

Town of Riverhead 11/29/21 TRANSPORTATION TOPIC Meeting - *Summary of Comments*

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<b>Committee Member Comments / Remarks</b>				
Steve Kuhl	Alt. Transportation Committee Chair	Calverton	Ped/Bike Facilities	Alt Trans Committee focus has been on the EPCAL trail
Steve Kuhl	Alt. Transportation Committee Chair	Calverton, Downtown	Ped/Bike Facilities	Committee is looking at additional Alternative Routes including Edwards Avenue and Roanoke Avenue
Steve Kuhl	Alt. Transportation Committee Chair	Downtown	Ped/Bike Facilities	Need route connecting Main Street, Aquarium and River
Steve Kuhl	Alt. Transportation Committee Chair	Multiple Locations	Bike Facilities	Town funded "Alternative Transportation Path" project which added signs, some pavement markings and provided bike lanes on multiple roadways had a lot of unsuccessful elements
Darnell Tyson	Deputy Commissioner SCDPW	County Rd 58	Riverhead	He will check with Bill Hillman, Chief Engineer re the prohibition of certain traffic movements at the Kroemer Ave. intersection
Darnell Tyson	Deputy Commissioner SCDPW	Townwide	SC Transit Ridership	Declines in ridership between 2003 and 2019 are consistent with Nationwide and Regional declines
Darnell Tyson	Deputy Commissioner SCDPW	Townwide	SC Transit Ridership	S92 route (Orient-East Hampton) ridership declined, but this route is the busiest in the SC Transit System
Darnell Tyson	Deputy Commissioner SCDPW	Townwide	SC Transit Ridership	SCAT ridesharing increased in same period. In 2016, SCAT was made Countywide, eliminating the requirement to be within 3/4 mile of an existing County route. Cost is \$3M to \$6M per year.
Darnell Tyson	Deputy Commissioner SCDPW	Townwide/County Mobility Study	Bus Transportation	The Reimagining Transit Study is looking at changing bus headways. Draft Plan in 2022, revisions effective in 2023
Darnell Tyson	Deputy Commissioner SCDPW			Study is also following Southampton's test of On-Demand Transit, may expand elsewhere
Darnell Tyson	Deputy Commissioner SCDPW	Downtown	Bike Facilities	Town Bike Share Program is good
Darnell Tyson	Deputy Commissioner SCDPW	Suffolk Transit	Electric vehicles	SC Transit goal is 25% electric by 2025, 100% by 2035; currently testing with 10 buses.
Henry Kreymborg	Town Advisory Committee	Multiple Locations	Bike Facilities	Should create a bike route/lanes from Wading River to EPCAL to Hampton Jitney bus facility to put bikes on buses
Henry Kreymborg	Town Advisory Committee	Multiple Locations	Bike Facilities	Solar Project could add 2 miles of bike paths to extend to Hampton Jitney
Henry Kreymborg	Town Advisory Committee	Multiple Locations	Bike Facilities	Could extend from Hamton Jitney down Edwards Avenue to County Road 94 to downtown Riverhead
Henry Kreymborg	Town Advisory Committee	LIRR	LIRR	Most Riverhead residents drive to Ronkonkoma because of poor schedule at Riverhead station
Henry Kreymborg	Town Advisory Committee	Jamesport	Bypass Roadways	Manor Lane has too many trucks, should have weight Limits
Hector Garcia, LIRR	Senior Director of External Affairs	LIRR and Metro North Railroads	Bike Facilities	LIRR suspended the requirements for bike permits on trains except for certain peak hour trains--temporary as a result of COVID-related passenger declines
Hector Garcia, LIRR	Senior Director of External Affairs	LIRR	Ronkonkoma-Greenport	More trains are needed, battery powered trains would be helpful. Also need sidings and double tracking to improve service, but other branches (e.g. Montauk and Port Jefferson) are competing for infrastructure funds
Steve Belkin, NYSDOT	Community Liaison	Townwide	Planned Roadway Improvements	NY 25 at Edwards Avenue intersection--left turn lanes on all approaches, and realignment of Edwards Avenue through the intersection
				Various Maintenance-type Improvements, including mitigating flooding on NY 25 both west of Edwards Avenue, and 1-1/2 miles east of the LI Expressway
Jeff Murphree	Town Director of Building & Planning	Roadways	Roadway Flooding	Flooding at, and in a large area around, the NY 25A/Wading River Manor Road intersection in Wading River. Drainage Study is needed.

