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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Jay T. Pisco, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

DATE: March 18, 2014

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 \$1,400,000.00 TO FINANCE THE OPERATION OF THE "WESTCHESTER SHUTTLE NETWORK" FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 (New York State Contract No. C017681)

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept grant funds totaling \$1,400,000.00 (comprised of 80% Federal - \$1,120,000.00 and 20% State - \$280,000.00) for services provided during the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Funding from this agreement will be applied to the following:

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| 1. Operation of the Bee-Line Shuttle Network and miscellaneous routes | \$1,220,000.00 |
| 2. The installation of bus stop information | \$ 180,000.00 |

The New York State Department of Transportation has developed a long-term program to fund and coordinate regional transit services. The specified bus services are 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 which is subject to appropriation.

The goal of this agreement is to provide reimbursement for expenses the County has incurred or will incur for the operation of bus service and the provision of passenger information from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. 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.

The continued provision of bus service and distribution of public information are in the interest of public health by facilitating the use of public transit rather than personal vehicles.

This program will be monitored through the Department of Public Works and 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 Public Works and Transportation and the Department of Finance.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Accordingly, the attached Resolution is submitted for your consideration.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and 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 \$1,400,000.00 (80% Federal and 20% State) for the operation of certain bus services, including the Westchester Shuttle Network and the management of bus stop information, as part of a Regional Transportation Program for transit services provided during the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014; 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.

New York State Contract No. C017681

Account to be Charged/Credited			Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Revenue Source	Trust Account	Dollars
	Fund	Dept.				
	101	44	2100	9734		\$ 244,000.00 (2014)
	263	44	278P	9854	T278	\$ 36,000.00 (2014)
	101	44	2100	9818		\$ 976,000.00 (2014)
	263	44	278P	9853	T278	\$ 144,000.00 (2014)

Budget Funding Year(s) 2013-2014 Start Date October 1, 2013 End Date September 30, 2014
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$ 280,000.00
\$1,400,000.00 Federal Aid \$1,120,000.00
 (must match resolution) Other _____