

**Ways & Means Committee
Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee
Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 23, 2023 – 3:00 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair John Gavaris and Chair Laura Petit
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst; Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Chair of the Legislature Tracey Bartels, and Legislators Brian Cahill, Peter Criswell, Phil Erner, Dean Fabiano, Herbert Litts, III, Kathy Nolan
ABSENT: Legislators Kenneth Ronk, Jr., Kevin Roberts
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Manna Jo Greene; Deputy County Executive Chris Kelly, Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle, Deputy DPW Director Dean Rylewicz, Deputy DPW Director Robert Parete, Deputy Comptroller Alicia DeMarco, Budget Director Ken Juras, Deputy Budget Director Donald Quesnell, Planner Dennis Doyle, Scott Bova

Chair Gavaris and Chair Petit called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

Chair Gavaris gave the floor to Scott Bova of Bergmann for an overview of the Space Study. Legislator Criswell inquired if access to County properties from public transportation was factored into their need assessment at all. Mr. Bova said it did not. Chair Bartels stated she was disappointed not all departments did not respond to the Space Study survey. Chair Gavaris stated that total square footage of space would be valuable. Legislator Cahill asked what was overutilized and underutilized. Mr. Bova answered that the Office of the District Attorney was in the most critical need of both more space and consolidation and that the Department of Tourism was the most underutilized space.

The Committee discussed the details of the 2024-2029 County Executive Recommended Capital Improvement Program including:

- DPW – Central Auto
 - The number of vehicles that will be all electric in the next five years.
 - Potential updates to the take home vehicle policy.
 - Tracking mileage.
- Mental Health – 368 Broadway Geothermal
 - The cost effectiveness of drilling wells to site the geothermal heating source and potential grant funding to cover said cost.
- Health – Crisis Stabilization Center
 - Estimated timeline of completion, which was stated to be June 2024.
- Public Safety – License Plate Readers
 - Concerns of privacy, ownership of data collected and the length of time data is kept.
- Transportation – Bus Shelters
 - The delay in the construction of these shelters which were meant to be started in 2023. Deputy County Executives stated that delay was caused by maintenance of effort agreements from municipalities.

Adjournment:

Motion By:

Legislator Nolan

Seconded By:

Legislator Litts

TIME:

6:23 PM

Respectfully Submitted By:

Natalie Kelder, Financial Analyst

Prepared By:

Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee

Approved By Public Works Committee:

December 11, 2023

Approved By Ways & Means Committee:

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