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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: March 31, 2015

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT NO. 09-914
Authority to extend an Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Westchester County Safe Routes to School Public Service Announcement and Outreach Program for the year 2015 (PIN 8760.44)

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to extend through the year 2015 an Agreement with the State of New York, acting through the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), to receive Federal funds for this project in a sum not to exceed \$150,000.00 with no County match required, for the Westchester County Safe Routes to School Public Service Announcement and Outreach Program. The initial period covered by this Agreement was five years and ran through December 31, 2014. The one year extension is necessary as a result of delays in completion of the final end product which is a public service announcement. Timing for the airing will coincide with the beginning of the next school year.

The Congress of the United States has provided for the apportionment of Federal Aid Highway funds to the State for the purposes of carrying out Federal Aid Highway Projects pursuant to the applicable sections of Title 23, US Code, as amended, and the New York State Highway Law authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York to use monies of the Federal Government available under the Federal Aid Acts and provides for the consent to and approval by Westchester County of any project under the Federal Aid Highway Program which is not on the State Highway System.

Extending this Agreement is in the public's best interest because it will continue to promote the health, safety and welfare of the general public by creating a Countywide public service announcement to promote bicycling and walking to school and provide traffic safety programs to increase community awareness in the areas of bicycle and pedestrian safety and, therefore, reduce motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities. Likewise, the program is fiscally responsible as it is funded with Federal funds, reducing the burden on the local tax base. Energy and environmental effects are very positive as more persons are walking and biking to schools, rather than driving. Thus, the County Executive's priority areas of Safety and Security (SS), Fiscal Responsibility (FR), and Health and the Environment (HE) are addressed.

This Department will continue to utilize The National Center for Safe Routes to Schools set of data collection forms and tools to track the program's success in accomplishing goals and objectives; and will use internal methods working with the Department's Financial Control section to track expenses and prepare vouchers for reimbursement.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed form of Resolution, which, if adopted, would authorize the County to extend the Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to continue to implement the Safe Routes to School Public Service Announcement and Outreach Program.

Approval is recommended.

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County is authorized to extend Agreement 09-914 with the New York State Department of Transportation, at no additional cost to the County, for the Westchester County Safe Routes to School Public Service Announcement and Outreach Program PIN 8760.44 in the amount of \$150,000.00 for an additional one year period, through December 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of Agreement 09-914 with the New York State Department of Transportation shall remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly appointed designee be and hereby is authorized to execute all necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the County (subject to the County Attorney's approval as to form and content) with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and providing for the administration of the Project and the County's first instance funding of Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Agreement No. 09-914

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
			N/A			

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/2015

End Date: 12/31/2015

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: _____

Contractor Federal I.D. No./
Social Security No. _____

State Aid: _____

\$ _____ Federal Aid: _____
(must match resolution)

Vendor No. 991642

Other: _____

Encumbrance No. _____