- on the motion, this is a bill that we had discharged without recommendation giving the sponsor -- not the sponsor, but the Legislator whose district this occurs in time to review it. We then recommitted it from the full Legislature back here. And it's my understanding that the Legislator, Legislator Romaine, is now okay with having this move forward to the full Legislature. So there's a motion and a second to approve. Is there any discussion? These were two triangular pieces of property out in, I believe, Manorville area?

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

Correct. Two out parcels off -- adjacent to a paper road.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? 1021 is **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

**IR 1022. Authorizing the conveyance of County-owned surplus unused right-of-way fronting a parcel of land having a Suffolk County Tax Map Identification Number of District 0200 Section 593.00 Block 01.00 Lot 013.001 and District 0200 Section 593.00 Block 01.00 Lot 014.001 pursuant to Section 125 of the New York State Highway Law. (Co. Exec.)**

This is another one of those pieces. Gil, on this before we vote, because I wanted to do same motion, same second, same vote, there are three pieces of land here? I was reading three separate tax map numbers.

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

There are only two pieces in consideration, although, one may be split by two separate tax parcels or in two separate tax parcels. I'm just looking at the map now.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. There were two tax parcels on the second resolution. Same motion, same second, same vote. Everybody is okay with that? 1022 is **APPROVED** as well (**VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga**).

**IR 1054. Adopting Local Law No. -2010, A Local Law to address the penalties for unsafe helicopter operation in Suffolk County. (Romaine)**

This needs to be tabled for a public hearing. I'll make a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

**1097. Adopting Local Law No. -2010, A Local Law amending the membership of the Dredging Project Screening Committee. (Schneiderman)**

This also needs a public hearing, so I'll make a motion. Same motion, same second to table. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

**1102. Adopting Local Law No. -2010, A Local Law to ensure the timely removal of damaged utility poles on County-owned roadways. (Eddington)**

Also needs a public hearing. Same motion, same second, same vote. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

**1111. Authorizing execution of agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 11 Selden with the owner of Seeley Subdivision (BR-1567). (Co. Exec.)**

Commissioner, just give us some information.

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

Yeah. This is for four single family homes that wish to connect to the district, totals -- 12,000 per day is the flow. The \$15 gallon per day fee comes to 18,000 which is split between District 11 - Venture Associates who did an expansion of the plant as well as the district.

So essentially \$7.06 per gallon per day or \$8,472 goes to district Venture 11. And \$7.94 per gallon per day which totals \$9,528 will go to District 11 itself.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Any discussion? Is there a motion? We have a motion and second?

**MS. LOMORIELLO:**

No.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Can we have one?

**LEG. STERN:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Stern, second by Legislator Muratore. Any further discussion. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

**1143. Authorizing the purchase of up to 22 paratransit vans for Suffolk Transit and accepting and appropriating Federal Aid and State Aid and County funds (CP 5658). (Co.**

**Exec.)**

I'll make a motion, seconded by Legislator Stern. On the motion, Commissioner, if you could just give us some background on this too. Is this part of the stimulus? It is stimulus funds, Federal stimulus money? I know we had gotten money for I think 35 buses.

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

Yeah. That was a separate purchase. This is for 22 para transit -- this is Federally funded, 80% Federally funded, but it's not through stimulus.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Now the para transit, is that SCAT?

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

Yes, sir.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So this won't entirely replace the old fleet?

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

No. It only replaces 22 of the vehicles.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

And how many are in that fleet of SCAT?

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

Off the top of my head -- I know there are more, but I don't know what the number is. Probably in the range of 50, but I'd have to check.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

So we're retiring 22 as well?

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

Correct.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

And were they going to be used for other purposes? Are we going to sell them?

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

Generally -- usually they get sold off.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. All right. Any further discussion? We had a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga).**

**1144. Amending the 2010 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the reconstruction of CR 67, Motor Parkway Bridge, L.I.E. Exit 55 (CP 5172). (Co. Exec.)**

I'll make a motion to table. Is there a second?

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

1146?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

1144.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Why are you tabling it?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

At the Commissioner's request.

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

It was at my request. We recently received a traffic study for the Hauppauge Industrial Park which made a recommendation for intersection improvement directly adjacent to the bridge work. We're going to revise our resolution to request an additional 200,000 to make those improvements while we're in there.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Do both at one time?

**COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:**

Yes, sir.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Did I get a second on the tabling? No. Okay. So I made a motion to table, second by Legislator Horsley. Any other discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? It's **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

Moving on to **1146, Directing the Department of Public Works to hold public hearings on new bus fares in order to implement Sunday bus service. (Schneiderman)**

I will make a motion table this because I'm in discussion with the department going over some of the numbers. We want to make sure we're all on the same page as to what is the minimum fare increase that would be needed to institute Sunday bus service on the routes that were recommended in the needs assessment study for the Suffolk Transit System. So I will make a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

Our last resolution is **IR 1197, Adopting Local Law No. -2010, A Local Law amending Chapter 424 (Sewers) to waive sewer connection fees for economic revitalization in urban renewal areas. (Co. Exec.)**

This must be tabled for a public hearing. I will make that motion.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Seconded by Legislator Stern. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1197 is **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Barraga)**.

That concludes our agenda and we are adjourned.

**(\* THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:31 P.M. \*)**