

Department of Transportation

14376

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: September 27, 2010

RE: AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO FINANCE THE OPERATION OF SERVICE ON THE BEE-LINE ROUTE 20 DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept funds totaling \$500,000 for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

The funds will be used to offset the operating expenses of the Bee-Line Route 20 to accommodate increased ridership and alleviate bus crowding between subway stops in the North Bronx and key trip generators in the lower part of Westchester County, particularly Cross County Shopping Center and Yonkers Raceway.

The New York State Department of Transportation has developed a long-term program to fund and coordinate regional transit services. This specific bus service is eligible for participation in the program. There will be no change in present bus operations and there will be no cost to the County other than the cost of service operation that is subject to appropriation and will serve as the match.

The goal of this agreement is to provide reimbursement for expenses the County has incurred in the operation of certain bus services since October 1, 2009 and will incur through September 30, 2011, and is consistent with the County's commitment to fiscal responsibility. The purpose of the State program is to reduce traffic congestion by encouraging the use of transit as an alternative to personal motor vehicle operation.

This program will be monitored through the Department of Transportation's routine monthly ridership analysis. The receipt of reimbursement funds will be monitored by both the Department of Transportation and the Department of Finance.

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

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for the receipt of \$500,000 for the operation of the Bee Line Route 20 Service as part of a Regional Transportation Program for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute all documents necessary to implement the purpose of this resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
		101	44	2100	9818	
	101	44	2100	9818		\$250,000.00 (2011)

Budget Funding Year(s) 2009-2011 Start Date October 1, 2009 End Date September 30, 2011
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
\$500,000.00 Federal Aid \$500,000.00
 (must match resolution) Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10-14-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY