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**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., PE  
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

Norma V. Drummond  
Commissioner of Planning

Peter McCartt  
Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability

**DATE:** April 6, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to proceed with a project in conjunction with the Power Authority of the State of New York, also known as the New York Power Authority (“NYPA”), to study and develop a Master Plan for Transit Bus Electrification in Westchester County (Agreement No. 21-911)

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The County of Westchester (“County”) purchases electricity for its own use from the Power Authority of the State of New York, also known as the New York Power Authority (“NYPA”). The Agreement under which the County purchases such electricity provides, among other things, that NYPA and the County will work in partnership to identify energy efficiency projects and clean energy technology projects at County facilities and will undertake such projects as are deemed economically feasible and agreeable to the parties.

On July 18, 2019 your Honorable Board authorized the County to enter into an Energy Services Program Master Cost Recovery Agreement (the “Master Agreement”) with NYPA, the terms of which govern any and all other agreements, known as Customer Installation Commitments or Customer Project Commitments (“CIC/CPCs”), with NYPA for the study, design and construction of Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy Projects at various County facilities, for the period of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2024 with the County having the sole option to renew the Agreement for an additional five years. Pursuant to the July 18, 2019 Resolution, NYPA shall not commence any phase of any project without the prior written approval of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation under a separate CIC/CPC, subject to further authorization of your Honorable Board.

NYPA is engaging a team of consultants on behalf of six public transit fleets in New York State, including Westchester County, in order to develop a set of master plans for the electrification of the fleet and its supporting infrastructure. The purpose of the master plan is for transit bus fleets and the supporting infrastructure to be ready and able to meet the proposed electrification goals of 25% electric fleet by the year 2025 and 100% electric fleet by the year 2035. The project will be done at no cost to the County and will be funded directly by NYPA and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) for an estimated amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.

The County respectfully requests that your Honorable Board approve the authorization to proceed with the project so the consultants hired by NYPA can proceed with their work.

The goal and objective of the proposed project is to reduce fuel consumption costs, improve energy efficiency, and help reduce the countywide carbon footprint.

The Department of Planning will track scheduling and accomplishments by NYPA and perform on-site inspections to ensure the successful completion of this project.

This agreement is exempt from the procedures of the County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)(iii) of said policy.

Your approval of the attached Resolution is respectfully requested.

HJG/NVD/PM/GMK/as

# RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, the Commissioner of Planning, and the Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability, be it:

RESOLVED, that County of Westchester (“County”) is authorized to enter into Agreement No. 21-911 (“Agreement”) with the Power Authority of the State of New York, also known as the New York Power Authority (“NYPA”), pursuant to which NYPA will provide the County with a Master Plan for Transit Bus Electrification; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the work will be completed at no cost to the County and will be funded directly by NYPA and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) for an estimated amount not-to-exceed \$200,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYPA shall not commence any phase of the work for the project without prior written approval of the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Agreement No. 21-911

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Bond Act No.	Dollars
					N/A

Budget Funding Year(s):       N/A       Start Date:       04/15/21       End Date:       12/31/22        
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor Federal I.D. No./  
 State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$       N/A       Federal Aid: \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Encumbrance No.: \_\_\_\_\_