

Department of Transportation

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Lawrence C. Salley  
Commissioner of Transportation

DATE: January 7, 2010

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO AMEND A  
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT  
ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR \$13,278,398 IN FEDERAL TRANSIT  
ASSISTANCE STIMULUS FUNDS

Authority was granted by this Board in a resolution approved on July 29, 2009, for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to accept a transit capital assistance grant in the amount of \$13,270,000, with no matching County funds required.

Authority is now requested for the County of Westchester to amend the agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to accept a transit capital assistance grant in the amount of \$13,278,398. Matching County funds are not required for this grant.

The grant agreement is being amended to reflect the increase in funding by the FTA from \$13,270,000 to \$13,278,398, to purchase 40 foot buses instead of 30 foot buses, to purchase nine additional paratransit vans and to include operating assistance funding.

This grant is part of the American Resource and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) stimulus funding program. Specifically, this is a Transit Capital Assistance Grant from the Urbanized Area Funding Formula Funding Program. The funds will be used towards the purchase of new transit vehicles, facility improvements and preventive maintenance as follows:

**40 FOOT BUSES: \$7,217,807**

Purchase of up to 10 40-foot Hybrid (Diesel/Electric) buses (including spare parts and inspection services).

**PARATRANSIT VANS: \$1,592,354**

Purchase of up to 24 Paratransit vans.

SPILL PREVENTION – CERRATO BUS FACILITY- VALHALLA : \$500,000

Installation of an oil/water separator at the Valhalla bus garage to protect the two water detention ponds on the site.

FALL PREVENTION – CENTRAL MAINTENANCE FACILITY (CMF) - YONKERS:

\$250,000 Purchase and installation of OSHA required fall protection safety equipment necessary to perform maintenance on the roof of the hybrid electric buses.

IMPROVEMENT TO HYDRAULIC LIFTS – CMF: \$50,000

Modification of in-ground hydraulic lifts currently in service at the Central Maintenance Facility in Yonkers to allow for service of hybrid buses.

ROOF SAFETY RAILS – CMF: \$300,000

Installation of OSHA compliant permanent railings on the roof and other elevated work areas within the CMF.

HEATING UNITS - CMF GARAGE: \$250,000

Replacement of the eight ceiling mounted heating units to new, environmentally sensitive and efficient units.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE: \$1,790,398

Cover the cost of preventive maintenance for Westchester County's Bee Line buses and related facilities.

OPERATING ASSISTANCE: \$1,327,839

Cover the cost of operation of Westchester County's Bee Line bus system.

The entire amount of the grant will be available for expenditure, subject to future appropriations in the Capital, Operating and Trust account budgets. Expenses must be incurred and paid by the County prior to any reimbursement.

The objective and goal of this grant is to provide funding for replacement Hybrid transit buses, Paratransit vehicles and to provide needed upgrades to existing transit garage and terminal facilities that serve the Bee Line bus system. The public will benefit by having access to safe and reliable public transportation. It is fiscally responsible for the County to accept this grant, since the projects will be funded 100% by the FTA.

All projects will be monitored by the Westchester County Department of Transportation on a continual basis to insure that the grant funds are expended as required by the FTA.

It would negatively impact the transit service that is provided to the public, if these grant funds were not accepted for the aforementioned projects.

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

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from Lawrence C. Salley, Commissioner of Transportation be it hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to reflect the increase in funding by the FTA from \$13,270,000 to \$13,278,398, to purchase 40 foot buses instead of 30 foot buses, to purchase nine additional paratransit vans and to include operating assistance funding., with matching County funds not required; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original Agreement:     \$13,270,000.  
 First Amendment:       \$     8,398.  
 New Total:                \$13,278,398.

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
365	44	T001R-00-S	9898		(\$9,213,000)
365	44	T001N-00-S	9898		\$7,217,807
365	44	T009F-00-S	9898		\$467,354
365	44	T0034-00-S	9898		\$200,000
101	44	2100	9898		\$654,639 (Year 2009)
101	44	2100	9898		\$839,998 (Year 2010)
101	44	2100	9898		(\$158,400) (Year 2011)

Budget Funding Year(s) 2009 - 2011     Start Date 4/15/09     End Date 3/01/11

Funding Source     Tax Dollars     NA  
                           State Aid        NA  
\$8,398.00         Federal Aid    \$8,398.00 (100%)  
                           Other            NA

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