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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Vincent F. Kopicki, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

DATE: February 28, 2017

RE: AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR UP TO \$1,100,000.00 (UP TO \$880,000.00 IN FEDERAL FUNDS AND UP TO \$220,000.00 IN LOCAL MATCH) TO SUPPORT FEDERALLY MANDATED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018 (NYS Contract No. C033472)

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 up to \$880,000.00 in Federal funds (to be matched by \$220,000.00 in County funds) to support a \$1,100,000.00 federally mandated transportation planning requirement for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

Since 1975, the County of Westchester has participated in a Subregional Transportation Planning Program, which is administered by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. The goal of the Subregional Transportation Planning Program is County compliance with the mandates of federal transportation legislation. Attaining this goal ensures that the County will continue to receive federal transportation funding for its transit system, roads and bridges, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In the 2017-2018 program year, the goal will be achieved through the objectives outlined in the work program including the development of the Westchester County section of the Regional Transportation Plan, as well as the freight component of the plan, collection and reporting of traffic and transit data, review of the additional requirements in federal transportation legislation – Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), and transit analyses of the Bee-Line Routes.

The County's participation in the Subregional Transportation Planning Program is in the best interest of the County as it relates to fiscal responsibility, as the County would be ineligible for at least \$10 million in federal transit aid if it did not participate. In addition, funding through this program provides the County with funding to evaluate and plan Bee-Line bus service.

Progress toward the completion of the goals and objectives is tracked via reports on each element submitted quarterly to the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, the New York State Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration.

This agreement will relieve the County of a substantial amount of the fiscal responsibility for meeting those requirements by reimbursing the County for 80% of the costs incurred, while maintaining the County's eligibility for substantial highway and transit grants. The County's participation in the program has been approved by the Board of Acquisition and Contract each year since its inception.

On July 1, 1982, a continuing agreement was established to enable the New York State Department of Transportation to provide Federal funds to the County for its continued participation in the Subregional Transportation Planning Program. This agreement is modified each year to reflect the annual program and funding allocation to Westchester County.

Approval is requested for this program year (April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018) at an anticipated funding level of up to \$880,000.00 in Federal funds, requiring \$220,000.00 in County match, for a total of \$1,100,000.00 for the Subregional Transportation Planning Program. The County's funding contribution has been approved in the Department of Public Works and Transportation's 2017 Operating budget.

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.

In view of the importance of this program to the County's transportation 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 (the "County") is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT") for subregional transportation planning services for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that under the terms of this agreement, NYSDOT will provide up to \$880,000.00 in Federal funds to the County, and the County will be required to provide matching funds up to \$220,000.00, for a total of \$1,100,000.00 for the Subregional Transportation Planning Program; 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.

NYS Contract No. C033472

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	44	278S	9853	T278	\$880,000.00
	101	44	1000	4912	N/A	\$220,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2017-2018 Start Date April 1, 2017 End Date March 31, 2018
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$220,000.00 (20%)
 State Aid \$880,000.00 (80% - Federal Pass Thru)
\$1,100,000.00 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____