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## Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Present: T. Maran, M. Haresign, J. Watson, R. Crimmins, C. Dineen, T. Neely

The meeting was called to order at 3PM. T. Neely advised the members that T. Filorimo, C. Shields, F. Palmer and J. Belkin would be unable to attend this meeting.

The December and January minutes were approved as presented.

The members were advised that additional changes to the Unimproved Roads report were being made based on the January Commission meeting comments and subsequent Town staff input, so an updated draft was not available for review.

The Transportation Commission draft 2015 Annual Report to the Town Board was briefly reviewed. It will be emailed to all members for comments and will be approved at the March meeting.

In discussing Commission goals for 2016, it was agreed that it would be helpful to review prior transportation related reports and studies. These reports include the 2005 Transportation Elements report portion of the Town adopted comprehensive plan; the Sustainable East End Development Study (SEEDS); and the Volpe Public Transit Study. These documents will be reviewed at the March meeting.

The Commission members were provided with information on the 'blinking traffic signal' trial planned for the intersection of CR 39 and Tuckahoe Rd. in mid April. The rationale for trying this and the logistics involved in implementing it were discussed. The Commission was supportive of the test.

T. Neely provided a report on the January East End Transportation Council meeting. Representatives from the Governor's Office and the NYS DOT Albany office attended for a discussion of regional transportation concerns. T. Neely provided them with a power point summary of the SEEDS Study and Volpe Study findings which was originally presented at a NYMTC meeting a couple years ago.

Suffolk County Transit advised that all paratransit vehicles and half of the regular route fleet of busses have been equipped with GPS/Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) systems. The user app which would allow riders to download the app in order to locate vehicles en route is in beta testing. It is expected this system will be available to the public by the end of the year.

The LIRR advised that installation of the automated signal system on the South Fork is scheduled to be completed in 2017. Lack of a signal system has been one of the obstacles to improving frequency of service. The LIRR continues to have difficulty locating train equipment suitable for local shuttle/scoot train service. The Commission discussed the possibility of repurposing funds earmarked for the purchase of shuttle type trains to use instead to fund the installation of additional sidings (another obstacle to increased frequency). This will be considered further as part of the 2016 goals.

It was agreed that the Commission will meet on the third Wednesday of the month through November. It will meet on the second Wednesday in December. The Lower Level Meeting Room will be reserved from 3-5PM for these meeting.

The next Commission meeting will be Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 3-5PM in the Lower Level Meeting Room.