

Memorandum
Department of Transportation

Date: May 11, 2010

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Lawrence C. Salley
Commissioner of Transportation

Re: **Authority to enter into grant agreements with the United States of America acting through its Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) and the State of New York, acting through its Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”), for Capital Project Number A054A – Rehabilitation of Various Taxiways at the Westchester County Airport (“A054A”).**

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into new grant agreements in connection with the following Westchester County Airport (the “Airport”) project: Capital Project Number A054A – Rehabilitation of Various Taxiways at the Westchester County Airport (“A054A”).

The County would enter into grant agreements with the FAA and NYSDOT to accept funds of approximately \$2,400,000 and \$300,000, respectively, for A054A. By an Act of the Board of Legislators, 47-2010, approved on May 10, 2010, the County of Westchester was authorized to enter into these grant agreements. It should be noted that under the grant agreements the County will be required to contribute approximately \$300,000 towards the cost of this project which shall be paid for from the proceeds of bonds issued for this purpose. The bonds will be paid for through the Airport Special Revenue Fund and not the County General Fund and will not impact the County tax levy.

In the event that the cost of the above-referenced project increases, the final grant amounts would increase up to a maximum of fifteen percent (15%) above the original grant offers.

The objective of this resolution is to accept federal and state funding for a capital project that directly improves the safety, security and environmental protection of County residents and Airport users. This is a project that the County and its Airport would be responsible to fund directly were it not for the availability of federal and state grants.

Acceptance of these funds will relieve the County and the Airport of substantial fiscal responsibility.

The County's Department of Transportation will monitor and report the progress of this project using its own staff and staff from other County departments as appropriate, and will be responsible to invoice the FAA and NYSDOT for timely reimbursement as the costs are incurred.

Accordingly, I recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution authorizing the County to enter into these grant agreements with the FAA and NYSDOT.

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Attachment

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