

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

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester (“County”) of the following Acts in connection Capital Project B0115 – Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Mount Vernon District Office (2021 - 2025) (“B0115”):

- (1) an Act which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”) to amend its current year Capital Budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”);
- (2) a bond act amending, in part, prior Bond Act No. 241-2023 in order to remove \$3,900,000 allocable to Capital Project B0115, and to decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized to \$850,000 (the “Amending Bond Act”); and
- (3) a bond act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$8,200,000 to finance the cost of design, construction management, and construction associated with the exterior rehabilitation of the building (the “Consolidated Bond Act”).

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s 2025 capital budget to increase the County share for this project by \$4,300,000. The increase is needed to address additional areas that were identified during construction. In addition, exterior facade probes revealed deteriorated steel that requires reinforcement or replacement. The work is necessary to maintain the integrity of the building and prevent future water infiltration. The additional \$4,300,000 in appropriations will bring the total 2025 appropriations for this project to \$8,800,000.

The Amending Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright, is required to remove the bond authorization related to B0115 from Bond Act 241-2023 so that those authorizations may be included in the Consolidated Bond Act for B0115.

The Consolidated Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright, will address exterior rehabilitation of the building. Work will include rehabilitation of the masonry and structural steel reinforcement and replacement. This \$8,200,000 proposed Consolidated Bond Act represents a \$4,300,000 increase to the amount previously authorized for B0115, and includes the \$3,900,000 previously authorized for B0115 by Bond Act 241-2023.

Your Committee is advised that the design is currently underway by outside consultants and is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2025. It is estimated that construction will take eighteen (18) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds to finance B0115 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of the proposed capital project may be classified as a Type “II” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQR”). Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

Additionally, as your Honorable Board may know, Section 167.131 of the County Charter mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. The Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed SY044 and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the scope of the work and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment, as well as the related Amending Bond Act and Consolidated Bond Act, and recommends approval of all the proposed Acts, noting that the Amending Bond Act and Consolidated Bond Act can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment.

It should be further noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County’s Capital Budget and to adopt the Amending Bond Act and Consolidated Bond Act.

Dated: May 19th, 2025

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DATE: April 9, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
B0115 INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION, MOUNT VERNON
DISTRICT OFFICE (2021-2025)**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on
03/20/2025 (Unique ID: 2870)

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 for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(2):** replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part.

COMMENTS: None.

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An Act amending the 2025 County
Capital Budget Appropriations for
Capital Project B0115
INFRASTRUCTURE
REHABILITATION, MOUNT
VERNON DISTRICT OFFICE (2021-
2025)

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2025 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2025 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$4,500,000	\$4,300,000	\$8,800,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2025 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF
FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$4,500,000	\$4,300,000	\$8,800,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$4,500,000	\$4,300,000	\$8,800,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.