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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., P.E.
Commissioner
Department of Public Works and Transportation

DATE: January 26, 2021

RE: AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF \$560,000.00 OF THE COSTS INCURRED FOR THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SMART COMMUTE PROGRAM DURING THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. (Agreement No. DOTSMRV01-21; NYS Agreement No. C040132)

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for reimbursement of \$560,000.00 of the \$700,000.00 cost of the Westchester County SMART Commute Program, under the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The agreement will reimburse \$560,000.00 of the total cost of the program, with the \$140,000.00 local share funded in the 2021 Department of Public Works and Transportation Operating Budget Advance to Grants Account 101-44-1000-4912.

The SMART Commute Program provides for: the maintenance and production of Bee-Line bus schedules, the continuation of a network of local sales outlets for MetroCards, an extensive program of outreach events at employment centers, County support for various carpool, vanpool and tax-free employer transit benefit programs, electronic distribution of transit information bulletins and emergency transit service updates, and advertising for Bee-Line and other congestion mitigation and air quality transportation initiatives.

The goal of the County's SMART Commute Program is to encourage the use of alternatives to drive-alone commuting. The program serves the interest of public health by encouraging the use of transit rather than single-occupant vehicles, and is part of the regional travel demand program which receives emission reduction credits from the US Environmental Protection Agency. The objective of this contract is to fund that program with non-County money, which is fiscally responsible.

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.

This program will be monitored by the Department of Public Works and Transportation with routine reporting as required by the New York State Department of Transportation.

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 an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for administration of the SMART Commute Program for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that under this agreement the State of New York will provide up to \$560,000.00 in Federal funds to the County of Westchester and the County of Westchester will provide matching funds up to \$140,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any documents and take any action reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Agreement No. DOTSMRV01-21; NYS Agreement No. C040132

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	44	041W	9853	T041	\$560,000.00
	101	44	1000	4912		\$140,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021 Start Date January 1, 2021 End Date December 31, 2021
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$140,000.00

State Aid _____

\$700,000.00 Federal Aid \$560,000.00

(must match resolution)

Other _____