



South Yaphank Civic Association

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Supervisor Brian X. Foley
Town of Brookhaven
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RE: Sills Road Rail Project

Dear Supervisor Foley,

I recently meet with three representatives of the Sills Road Rail Project; Andrew Kaufman, Gerard Drumm, and Judy White, to discuss this project. As this is a project of great concern to the Yaphank Community, I had numerous questions that needed to be answered. The representatives explained in great detail what is proposed, why it was proposed, the history of the project, the environmental, economic and safety benefits of the project and that no decision has been rendered by the National Safety Transportation Board. It was explained that if the board rules in favor of the Sills Road Rail, the project will be able to move forward. I was impressed with their answers to my questions and how willing the representatives were to working with the community.

After this meeting, I discussed the project with the members of the Civic Association. At this time, the South Yaphank Civic Association supports the project and looks forward to working with the representatives, should the NSTB give its approval.

Sincerely,

Johan McConnell
President

The mission of the South Yaphank Civic Association is to provide residents of Yaphank and Brookhaven hamlets with a forum to address issues of concern to our community. Our goals are to advocate for residents' input in all decisions – whether state, county, town, or private – affecting our community, to ensure the safety of our neighborhoods, to enhance area property values, and to promote positive and strategic development of the area where appropriate and beneficial.