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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs Kathleen O'Connor
Commissioner of Planning Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing a second amendment to the agreement between the County of Westchester and the New York State Department of Transportation to design the rehabilitation and expansion of Playland Park Pathway to connect it to the Harrison and Rye railroad stations, Playland Park and the Edith Read Sanctuary, in order to change the expiration date

On November 5, 2009, your Honorable Board authorized a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT), in an amount not-to-exceed \$296,250.00, under which the County would agree to expend in the first instance \$296,250.00 on design and right-of-way incidental work for the Project, with \$237,000.00 (80 % of the total cost) to be reimbursed to the County by NYS DOT from federal funding under Title 23 of the U.S. Code for which the Project is eligible, and \$59,250.00 (20 % of the total cost) to be borne by the County as the County's local match, for the period commencing September 24, 2007 and continuing through November 30, 2011. The agreement would allow the County to design the rehabilitation and expansion of Playland Park Pathway to connect it to the Harrison and Rye railroad stations, Playland Park and the Edith Read Sanctuary.

On January 28, 2011, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to amend the grant agreement with NYS DOT to change the funding allocation. The total funding provided by NYSDOT for design of this project will cover 95% and the County share of the project design cost will be reduced from a 20% match to a 5% match. The amendment changed the not-to-exceed amount of the County's cash matching contribution from \$59,250.00 to \$14,812.50, a reduction of \$44,437.50. The NYS DOT contribution increased from \$237,000.00 to \$281,437.50, an increase of \$44,437.50.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to approve a second amendment to the grant agreement with NYS DOT in order to change the expiration date from November 30, 2011 to September 30, 2015. The time extension is necessary as NYS DOT has an extensive project review process which required Planning Department staff to address a variety of additional design and environmental issues.

The goal and objective of the proposed agreement is to provide for safe inter-modal transit for pedestrians and cyclists through Westchester County's Long Island Shore communities. It is in the best interests of the County in terms of health and the environment because County residents will be encouraged to use this environmentally friendly means of transportation and, in so doing, may increase year-round usage of Playland Park and Edith Read Sanctuary. The project will be monitored by the Planning and Parks,

Recreation & Conservation staff who will review and approve plans as they are developed by Planning Department staff and consultants to ensure all contractual requirements are met.

We recommend approval of this amendment.

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Attachment

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