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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Jay T. Pisco, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

SUBJECT: Authority to pay the Operating Expenses of Liberty Lines Transit, Inc. ("LLT") for the provision of Public Transportation Services as part of the Bee-Line Bus System, whereby the payment made to LLT by the County of Westchester (the "County") will not exceed \$101,474,872.00 for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, payable in advance.

As your Honorable Board may recall, by Resolution approved on December 4, 2008, Westchester County was authorized to enter into an Operating Assistance Agreement with Liberty Lines Transit, Inc. for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013 (the "Operating Agreement"). Article V(b) of the Operating Agreement authorizes the County to pay the Liberty Lines Transit, Inc. ("LLT") for Operating Expenses. Article V(c) of the Operating Agreement requires annual approval by the County Board of Acquisition and Contract in order to make these payments for Operating Expenses.

It is estimated that the total bus operating assistance required to fund bus service provided by LLT for 2013 will be an amount not to exceed \$101,474,872.00. Authority is therefore requested to pay LLT an amount not to exceed \$101,474,872.00, for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 payable in advance pursuant to an approved budget. This Resolution may require modification once the 2013 Operating Budget for Westchester County is adopted by the Board of Legislators.

This agreement serves a public purpose as it provides public transportation services to the residents of Westchester County. This agreement will be monitored by the Department of Public Works and Transportation to ensure compliance with the agreement terms.

In view of the importance of this Public Transportation Service, I recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

Attachment

