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BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Town of Southeast Town Board (the "Town Board") adopted a Resolution dated December 18, 2025 (the "Town Resolution"), a copy of which is annexed hereto, pursuant to which the Town Board requested that the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYS DOT") conduct an updated and comprehensive traffic study relating to, at a minimum,

Route 121 & Route 6 (Danbury Road)
Cobb Road / St. James Place / & Route 121
Starr Ridge Road & Cobb Road / Friendly Road
Starr Ridge Road & Route 6 (Danbury Road); and

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Brewster Central School District (the "District") shares the concerns expressed by the Town Board within the Town Resolution regarding the need for the NYS DOT to conduct an updated and comprehensive traffic study related to, at a minimum, the aforementioned intersections within the Town of Southeast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District supports the Town Board's efforts to have the NYS DOT take appropriate actions to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of those who travel within the Town of Southeast, including but not limited to all District resident students who are transported to and from the schools they attend on District-owned vehicles, and all District staff members who must drive to and from District-owned buildings.

Voted:
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
February 12, 2026
Vote: 4 - yes, 0 - no; Motion carried.

Administration

Michelle Gosh, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Maggie Andriello
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Victor Karlsson, CPA
Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

Stephen Hancock, Ed. D.
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TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, NEW YORK

REGIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY
US ROUTE 6 / NYS ROUTE 121 / COBB ROAD / STARR RIDGE ROAD
INTERSTATE 84 / 684 / NYS ROUTE 22

RESOLUTION NO. 77 /2025 DATE: December 18, 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Durante

SECONDED BY: Councilman Larca

WHEREAS, US Route 6 (Danbury Road) and NYS Route 121, both State Highways, intersect within the Town of Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Interstate Routes 84 and 684, both Federal Highways under the jurisdiction of the State of New York Department of Transportation, intersect within the Town of Southeast, and have capacity and engineering deficiencies at the confluence of both interstate highways, causing a significant increase in thru traffic on local roads within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of traffic from major highways to local roads within the Town has created critical life and safety issues and quality of life concerns for the residents of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southeast has ongoing concerns regarding traffic safety at and around the intersection of Route 121 and Route 6 (Danbury Road) and other nearby intersections within the Town; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Town of Southeast, attended traffic safety meetings with the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYS DOT") on June 18, September 25, and November 19, at which these concerns were formally raised; and

WHEREAS, at the June 18th traffic safety meeting, NYS DOT representatives stated that a traffic study had been recently conducted and that no new traffic study would be performed for three years, despite the Town's understanding that the most recent study was completed during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to clarify the timing and basis of the referenced traffic study, Councilman Larca submitted multiple Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests, which confirmed that the most recent traffic study was completed in late 2021, a period materially affected by reduced traffic volumes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and longer than three years ago; and

WHEREAS, at the September 25th traffic safety meeting, Councilman Larca presented documentation including the 2021 traffic study, more recent publicly available traffic count data, design and planning documents for the I-84/I-684 ramp expansion project (Project ID No. 881376), and data demonstrating significant residential growth in the region, as set forth in Appendix A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 traffic study indicated that the intersection of Route 121 and Route 6 was operating at a Level of Service "F" prior to ramp construction and further noted that a temporary traffic signal would be required during ramp construction, which is anticipated to last up to two years; and

WHEREAS, more recent NYS DOT traffic count data indicate traffic volumes approximately 30% higher than those reflected in the 2021 study, with significantly higher weekend traffic volumes; and

WHEREAS, since the COVID-19 pandemic, the west side of the City of Danbury, CT, has experienced unprecedented residential development, with more than 3,000 new housing units constructed and approximately 1,000 additional units currently in the planning process, resulting in increased cut through traffic on roads within the Town of Southeast; and

WHEREAS, during the September 25th traffic safety meeting, NYS DOT representatives stated on the record that a special request had been submitted and approved and that NYS DOT would conduct another traffic study, as documented verbatim in the official meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS, at a subsequent traffic safety meeting held on November 19th, a NYS DOT representative stated that no such agreement to conduct an updated traffic study had been made, directly contradicting the prior meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the lack of action by NYS DOT following a documented commitment, combined with outdated traffic data and substantial changes in traffic patterns and development, presents an ongoing and unacceptable risk to public health, safety and welfare within the Town of Southeast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast hereby formally requests that the New York State Department of Transportation conduct an updated and comprehensive traffic study reflecting current traffic conditions and projected impacts, including but not limited to traffic volumes, safety, and level of service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such traffic study shall, at a minimum, evaluate the following intersections within the Town of Southeast:

