

Department of Transportation

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: November 15, 2010

RE: AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,280,000.00 TO FINANCE THE OPERATION OF THE "WESTCHESTER SHUTTLE NETWORK" FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2010 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 AND TO PASS THROUGH FUNDING TO THE NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept grant funds totaling \$1,280,000.00 (comprised of 80% Federal STPX - \$1,024,000.00, and 20% State SDF - \$256,000.00) for services provided during the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. This agreement provides funding for the operation of the Westchester Shuttle Network, and other routes connecting to railroad stations, and includes funding to pass through to the New York Power Authority.

The New York State Department of Transportation has developed a long-term program to fund and coordinate Regional Transit services. Specific bus services eligible for participation in the program include the Bee-Line Shuttle Routes, as well as all Bee-Line routes which provide connecting service to all MTA Metro-North Railroad Stations. 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 which is subject to appropriation.

In addition, New York State has requested that Westchester County pass through funds to the New York Power Authority to reimburse the Village of Tarrytown and the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson for the procurement of hybrid vans as part of their local circulator programs. Each village has procured a hybrid van through a combination of funds provided by the Community Development Block Grant Program and the New York Power Authority. In support of the procurement of alternate fuel vehicles, the State has requested that we pass through to the New York Power Authority a maximum of \$55,000.00 in support of their alternate fuel program. There will be no cost to the County to pass through these funds, which is consistent with the mission of the sub-regional transportation program to provide information and coordination between the Federal and State governments and municipalities located within Westchester County.

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The goal of this agreement is to provide reimbursement for expenses the County will incur in the operation of bus service from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. The purpose of the State program is to reduce traffic congestion by encouraging the use of transit as an alternative to individual motor vehicle operation.

This program will be monitored through the Department of Transportation's routine monthly ridership analysis as well as the system-wide passenger count program. The receipt of reimbursement funds will be monitored by both the Department of Transportation and the Department of Finance.

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for the receipt of \$1,280,000.00 (80% Federal STPX and 20% State SDF) for the operation of certain bus services, including the Westchester Shuttle Network and the pass through of funding to the New York Power Authority, as part of a Regional Transportation Program for a time period from October 1, 2010 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	Revenue Source	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	44	2100	9734		\$ 245,000.00
263	44	278K	9854	T278	\$ 11,000.00	
101	44	2100	9818		\$ 980,000.00	
263	44	278K	9853	T278	\$ 44,000.00	

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2011 Start Date October 1, 2010 End Date September 30, 2011
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$ 256,000.00
\$1,280,000.00 Federal Aid \$1,024,000.00
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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