


July 12, 2024

TO: Hon. Vedat Gashi, Chair
Hon. Jose Alvarado, Vice Chair
Hon. Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: **Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: Act – Enter into Grant Agreement for A0118 Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators July 15, 2024 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a proposed act (“Act”) which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”), to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the United States of America acting through the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) for capital project A0118.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for July 15, 2024 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer
County Executive

July 12, 2024

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a proposed act ("Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the United States of America acting through the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") for capital project A0118 – Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation ("A0118").

The Act would authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the FAA for funds to design replacement of runway edge and end lighting; runway centerline and touchdown zone fixtures; elevated signage; and runway end blast pads; and new runway shoulders on each side, including associated drainage improvements, at the Westchester County Airport ("Airport"). The Airport has advised that the FAA has indicated it will fund up to 90% of the estimated cost of \$636,196 for A0118, resulting in an FAA grant in the amount of approximately \$572,576. In addition, the New York State Department of Transportation will contribute \$31,810 and the County's share for A0118 will be \$31,810. The County's 5% share will be paid from the Airport Special Revenue Fund.

This project is part of the FAA's Airport Capital Improvement Program which is an annual entitlement-based funding source directly linked to commercial passenger volume. The FAA authorizes funding to assure life safety compliance in aircraft movement throughout the airfield. As such, it is critical to have the most modern equipment possible to maintain compliance with FAA regulations for the safety of the traveling public.

Design of the project is anticipated to be completed by March 31, 2025 and will be performed by a consultant.

Based on the importance of this capital project to the County, favorable action on the annexed proposed Acts is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Latimer".

George Latimer
County Executive
Attachments

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending approval of an act ("Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County"), to apply for and enter into a grant agreement for funding from the United States of America acting through the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") for capital project A0118 – Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation ("A0118").

The Act would authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the FAA for funds to design replacement of runway edge and end lighting; runway centerline and touchdown zone fixtures; elevated signage; and runway end blast pads; and new runway shoulders on each side, including associated drainage improvements, at the Westchester County Airport ("Airport"). The Airport has advised that the FAA has indicated it will fund up to 90% of the estimated cost of \$636,196 for A0118, resulting in an FAA grant in the amount of approximately \$572,576. In addition, the New York State Department of Transportation will contribute \$31,810 and the County's share for A0118 will be \$31,810. The County's 5% share will be paid from the Airport Special Revenue Fund.

This project is part of the FAA's Airport Capital Improvement Program which is an annual entitlement-based funding source directly linked to commercial passenger volume. The FAA authorizes funding to assure life safety compliance in aircraft movement throughout the airfield. As such, it is critical to have the most modern equipment possible to maintain compliance with FAA regulations for the safety of the traveling public.

Design of the project is anticipated to be completed by March 31, 2025 and will be performed by a consultant.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project has been classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part

617. Therefore, no further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this conclusion.

Your Committee has carefully considered this matter and has concluded that it is in the best interest of the County to adopt the Act to authorize the County to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the FAA.

Your Committee is advised that an affirmative vote of a majority of your Honorable Board is required to adopt the Act.

Dated: _____, 2024
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: A0118

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Budget

☐ GENERAL FUND

☒ AIRPORT FUND

☐ SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

Source of County Funds (check one):

☒ Current Appropriations

☐ Capital Budget Amendment

FAA Grant A0118: Federal (9633) \$572,576; NYS (9634) \$31,810; ASRF Cash (9635) \$31,810

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal

PPU

Anticipated Interest Rate

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest):

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term):

\$ -

Finance Department:

SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -

Potential Related Revenues (Annual): \$ -

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations
(describe in detail for current and next four years):

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded:

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: 7/12/24

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 7/12/24

7/12/24

TO: David Vutera, Associate County Attorney
Department of Law

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM
Assistant Commissioner



DATE: July 11, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR FAA GRANT FOR
A0118 RUNWAY 16/34 REHABILITATION**

PROJECT/ACTION: Authorization for the County to apply and enter into an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for a grant to help fund design of the rehabilitation of Runway 16/34 at the Westchester County Airport (capital project A0118—Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation). Components to be designed include: replacement of runway edge and end lighting; runway centerline and touchdown zone fixtures; elevated signage; runway end blast pads; and new runway shoulders on each side, including associated drainage improvements.

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required because the project/action may be classified as a TYPE II action pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(27):** conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action.

COMMENTS: The current authorization is for design only.

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
April Gasparri, Director of Aviation
Brian Hegt, Assistant to the Commissioner, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. 2024 -

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the United States of America, acting through the Federal Aviation Administration for capital project A0118 – Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester is hereby authorized to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the United States of America acting through the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) for capital project A0118 – Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation (“A-0118”), in the amount of approximately \$572,576, equivalent to approximately 90% of the total estimated cost of \$636,196 for A0118. The New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) has indicated that it will fund a portion of the costs of A-0118, resulting in a NYSDOT grant amount of approximately \$31,810. The County’s share for A0118 will be approximately \$31,810 and will be paid from the Airport Special Revenue Fund.

§ 2. The County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such actions and to execute and deliver such instruments as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes hereof.

§ 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.