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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Evan Latainer, Director
Office for the Disabled

Re: **Resolution for Authority to Advertise
Taxi Pilot Program Services
City of New Rochelle, New York**

Date: November 28, 2012

The 2012 Operating Budget contains funds for the above referenced project.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (the "ADA") mandates Westchester County provide Paratransit services for people whose disabilities prevent them from using fixed route buses. The County meets this obligation through its Paratransit Program which has been in existence since 1983. The County contracts with Suburban Paratransit Service, Inc. to provide these services.

Earlier this year, in an effort to provide additional alternatives for customers of the Paratransit service while reducing overall costs of the program, the County implemented a Taxi Pilot program in the City of White Plains. The County is also expanding the Taxi Pilot program into the City of Peekskill. The County, pursuant to a bid process, contracted with a local taxi company within the taxi Pilot program areas to provide rides for customers that opted to utilize taxi service in lieu of the larger vehicles provided by Suburban. Since the Taxi Pilot Program has been successful to date, authority is now sought to advertise for bids for Taxi Pilot Program services in the City of New Rochelle in an effort to expand the program.

The work under this Taxi Pilot program contract consists of providing taxi services to customers of the County's Paratransit service by utilizing existing regulated taxi companies within the City of New Rochelle. This contract is for a term not to exceed one (1) year with four one (1) year renewals at the discretion of the County.

This contract is in the public's best interest because it will provide a cost effective alternative to traditional Paratransit for ambulatory citizens, thus addressing the County Executive's priority area: Fiscal Responsibility (FR). There are no energy or environmental components associated with this project.

As expenditures are made pursuant to this authorization, detailed records will be kept in the County's on-line financial system. These records will be easily accessible by Finance, Budget and department staff and will be reviewed regularly to ensure that funds are used appropriately.

This resolution has been reviewed by the Law Department.

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