- Route 121 & Route 6 (Danbury Road)
- Cobb Road / St. James Place & Route 121
- Starr Ridge Road & Cobb Road / Friendly Road
- Starr Ridge Road & Route 6 (Danbury Road)

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the traffic study shall account for weekend traffic patterns, planned and ongoing residential development, and the anticipated impacts of the I-84/I-684 ramp expansion project (Project ID No. 881376), including any detour routing through the Town of Southeast; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the updated and comprehensive traffic study shall also include an evaluation of cut-through traffic utilizing Cobb Road and related local roadways as alternative routes and shall specifically include the intersection of Starr Ridge Road and Route 6 (Danbury Road), across from the Interstate 684 ramp; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in addition to volume counts and operational analysis, the traffic study shall include a review and analysis of reported crashes and safety conditions at the intersection of Starr Ridge Road and Route 6 (Danbury Road), including crash history and contributing factors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests that NYS DOT provide the Town with a written response and proposed timeline for conducting the updated traffic study; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Peter Harkham and Assemblymember Mathew Slater, the Towns's NYS Legislative Delegation, and to the Regional Director of the NYS Department of Transportation, Regional Traffic Safety and Mobility Group, forthwith.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Cyprus	Absent
Councilman Larca	Aye
Councilwoman Lewis	Aye
Councilman Mazzotta	Aye
Supervisor Durante	Aye

VOTE: carried by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against; 1 absent.

TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
: ss.:
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

I, KATHLEEN CHIUDINA, Town Clerk of the Town of Southeast, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Southeast at a meeting of said board held the 18th day of December 2025.

KATHLEEN CHIUDINA
Town Clerk

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December 14, 2025

Dear Senator Peter Harkham, Assemblymember Mathew Slater, Hon. Marie Theres Dominguez, Commissioner,

On behalf of the Town Board of the Town of Southeast, I am writing to formally follow up regarding traffic safety concerns within the Town of Southeast and to document commitments made by the New York State Department of Transportation during recent traffic safety meetings. Below is a summary of the relevant meetings, findings, documentation, and our formal request.

Traffic Safety Meetings Attended
I attended traffic safety meetings on June 18 and September 25, during which I raised ongoing safety concerns related to the intersection of Route 121 and Route 6 (Danbury Road), as well as surrounding roadways that have experienced substantial traffic increases.

At the June 18 meeting, NYS DOT representatives stated that a traffic study had been conducted in 2024 and that the findings did not warrant a traffic signal. I was also told that NYS DOT would not perform another traffic study for three years. Based on my understanding, I the most recent study had actually been completed at the end of 2021, a period that was heavily impacted by COVID-related reductions in traffic volumes.

When I raised this discrepancy, I was advised by NYS DOT representatives that I would need to submit FOIL requests to confirm the completion date of the traffic study.

FOIL Requests and Resulting Data
I subsequently submitted multiple FOIL requests (REF#: R007510-063025; R007491-062825; R007490-062825). Although it took over three months to receive responses, the documents clearly confirmed that the traffic study was in fact completed in late 2021.These findings directly contradict that the study was recent or reflective of current traffic conditions.

September 25 Meeting and DOT Commitment
At the September 25 meeting, I presented:

- The 2021 traffic study results and their COVID-related impacts
- Design and planning documents related to the I-84/I-684 ramp (Project ID No. 881376)
- More recent publicly available traffic count data
- Research documenting substantial residential growth in the region

Despite the ramp project being discussed at the prior meeting, the NYS DOT representative present on September 25 was not aware of the project.

The 2021 traffic study itself indicated that the Route 121 / Route 6 intersection was already operating at an "F" level of service prior to ramp construction.

Additionally, more recent traffic counts from NYS DOT's public traffic data website show volumes approximately 30% higher than those used in the 2021 study, with significantly higher traffic volumes on weekends compared to weekdays.

I also presented data demonstrating unprecedented residential growth on the west side of Danbury, with over 3,000 new housing units developed since COVID and an additional 1,000 units currently in the planning process. This growth has resulted in increased cut-through traffic on roads in the Town of Southeast due to inadequate highway and interstate access.