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Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Downtown	New Overlay Zoning District	Adopted in 2021--encompasses a 2-acre parcel owned by the Town on the south side of the LIRR
Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Downtown	New Overlay Zoning District	Town has solicited proposals from Master Developers and has shortlisted to 3 submittals
Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Downtown	New Overlay Zoning District	Proposed development would be a mixed use development with a parking garage
Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Downtown	Alternative Transportation Project	Looking to create a Downtown Area Hub for all modes of transportation. Two applications were submitted to USDOT; unsuccessful, but will reapply
Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Downtown	Blueway Trail	Connects Downtown Riverhead, connect with sidewalks and Lighted Crosswalks
Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Downtown	Safe Routes to Schools Grant	Working with NYSDOT to implement Improvements on Griffing Avenue
Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Downtown	Crosswalks/sidewalks	Needed in Harrison Ave. Area
Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Downtown	Sidewalks	Town obtained ROW to add sidewalks on Cranberry Street
Dawn Thomas	Community Development Director	Townwide	LIRR alternatives to diesel locomotives	In favor of investigation of replacement with rechargeable battery operated locomotives, i.e. due to improved air quality
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>				
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Mark Haubner	North Fork Environmental Group/Town Environmental Committee	Sound Avenue	Scenic Corridor	Make Scenic Corridor as was done on CR 48 by Town of Southold--try to get it done with NY State. Use farmland preserved by Town as gateway to corridor.
Mark Haubner	North Fork Environmental Group/Town Environmental Committee	LIRR	Passenger Data	Requested LIRR passenger data, want to publicize use of LIRR. Hector Garcia indicated that LIRR passenger growth is primarily in the off-peak, eg weekends
		LIRR	Service	Most Riverhead people drive to Ronkonkoma due to a much better train schedule (which will go to 30 minute headways after the Third Track west of Hicksville is completed)
Mike Foley		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	<b>At the NY 25/Edwards Ave. Intersection:</b>
				Will NYSDOT condemn ROW to provide improvements?
				How long will left turn lanes be?
				Need to consider public good in eminent domain
				Roundabout at this location would require ROW
Mike Foley		Roadways	Sound Ave	Sound Avenue is not an historic corridor
Mike Foley		Roadways	Sound Ave	Not enough pavement for trucks leaving Northville petro site and turning onto Sound Avenue at Penny's Road
Resident (Northville)		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	"Too many cars, too few roads." 'Trade Parade' phenomenon occurs on North Fork too
Resident (Northville)		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Peconic Bay Blvd/Hubbard's Avenue are heavily traveled bypasses.
Resident (Northville)		Roadways	Bikes	Roads are too dangerous for bikes, need to widen them
Resident (Northville)		LIRR	Service	Trains to Ronkonkoma too slow--25 mph

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Resident (Calverton)		Roadways	Scenic Corridors	Codify Sound Avenue as a Scenic Corridor, also look of 18 roadways for add'l scenic corridors
Resident (Calverton)		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Consider roundabouts where levelks of service at intersections on Sound Avenue are poor
Resident (Calverton)		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Consider roundabouts on Sound Ave at CR 105 and Osborn Avenue, and maybe on Horton Ave, Twomey Ave also
Resident (Calverton)		Roadways	LIRR crossings	Rough pavement/grades at Edwards Avenue and Osborn Avenue crossings
Resident (Calverton)		LIRR	Maintenance	Tracks require maintenance improvements
Resident (Calverton)		LIRR		Would be nice to travel from Huntington to Riverhead via Calverton by rail
Resident (Calverton)		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Traffic signals on CR58 should be coordinated better. Jeff Murphree said County can be contacted to review
Resident (Calverton)		Roadways	Traffic Signals	Traffic signal should have been installed at Tractor Supply Company. Sent petition to DOT; DOT's response was that signal warrants were not met, but if any development occurred on the west side of Tractor Supply, DOT would reconsider. Jeff noted that HK Ventures on east side of Tractor Supply would have a significant traffic impact. Steve Belkin of DOT will follow up.
Resident (Calverton)		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Level of Service on NY25 at Edwards Avenue is very bad, as is congestion elsewhere in Calverton.
Resident (Calverton)		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	EPCAL traffic study indicated a future LOS F; Aquapark application will add significant traffic
Resident		Road Improvements	Roundabouts	Where would roundabouts be implemented?
Resident		Rail	Service	More frequent train service is needed.
Resident		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	NY25 / CR105 Intersection is congested, should be studied
Resident		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Access to Forest Drive on NY 25 west of CR 105 often is blocked, hindering emergency vehicles. Need longer eastbound right turn lane on NY 25 approaching CR 105 to reduce queues
Resident		Roadways	Condition	NY 25 pavement needs to be repaired
Resident		Roadways	Condition	Will NYSDOT provide list of roads that will be resurfaced?
Resident		Roadways	Emergency vehicles	Emergency vehicles need wider lanes
Resident		LIRR	Schedule	Better service would attract more riders
Resident		LIRR	Schedule	LIRR could provide service for reverse commuters to Riverhead if jobs were created
Resident		Air Travel	General	There is no functioning airport at EPCAL/in Riverhead
Resident		Roadways	Pavement	Pavement condition at NY 25/Edwards Avenue intersection is poor
Resident		Land Use		Too much solar/industrial development in Calverton
Resident		Land Use	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Current zoning results in too many cars
Resident		Roadways	Congestion / Traffic Volume	LOS at many locations is F now; without adding any developments not yet built
Resident		Downtown		Aquarium gets 900,000 visitors per year
Resident		Downtown	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Consider water taxi service to/from Riverside
Resident		Downtown	Congestion / Traffic Volume	Development in TOD district will make traffic worse
Resident		Land Use		Comp. Plan needs to be compatible with Riverside development in Southampton. Is pedestrian bridge across Peconic River still being considered?
Resident		Downtown	Congestion / Traffic Volume	BOA Study indicated LOS F exists at intersections
Resident		Town Vehicle Fleet	Electric vehicles	Is Town converting fleet to electric vehicles?