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TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

Evan Latainer
Director, Office for People with Disabilities

DATE: June 23, 2022

RE: Authority to amend an agreement with White Plains Bus Company, Inc., d/b/a Suburban Paratransit Service, Inc., for the provision of traditional paratransit services with technology enhancements, for a five year period, from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$70,155,000.00, with the County having the option to renew the term of the agreement for an additional five year term, in order to temporarily increase the per trip rate by \$5.00, for the period retroactive to June 1, 2022 through September 5, 2022, which period may be extended, or for any other periods during the term of the Agreement, at the County's sole discretion, to offer free fares to riders struggling with rising inflation, to reimburse the contractor in the amount of \$5.00 for trip tickets collected and to authorize contractor to keep the cash fares collected from eligible riders or their companions (Agreement # DOTOP03-22).

On November 18, 2021, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Works and Transportation (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement - DOTOP03-22 (the "Agreement") with White Plains Bus Company Inc., d/b/a Suburban Paratransit Service, Inc. ("WPBC"), for the provision of traditional paratransit services, for a five year period, from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$70,155,000.00, with the County having the sole option to renew the term of the Agreement for one additional five year term. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

The County desires to offer free ride tickets to paratransit service riders residing in Westchester who are struggling with added financial burdens associated with rising inflation and to reimburse WPBC for trip tickets collected.

Accordingly, authority is now requested from your Honorable Board to amend the Agreement in order to (i) temporarily increase the per trip rate by \$5.00 for the period retroactive to June 1, 2022 through September 5, 2022, which period may be extended, or for any other periods during the term of the Agreement, at the County's sole discretion, which \$5.00 increase shall be in addition to the then applicable per trip rates; (ii) reimburse WPBC in the amount of \$5.00 for each trip ticket collected; and (iii) authorize WPBC to keep all cash fares collected whether from eligible riders or their companions, in accordance with the terms of the Request for Proposals issued by the County on June 25, 2021, as amended.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to provide free ride fares to paratransit car services riders residing in Westchester who are struggling with added financial burdens associated with rising inflation, during the summer period.

We recommend adoption of the attached proposed Resolution.

HJG/EL/cmc
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/30/2022 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Contract No. DOTOP03-22, First Amendment

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation and the Director of the Office for People with Disabilities, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to amend agreement (DOTOP03-22) with White Plains Bus Company Inc. d/b/a Suburban Paratransit Service, Inc. (“WPBC”), for the provision of paratransit services with technology enhancements, for a five year period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$70,155,000.00, with the County having the sole option to extend the term of the Agreement for one additional five year period, in order to (i) temporarily increase the per trip rate by \$5.00 for the period retroactive to June 1, 2022 through September 5, 2022, which period may be extended, or for any other periods during the term of the Agreement, at the County’s sole discretion, which \$5.00 increase shall be in addition to the then applicable per trip rates; (ii) reimburse WPBC in the amount of \$5.00 for each trip ticket collected; and (iii) authorize WPBC to keep all cash fares collected from eligible riders or their companions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

Original Agreement	\$70,155,000.00
<i>This Amendment</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
TOTAL	\$70,155,000.00

Contract No. DOTOP03-22

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

Budget Funding Year(s): 2022-2026 Start Date: 01/01/2022 End Date: 12/31/2026
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 \$ _____ Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____
