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Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 31
March 19, 2012 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fixell presiding; Trustees, Basher, Butler, Hoyt, McGee, McGovern and Zollo; Administrator Blau; Treasurer Hart; Village Attorney Shumejda; and Village Clerk Booth

TAPPAN ZEE BRIDGE – SUPPORT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Trustee Basher moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved:
Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, the inclusion of public transportation has been a central feature of the Tappan Zee Bridge Replacement Project (the “TZB Replacement”) since the launch of formal environmental review in 2002 and before. After receiving detailed public input in 280 meetings and data generated over 10 years, all five alternatives and all but the “No Build” alternative for the TZB Replacement included public/mass transit; and

WHEREAS, New York State and the federal government, after years of public input and broad consensus on the inclusion of public transportation in the TZB Replacement, have abruptly decided to pursue a replacement without public transit and have re-started the environmental review process based on an alternative lacking public transportation; and

WHEREAS, approximately 138,000 vehicles travel across the Tappan Zee Bridge every day, which is far more than the bridge was designed to handle when it was built in 1955. This number is expected to increase significantly in the coming years, and, without public transportation, the TZB Replacement would not result in increases in peak-direction capacity or long term operational changes to traffic patterns. Absent improvements, travel times across the Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 corridor (the “Corridor”) are expected to grow by as much as 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, the development of public transportation as part of the TZB Replacement is central to relieving congestion in the Corridor and local arterials, improving air quality achieving sustainability goals, reducing dependence on fossil fuels, improving pedestrian safety, and improving motorist travel time, in Westchester County and New York State; and

WHEREAS, residents of Tarrytown and other communities in the Tappan Zee Bridge service area would be burdened by many years of unnecessarily increasing traffic if transit infrastructure is not included in the TZB Replacement; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County is planning its own Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes along Central Avenue which would benefit by and become more effective by eventually interconnecting to BRT or other public transportation on the Tappan Zee Bridge; and

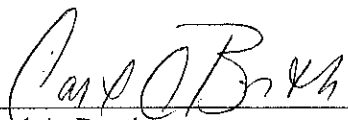
WHEREAS, if not built as part of the current plans for the TZB Replacement, public transportation is very unlikely to be added in the future and the State, Federal government and local communities, as a practical matter, face a "now or never" decision.

WHEREAS, including public transportation in the TZB Replacement is consistent with and advances the purposes of numerous state, county and federal government policies aimed at reducing dependence on foreign oil, air pollution and the emission of greenhouse gases, including the New York State Climate Action Plan, the Westchester Action Plan for Climate Change, and federal goals enshrined in the Clean Air Act, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, Executive Order 13514 and elsewhere.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Tarrytown, acting through its Board of Trustees does hereby:

- 1) Call upon Governor Cuomo, the New York State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Authority to restore dedicated public transportation infrastructure in particular bus rapid transit (BRT) to its long-held place in any and all plans for the replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge.
- 2) Call upon other affected communities and municipalities to let their opinion be known to Govern Cuomo and the relevant agencies and representatives of New York State and the federal government of this critical decision that will impact quality of life for decades to come.
- 3) Pledge to join with other affected municipalities to participate fully in the TZB Replacement planning process to ensure that the TZB Replacement, when built, will be fully consistent with the important concerns and objectives clearly expressed by the citizenry over the many years of the TZB Replacement planning process.

I, Carol A. Booth, the undersigned Village Clerk, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of the February 6, 2012 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.



Carol A. Booth
Village Clerk

Dated: March 22, 2012

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