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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

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DATE: February 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution for Authority to Advertise
Contract No. 14-206
Taxi Pilot Program Services
City of Yonkers, New York

The 2014 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.

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, which was subsequently expanded to the City of Peekskill and the City of New Rochelle. The County, pursuant to a bid process, contracted with local taxi companies to provide rides for customers within those municipalities that opted to utilize taxi service in lieu of the larger vehicles provided by Suburban Paratransit Service, Inc. Since the Taxi Pilot Program has been successful in White Plains, Peekskill and New Rochelle, authority is now sought to advertise for bids for Taxi Pilot Program services in the City of Yonkers as the fourth phase of the implementation process.

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 Yonkers. This contract is for a term of one (1) year with a one (1) year option to renew 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).

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.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/27/2014 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