During the course of this discussion, the NYS DOT representative stated that DOT had heard our concerns and agreed to conduct an updated traffic study. I was then asked to provide my email address and was told that DOT would follow up with updates, which they failed to do.

This commitment is documented verbatim in the official meeting minutes, which state:
"DOT states that they submitted a special request which was approved and they are going to do another Traffic Study." **&** *"Councilman Larca will provide his email and DOT will reach out to him with updates regarding this intersection."*

Below are the full details from the official minutes of this meeting:
"***Item 3. Eric Larca - Intersection of Danbury Road and Peach Lake Road - Brewster***
Councilman Larca speaks about 121 & Route 6 - The school and residents have safety concerns. Town of Southeast had requested a traffic study in 2019 which was completed in 2022. A report was sent from DOT to The Town of Southeast which showed the location did not meet the warrant criteria.
Councilman Larca submitted a FOIL request to obtain additional information and to get answers to some of his questions.
Additionally with the increase in traffic outlined in the report Councilman Larca feels it does meet one of the warrant criteria.
DOT explains they use the data differently that they don't look at traffic increases.
DOT states that they submitted a special request which was approved and they are going to do another Traffic Study.
Additionally Councilman Larca brings up that 121 will be a detour for ramp work being done on I84 with DOT being lead agency, he suggested that DOT should address intersection before the detour begins. Councilman Larca will provide his email and DOT will reach out to him with updates regarding this intersection."

Subsequent Contradiction at the November 19 Meeting
At the November 19 meeting, the NYS DOT representative stated that DOT had never agreed to conduct another traffic study, despite the clear and unambiguous documentation in the September 25 meeting minutes.

Formal Request for Updated Traffic Study
Given the documented commitment, the outdated nature of the prior study, significant traffic increases, and ongoing safety concerns, the Town of Southeast again formally requests an updated traffic study that includes the following intersections:

- Route 121 & Route 6 (Danbury Road)
- Cobb Road / St. James Place & Route 121
- Starr Ridge Road & Cobb Road
- Starr Ridge Road & Route 6 (Danbury Road)

Consistent with the Town Board's adopted resolutions, the requested study should also include an evaluation of cut-through traffic utilizing Cobb Road and related local roadways as alternative routes, and specifically examine the intersection of Starr Ridge Road and Route 6 (Danbury Road), across from the Interstate 684 ramp. In addition to traffic volume counts and operational analysis, the study should include a review and analysis of reported crashes and overall safety conditions at this intersection, including crash history and contributing factors.

Supporting Documentation

- I-84 / I-684 Ramp Project (Project ID No. 881376): https://www.dot.ny.gov/portal/pls/portal/MEXIS_APP.DYN_PROJECT_DETAILS.show?p_arg_names=p_pin&p_arg_values=881376
- NYS DOT Public Traffic Count Data: https://nysdottrafficdata.drakewell.com/publicmultinodemap.asp
- Traffic Safety Board meeting minutes attached to this correspondence

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,
Eric Larca
Councilman / Deputy Supervisor, Town of Southeast

CC: **Town Supervisor** – Nick Durante

Town Board – Eric Cyprus
Wendy Lewis
Alex Mazzotta

Town Attorney – Willis Stephens, Jr.

Highway Superintendent – Mike Burdick

BCSD – Superintendent – Dr. Michelle Gosh

BSCD – Supervisor of Transportation – Mary Smith

BCSD – Board of Education Trustees – Kerry Cunningham
Cynthia MacGregor Fox
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MINUTES
September 24th, 2025

A. **Call meeting to order: Time: 1:33pm**
B. **Determination of Quorum: Yes**
C. **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence led by: Shawn Keeler**
D. **Welcomes Members and Guests/Introductions/Opening Remarks**
E. **Approval of Minutes from June 25th 2025 Traffic Safety Board Meeting**
   Motion: Shawn Keeler 2nd : Mary Smith
F. **Special Election: Nomination for Chairman of Putnam County Traffic Safety Board**
   Nomination named: Sheriff Brian Hess for PCTSB Chairman
   Nomination made by: Sgt Steven McCabe 2nd Sgt Mike Crawford
   Majority Vote: Aye
G. **State Police: Tickets/Accidents/Fatalities Report:** *No data provided- waiting for NYST to assign new contact*
H. **Guests:**
   Councilmen Eric Larca, Town of Southeast
   Scott Seamen, Brewster Board of Education
   Nick Durante, Town of Southeast Supervisor

