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DATE: March 23, 2021

TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with The New York State Department of Transportation for up to \$1,600,000 (up to \$1,280,000 in federal funds and up to \$320,000 in local match) to support the federally mandated transportation planning requirements for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept up to \$1,280,000 in Federal Funds; to be matched by \$320,000 in County Funds to support a \$1,600,000 federally mandated transportation planning requirement for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Since 1975, the County of Westchester has participated in a sub-regional planning program, which is administered by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. The goal of the sub-regional 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 2021-2022 program year, the goal will be achieved through the objectives outlined in the work program including developing the Westchester County sections of the Regional Transportation Plan as well as the freight component of the plan, collection and reporting of traffic and transit data, review of requirements in federal transportation legislation – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), Transportation Demand Management Plan for the Grassland Campus, complete streets and parking management workshops, a White Plains TransCenter Conceptual Planning and Design Study, Impacts of COVID-19 on Transit Study and a County Mobility and Bus Network Redesign study.

The County’s participation in the sub-regional planning program is in the best interest of the County as it relates to fiscal responsibility, since the County would be ineligible for at least \$1 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 sub-regional planning program. This agreement is modified each year to reflect the annual program and funding allocation to Westchester. Approval is requested for this program year (April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022) at an anticipated funding level of up to \$1,280,000 in Federal funds, requiring \$320,000 in County match, for a total of \$1,600,000 for the sub-regional planning program. The County's funding contribution has been approved in the Department of Planning's 2021 Operating budget.

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

NVD/nkk/irw3/cp
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS - 44012021 - LISA M. JAI SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Planning, 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 sub-regional transportation planning services for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that under the terms of this agreement, the State of New York will provide up to \$1,280,000 in Federal funds to the County of Westchester, and the County of Westchester will be required to provide matching funds up to \$320,000; 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.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	19	278W	9853	T278	\$1,280,000
101	10	1000	4912		\$320,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021-2022 Start Date April 1, 2021 End Date March 31, 2022
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$1,600,000
(Must match resolution)

Tax Dollars \$320,000 (20%)

State Aid \$1,280,000 (80%) (Federal Pass-Thru)

Federal Aid NA

Other NA