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DATE January 24, 2022

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ALLOW THE PASS THROUGH OF FEDERAL SUBREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUNDING FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2032; AND TO ACCEPT UP TO \$1,800,000 (UP TO \$1,440,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS AND UP TO \$360,000 IN LOCAL MATCH) TO SUPPORT FEDERALLY MANDATED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 (NYS Contract No. C0340369)

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT") to allow the pass through of Federal subregional transportation planning funding for the period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2032, and to accept up to \$1,440,000 in Federal funds (to be matched by \$360,000 in County funds) to support a \$1,800,000 federally mandated transportation planning requirement for the period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

Since 1975, the County has participated in a Subregional Transportation Planning Program, which is administered by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. 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 Subregional Transportation Planning Program. The State is now requiring a formal ten (10) year agreement to allow the pass through of Federal funding. The funding allocation to the County is approved by the Board of Acquisition and Contract annually.

The goal of the Subregional Transportation 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 2022-2023 program year, the goal will be achieved through the objectives outlined in the work

program, including the development of the Westchester County section of the Regional Transportation Plan, completing the Mobility and Bus Redesign Study, collection and reporting of traffic data, completing a Transportation Demand Management Plan for the Grasslands Campus and developing a plan to enhance the White Plains TransCenter.

The County's participation in the Subregional Transportation Planning Program is in the best interest of the County as it relates to fiscal responsibility as the County would be ineligible for at least \$10 million in Federal transit aid if it did not participate. In addition, funding through this program provides the County with resources 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 Association.

Participation in this program 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.

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.

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

NVD/cp
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT - 01212007 RAYMOND S. DUKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT") to allow the continued pass through of Federal Subregional Transportation Planning funding to the County under the Subregional Transportation Planning Program for the period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2032 (the "Agreement"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that under the terms of the Agreement, NYSDOT will provide up to \$1,440,000 in federal funds to the County, and the County will be required to provide matching funds up to \$360,000, for a total of \$1,800,000 for the Subregional Transportation Planning Program for the period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; 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	Revenue Source	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	19	278X	9853	T278	\$1,440,000
263	19	278X	9855	T278	\$360,000	

Budget Funding Year(s) 2022-2023 Start Date April 1, 2022 End Date March 31, 2023
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars 20% County \$360,000

State Aid 80% State \$1,440,000

\$1,800,000 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution)

Other _____