

February 16, 2010

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RE: Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail

Dear Mr. Law,

It has come to my attention that the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail project has been delayed again as lawyers between LIPA and Suffolk County argue over rights to LIPA expansion plans that could derail the project. I understand that LIPA is requesting in its contract for the right to remove the trail at anytime. This clause LIPA wishes to insert in the contract puts Suffolk County in an untenable position because it must guarantee the trail has a minimum service life of 25 years to maintain its federal funds.

The federal government is not going to invest in a trail that can be simply torn up without assurance that it will remain in operation during the trail's useful life. This puts the whole property in jeopardy of losing federal monies. I am very concerned because if there is much further delay, federal funds for the project could be withdrawn.

I would greatly appreciate if you could in your capacity bridge these differences with Suffolk County as LIPA, Suffolk County and the public stand to benefit by this agreement. LIPA will have unfettered access to the power line ROW and lower maintenance costs. The construction of a shared use path on LIPA property will be seen as a gesture of goodwill by Long Islanders and the local community which would be reciprocated by your customers and in the long run would enable LIPA to work in a more cooperative and less adversarial role with your customers.

The Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail will improve the quality of life for thousands by providing a safe cycling route for recreational, commuting, school and shopping trips that will increase property values and improve the health and well being of the citizens of Suffolk County. Let the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail stand as a shining example of the good LIPA can do and be proud of for improving the quality of life for the residents of Suffolk County.

I'd also like to request, the proposed Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail be named in honor of David Glass.

David Glass, was a transportation planner for the New York State Department of Transportation and champion of non motorized transportation on Long Island, who recently passed away after losing a seven year battle to cancer. Dave was a resident of Miller Place, where his wife and three children still reside.

Dave was instrumental in developing the concept for the proposed Port Jefferson Wading River Trail that is located fully on LIPA ROW and is being proposed now by Suffolk County as a rail trail.

Dave worked with the Suffolk County Department of Planning and local civic groups in initiating this project. Dave was also influential in coordinating, advancing and approving a TEP application for the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail.

Dave worked with Congressman Tim Bishop's office to facilitate the transfer of funds from the National Scenic Byways Project from the inactive South Fork Bikeway to the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail project.

Assuming that LIPA and Suffolk County come to agreement on the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail, I would greatly appreciate if LIPA would consent to naming the trail the "David R. Glass Memorial Bikeway", in honor of David Glass.

I have already sent a letter to Suffolk County to gain their support for naming the trail after David Glass.

I hope you will be successful in resolving these remaining differences to get the agreement signed between LIPA and Suffolk County and to finally get this project off the ground.

I look forward to cycling the Port Jefferson-Wading River Trail in a few short years which will be a major benefit to northern Brookhaven and surrounding communities.

Please give this request your fullest consideration.

Sincerely,