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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Thomas J. Lauro, P.E.
Acting Commissioner
Department of Public Works and Transportation

DATE: January 9, 2012

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, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

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, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

The agreement will reimburse \$560,000.00 of the total cost of the program, with the \$140,000.00 local share funded in the 2012 Department of Public Works and Transportation Operating Budget Advance to Grants Account 101-44-1000-4912.

Westchester County developed a SMART Commute Program in response to changes at the Federal level to the Employee Commute Options requirements of The Clean Air Act amendments of 1990. It provides for the employment of four staff members who are regularly assigned to SMART Commute projects.

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 monthly 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.

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. This reporting indicates SOV (Single Occupancy Vehicle) conversions to the various commute options: transit, ridesharing (carpool/vanpool), flexible work hours (flex-time/compressed workweek), and telecommuting.

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.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 01/12/2018 - JOSEPH VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting 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, 2012 through December 31, 2012; 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.

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

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012 Start Date January 1, 2012 End Date December 31, 2012
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$140,000.00
 State Aid _____
\$700,000.00 Federal Aid \$560,000.00
 (must match resolution) Other _____