

Kenneth W. Jenkins Westchester County Executive

April 25, 2025

Westchester County Board of Legislators 148 Martine Avenue 800 Michaelian Office Building White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an Act to amend the current-year capital budget ("Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as two bond acts ("Bond Acts"), of the County of Westchester ("County") as follows:

- (1) the proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for Capital Project RB212 Bryant Ave, CR 153, White Plains ("RB212") by \$700,000 to \$3,200,000; and
- (2) a bond act amending, in part, prior Bond Act No. 7-2023 to remove a \$2,500,000 authorization allocable to RB212, and decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized to \$14,140,000 ("Amending Bond Act"). The Amending Bond Act is required to remove the approximately 0.64 miles of roadway from North Street to Westchester Avenue eastbound including milling; resurfacing; concrete curb replacement; drainage repairs; new traffic loops; new pavement markings and related work related to RB212; and
- (3) a bond act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,200,000 to finance the cost of design, construction and construction management associated with the rehabilitation of approximately 0.64 miles of roadway from North Street to Westchester Avenue eastbound including milling, resurfacing, concrete curb replacement, drainage repairs, new traffic loops, new pavement markings, and related work in connection with RB212. This \$3,200,000 proposed bond act represents a \$700,000 increase to the amount previously authorized for RB212 and includes the \$2,500,000 previously authorized for RB212 by Bond Act 7-2023 ("Consolidated Bond Act").

The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that this road has an average annual daily traffic count of 7,129 and is in need of rehabilitation to maintain a safe roadway for the traveling public. The associated pavement condition index ("PCI") in 2022 was 61 and the roadway has continued to deteriorate. The PCI rating is a pavement condition rating with a range of 0 to 100, with 0 signifying that the road requires reconstruction and 100 signifying that the road is new. Based on this rating this road requires corrective rehabilitation to extend the life of the roadway.

The Department has advised that design was completed by a consultant and it is anticipated that construction will take approximately six months to complete. The Department has further advised that bids received for

construction of RB212 exceed the available funding. The increase in construction costs and materials is due to the length of time that has transpired since the project's 2023 inception.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds to finance RB212 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

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 RB212 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.

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

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Westchester County Executive

Attachments

# 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 RB212 – Bryant Ave, CR 153, White Plains ("RB212"):

- (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. 7-2023 to remove a \$2,500,000 authorization allocable to RB212, and decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized to \$14,140,000 ("Amending Bond Act"). The Amending Bond Act was prepared by the law firm Hawkins Delafield & Wood and is required to remove the approximately 0.64 miles of roadway from North Street to Westchester Avenue eastbound including milling; resurfacing; concrete curb replacement; drainage repairs; new traffic loops; new pavement markings and related work related to RB212; and
- (3) a bond act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,200,000 to finance the cost of design, construction and construction management associated with the rehabilitation of approximately 0.64 miles of roadway from North Street to Westchester Avenue eastbound including milling, resurfacing, concrete curb replacement, drainage repairs, new traffic loops, new pavement markings, and related work in connection with RB212. This \$3,200,000 proposed bond act represents a \$700,000 increase to the amount previously authorized for RB212 and includes the \$2,500,000 previously authorized for RB212 by Bond Act 7-2023 ("Consolidated Bond Act").

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for RB212 by \$700,000 to \$3,200,000.

The \$3,200,000 Consolidated Bond Act represents a \$700,000 increase to the amount previously authorized for RB212 and includes the \$2,500,000 previously authorized for RB212 by Bond Act 7-2023. The Consolidated Bond Act would finance the cost of design, construction and construction management associated with the rehabilitation of approximately 0.64 miles of roadway from North Street to Westchester Avenue eastbound including milling, resurfacing, concrete curb replacement, drainage repairs, new traffic loops, new pavement markings, and related work in connection with RB212.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that this road has an average annual daily traffic count of 7,129 and is in need of rehabilitation to maintain a safe roadway for the traveling public. The associated pavement condition index ("PCI") in 2022 was 61 and the roadway has continued to deteriorate. The PCI rating is a pavement condition rating with a range of 0 to 100, with 0 signifying that the road requires reconstruction and 100 signifying that the road is new. Based on this rating this road requires corrective rehabilitation to extend the life of the roadway.

The Department has advised that design was completed by a consultant and it is anticipated that construction will take approximately six months to complete. The Department has further advised that bids received for construction of RB212 exceed the available funding. The increase in construction costs and materials is due to the length of time that has transpired since the project's 2023 inception.

