



Media Advisory

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MEDIA ADVISORY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELLONE, SENATOR TIM KENNEDY TO CALL ON NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BUILD HIKE-BIKE PATH ALONG ROBERT MOSES CAUSEWAY

Dubbed ‘Great South Bay Greenway’, 5.5 Mile Project would Extend the Ocean Parkway Coastal Greenway to Provide Suffolk Residents with a Path to Bike to the Beach

New York State Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Tim Kennedy to Join in Support for Major Long Island Infrastructure Proposal

Renderings of Proposed Project Available [Here](#)

TOMORROW – 11:00 AM

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone will join with Senator Tim Kennedy (D-Buffalo), Chairman of the New York State Senate Committee on Transportation, and members of Suffolk’s biking community to call on the New York State Department of Transportation to build a hike-bike path along the Robert Moses Causeway. The “Great South Bay Greenway”, a 5.5 mile path, would extend the recently completed Ocean Parkway Coastal Greenway over the Robert Moses Causeway and connect the path to Gardiner County Park.

Unlike Nassau County residents, currently Suffolk residents do not have the option to bike to the beaches along Ocean Parkway, rather, Suffolk County residents must drive their bikes to the beach and pay a parking fee. The creation of this path, which was first proposed in the 90s and is a key component of the County’s Hike and Bike Master Plan, would provide residents with an easy and convenient bike-path to the beach, connect a number of regional assets, support tourism, promote green transportation, and enhance safety for cyclists.

ATTENDEES:

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone

New York State Senator Tim Kennedy

Natalie Wright, Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Jonathan Keyes, Director, Downtown Revitalization, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning

Jason Smagin, Commissioner, Suffolk County Parks

Joseph Brown, Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Martin Buchman, Owner, Stony Brookside Bed & Bike Inn

Hal Tarry, bikeway design engineer and advocate for safer cycling

Denis Byrne, LI Greenways and Healthy Trails

WHEN:

Wednesday, June 16 – 11:00 AM

WHERE:

Gardiner County Park, Montauk Highway, Bay Shore, NY

*Note: The park entrance is south of Montauk Highway (Route 27A), about one-half mile east of the Robert Moses Causeway.

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