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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: April 14, 2015

RE: AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$430,000.00 TO FINANCE THE OPERATION OF THE ROUTE 77 BUS SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015. (New York State Contract No. C017680)

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 funds totaling \$430,000.00 (80% Federal - \$344,000.00 and 20% State - \$86,000.00) for the period commencing October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

The funds will be used to offset the operating expenses of the Route 77 bus service which operates between the Route 6 Corridor in northern Westchester/Putnam Counties and White Plains.

The New York State Department of Transportation has developed a long-term program to fund and coordinate regional transit services. This specific bus service is 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 that is included in the operating budget.

The goal of this agreement is to provide reimbursement for expenses the County has incurred in the operation of this bus route since October 1, 2014 and will incur through September 30, 2015, and is consistent with the County's commitment to fiscal responsibility. 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 Public Works and Transportation's routine monthly ridership analysis. 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 issuing 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.

In view of the importance of this assistance to the County's transit system, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

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 \$430,000.00 (80% Federal and 20% State) for the operation of the Route 77 Bus Service as part of a Regional Transportation Program for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; 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. C017680

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	44	2100	9734		\$ 86,000.00 (2015)
	101	44	2100	9818		\$344,000.00 (2015)

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014-2015 Start Date October 1, 2014 End Date September 30, 2015
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$ 86,000.00
\$430,000.00 Federal Aid \$344,000.00
(must match resolution)
 Other _____