

Department of Transportation

13559

DATE: August 20, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John J. Hsu, P.E.  
Acting Commissioner of Transportation

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the County of Westchester to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$2,079,332 funded 50% through the FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC)

The attached resolution authorizes the Westchester County Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement with the FTA for a grant totaling \$2,079,332 as follows:

Federal Funds	50%	\$1,039,666
Local Funds	50%	<u>\$1,039,666</u>
Total		\$2,079,332

The availability of County funds to meet its share of the operating costs will be solely at the County's discretion and subject to Operating Budget appropriations in the years 2010 through 2015.

This grant will provide funding for new increased service on Bee-Line Route 4. This route benefits the public by connecting low-income populations with employment and education/job training opportunities. Funds from this grant will increase weekday service by 50% on Bee-Line Route 4 between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to accommodate the substantial growth in ridership that has occurred beginning in 2007 during the evening peak period. Ridership on the Route 4 increased steadily by 26% (325,000 riders) between 2007 and 2009. An increase in service capacity is now needed to accommodate the demand and respond to overcrowding on weekday, late afternoon and evening buses. Currently on the Route 4, there are 22 weekday round trips from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The number of trips during this time period would increase to approximately 31 under this project. It is known from on-board surveys that the majority of these trips are work or school based. Origins are mostly from Yonkers and the destinations are mainly for employment at Jerome Avenue retail, Montefiore Medical Center, and subway stations in the Bronx to connect with locations in New York City.

The project cost is for five years of service.

The entire amount of the grant will be available for expenditure. Expenses must be incurred and paid by the County prior to any reimbursement. Expenses will be incurred as part of the Department's Bus Operating Assistance program (4924).

This Department will submit expense records/vouchers for payment through the County's Advantage Financial System. The Department's Fiscal Division will then track the expenses and prepare vouchers for reimbursement. These payments will be reimbursed with grant monies from this Agreement.

The goal of this agreement is to reduce the cost to the County of operating bus service on routes and/or during hours specifically designed to serve low-income workers, thus addressing the County Executive's priority area of Fiscal Responsibility (FR).

In view of the importance of this assistance program to the operation of the County's transit system, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

JH/ms  
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 9-16-2010 - JOHNNY VIETNA, SECRETARY

# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of Transportation, be it hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a grant totaling \$2,079,332 (50% Federal Funding and 50% Local Funding) for the period June 28, 2010 to June 27, 2015 to be used for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program which will provide new increased service on Bee-Line Route 4; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized to file any other document required by the U. S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited			Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	Fund	Dept.				
	101	44	2100	9818		\$188,986 (2011)
	101	44	2100	4924		\$188,986 (2011)
	101	44	2100	9818		\$198,459 (2012)
	101	44	2100	4924		\$198,459 (2012)
	101	44	2100	9818		\$207,934 (2013)
	101	44	2100	4924		\$207,934 (2013)
	101	44	2100	9818		\$217,407 (2014)
	101	44	2100	4924		\$217,407 (2014)
	101	44	2100	9818		\$226,880 (2015)
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Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2015 Start Date June 28, 2010 End Date June 27, 2015  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$1,039,666 (50%) Contractor Federal I.D. No./ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
\$2,079,332 Federal Aid \$1,039,666 (50%) Vendor No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_ Encumbrance No.: \_\_\_\_\_