The design was completed by a consultant and it is anticipated that construction will take approximately six months to complete.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds to finance RB212 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

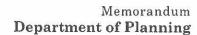
The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, RB212 may be classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 ("SEQR"). Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee 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 RB212 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:	, 20	
	White Plains, New York	





TO:

Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

FROM:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM

Assistant Commissioner

DATE:

April 7, 2025

SUBJECT:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:

**RB212 BRYANT AVENUE, CR 153, WHITE PLAINS** 

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on

03/20/2025 (Unique ID: 2840)

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; and
- 617.5(c)(5): repaying of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes; and
- 617.5(c)(6): street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities; and
- 617.5(c)(22): installation of traffic control devices on existing streets, roads and highways.

COMMENTS: None.

#### DSK/oav

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff

Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive

Lawrence Soule, Budget Director

Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney

Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director

Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation

Susan Darling, Chief Planner

Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner



## Department of Planning

432 Michaelian Office Building White Plains, NY 10601

To: The Westchester County Planning Board

From: Susan Darling, Chief Planner

Date: March 27, 2025

RE: NO-ACTION MEMO - Capital Budget Amendment - RB212 Bryant Avenue, CR 153,

White Plains (2025 CBA)

The County Executive is requesting an amendment to the 2025 Capital Budget to modify the funding of the above project. Capital project RB212 Bryant Avenue, CR 153, White Plains (2025 CBA) will fund the construction and construction management for the rehabilitation of approximately 0.64 miles of roadway from North Street to Westchester Avenue eastbound.

The capital budget amendment is needed because of the increased costs associated with this project. This increase is due to the length of time that has transpired since the project's initial inception in 2023 including construction costs and particularly costs associated with materials. These additional funds are needed to award the project to a contractor and to accommodate the subsequent increase in costs for construction.

The 2023 appropriation was \$2,500,000. The additional request is for \$700,000.

This project was classified as a PL2 in the Planning Board Report on the 2023 Capital Project Requests adopted July 5, 2022.

There are no changes to the physical planning aspects of this project as reviewed by the Board; therefore, no further action by your Board is necessary.

cc: Blanca P. López, Commissioner

David S. Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner

Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

# RB212 Bryant Avenue, CR 153, White Plains

## **FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)**

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Approp- riated	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Under Review
Gross Non-County Share	2,500		2,500					
County Share	2,500		2,500				(1000) 110 (107)	

# **Project Description**

This project will fund the rehabilitation of approximately 0.64 miles of roadway from North Street to Westchester Avenue eastbound including milling; resurfacing; concrete curb replacement; drainage repairs; new traffic loops; new pavement markings and related work.

# **Appropriation Requests**

2023: Design, Construction and Construction Management.

#### Justification

To maintain a safe travelway.

AADT: 7,129 PCI: 64 (2019)

# **Consistency with Programs or Plans**

This is a programmed project. The proposed project is consistent with "Westchester 2025", the County Planning Board's long-range planning policy document, as it will maintain existing transportation infrastructure and ease movement on travel routes.

As per Westchester County policy, stormwater management must be addressed with every capital project where feasible. Designs should comply with the latest version of the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual and the NYS Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control.

# **Planning Board Analysis**

PL2: The Planning Board supports the proposed improvements. Planning Department staff will monitor the progress of design to address physical and environmental planning concerns including pedestrian and bicycle safety as well as stormwater management. The Planning Board recommends this project incorporate Complete Streets design features which consider the safe, convenient access, and mobility of all roadway users of all ages and abilities. The Planning Board recommends that the design of this project include consideration of future bus service needs. This divided highway has a relatively low AADT of about 7,000, and lacks sidewalks or bicycle facilities. Its location near a school makes it a prime candidate for a road diet. The expectation of the Planning Department is that the adjacent office parks will one day be repurposed with residential and retail uses. New concrete curb could provide an opportunity to use space for a curb-raised trail with pedestrian/bicycle separation. This will also provide for safe pedestrian/bicycle connectivity if adjacent office parks continue to see residential development.

ACT No.	2025
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An Act amending the 2025 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RB212 BRYANT AVENUE, CR 153, WHITE PLAINS

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	\$2,500,000	\$700,000	\$3,200,000

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	\$2,500,000	\$700,000	\$3,200,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$2,500,000	\$700,000	\$3,200,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.