I. **Old Business/Updates:**

1. **NYS DOT:** Chestnut Ridge Neighborhood Watch – Traffic Safety concerns for pedestrians, especially senior citizens, who cross on Rt. 9D in the Village of Cold Spring. DOT to monitor to determine number of pedestrians and if the number meets standards for RRFBB. NYS DOT has pulled accident data for Cold Spring; and this location has no data to support any need for mitigation. Capt. James Schepperly adds that there previously had been discussion about students crossing, and that PCSO has not noted any student crossing issues as there is a safe place for crossing. DOT adds that the schools have not sent or stated any issues with crossing.
   NYS DOT collected data, to determine if it meets the criteria
   NY DOT determination – Does not meet the criteria.
   NYS DOT will furnish a formal response.
   ***No motion was made to keep or remove from agenda**

2. **Mary Smith:** Update on Bus Patrol
   No update on how citations are processed – If/When any update Mary will email TSB to have Bus Patrol back on the agenda.
   Motion to Remove from agenda: Mary Smith 2nd: Shawn keeler

3. **Eric Larca -** Intersection of Danbury Road and Peach Lake Road – Brewster
   Councilman Larca speaks about 121 & Route 6 – The school and residents have safety concerns. Town of Southeast had requested a traffic study in 2019 which was completed in 2022. A report was sent from DOT to The Town of Southeast which showed the location did not meet the warrant criteria.
   Councilman Larca submitted a FOIL request to obtain additional information and to get answers to some of his questions.
   Additionally with the increase in traffic outlined in the report Councilman Larca feels it does meet one of the warrant criteria.
   DOT explains they use the data differently that they don't look at traffic increases.
   DOT explains data is collected noting increased traffic during specific time frames: 4hrs, 6hrs, 8hr time frames.
   DOT states that they submitted a special request which was approved and they are going to do another Traffic Study.
   Additionally Councilman Larca brings up that 121 will be a detour for ramp work being done on I84 with DOT being lead agency, he suggested that DOT should address intersection before the detour begins. Councilman Larca will provide his email and DOT will reach out to him with updates regarding this intersection.

4. **ESSAB Robert Cuomo –** Route 52 Curve Signage/clearing overgrown vegetation.
   DOT has taken care of the overgrown vegetation.
   Motion to remove from agenda: Shawn Keeler 2nd: Sgt Steve McCabe

5. **Legislator Gouldman –** School Zone Signage – Peekskill Hollow (PV)
   School Zone Signage has been corrected.

J. New Business:

1. **Tommy Feighery -** Kelly Ridge Road/Fair Street Safety Concerns - (J.1 - Attached Email)
   PC DPW met with residents and outlined where the roadway will be. Curbing will be done Friday which will outline the roadway and make it easier to visualize the roadway width finished project. Ongoing project – update in 6mo.

2. **Mary Smith:** Relocation of Crosswalk on Rt 311 in the Town of Patterson
   Mary Smith speaks about request to move crosswalk in the Town of Patterson.
   NYDOT responded to Angela from the Town of Patterson – A resolution is needed – but DOT needs to do a study to decide if it is fiesable to move it. If there is no ADA compliance risk the DOT will not be moving the crosswalk. Relocation of crosswalk is on the agenda for 9/24 Patterson Town Board meeting. Mary will update TSB next meeting.

3. **Tommy Feighery –** Yield sign placement – Route 301 through Sedgewood Club (J.3- email & video)
Resident sent in video footage of Drewville and Webber accident, DPW explains that it was driver error that caused this accident and not due to improper or a need for signage.

K. Other Business:

No Parking Signs on North Brewster Rd. – next to brewster tire
Buisness constantly parking on roadway and between buisnessess.
DPW needs resolution from Town Board – then DPW will put signage up.

Hometown Hero Banners – DPW is looking to devlop a policy for the banners to keep in hamlets, and when the banners will go up and be taken down – but a policy seasonally for 2 years.

Motion to adjourn meeting: **Mary Smith** 2nd **Shawn Keeler** **Time: 2:04 pm**

Next meeting: November 19th 2025