


April 17, 2023

TO: Hon. Catherine Borgia, Chair
Hon. Nancy Barr, Vice Chair
Hon. Christopher Johnson, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **CBA & Bond Act – BPS35 – Emergency Services Unit Truck.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators April 17, 2023 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an Act to amend the current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as a related bond act (“Bond Act,”) which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”) to issue up to \$285,000 in bonds of the County to finance the following capital project: BPS35.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for April 17, 2023 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer
County Executive

April 17, 2023

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

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BPS35 – Emergency Services Unit Truck ("BPS35").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for BPS35 by \$35,000. The Department of Public Safety ("Department") has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is required because the cost of parts and materials has risen sharply since the original early 2021 estimate.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$285,000, would finance the cost of acquisition of a new emergency services truck for the Department's Special Operations Division.

The Department has advised that the Department has only one truck remaining for its daily patrol and Emergency Services Unit ("ESU") deployments. The new truck was planned to replace an eight-year old vehicle, but that vehicle was recently damaged beyond repair in a motor vehicle accident. The ESU provided specialized support and equipment to other DPS units as well as other local municipalities. Members of the ESU are cross-trained in multiple disciplines for police, emergency medical care, HAZMAT and rescue work and the new emergency services truck will ensure continuous service.

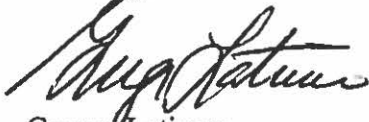
Following bonding authorization, it is anticipated that it will take the Department approximately 12-18 months to acquire the new emergency services truck.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, BPS35 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. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

The Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed this project 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 capital project to the County, favorable action on the annexed proposed Acts is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer
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 an act, which, if adopted, will amend the County’s current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related bond act (“Bond Act”) in the amount of \$285,000 prepared by the law firm Harris Beach, PLLC, to finance capital project BPS35 – Emergency Services Unit Truck (“BPS35”).

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s current-year capital budget to increase the County share for BPS35 by \$35,000. The Department of Public Safety (“Department”) has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is required because the cost of parts and materials has risen sharply since the original early 2021 estimate.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$285,000, would finance the cost of acquisition of a new emergency services truck for the Department’s Special Operations Division.

The Department has advised that the Department has only one truck remaining for its daily patrol and Emergency Services Unit (“ESU”) deployments. The new truck was planned to replace an eight-year old vehicle, but that vehicle was recently damaged beyond repair in a motor vehicle accident. The ESU provided specialized support and equipment to other DPS units as well as other local municipalities. Members of the ESU are cross-trained in multiple disciplines for police, emergency medical care, HAZMAT and rescue work and the new emergency services truck will ensure continuous service.

Following bonding authorization, it is anticipated that it will take the Department approximately 12-18 months to acquire the new emergency services truck.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, BPS35 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.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that the Planning Board has previously reviewed this project 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 Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Bond Act may only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should also be 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 Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2023
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BPS35

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

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 285,000 PPU 20 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.90%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 18,852

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 377,040

Finance Department: Interest rates from April 4, 2023 Bond Buyer - ASBA

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: N/A

SECTION E - EXPECTED DESIGN WORK PROVIDER

County Staff

Consultant

Not Applicable

Prepared by: Siva Gopalkrishna

Title: Director Administrative Services

Department: Public Safety

Date: 4/12/23


Reviewed By: 

by 4/12/23

Budget Director

Date: 4/12/23

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney

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

DATE: April 4, 2023

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BPS35 EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT TRUCK**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 03-17-2023 (Unique ID: 2177)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further 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)(31):** purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.
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COMMENTS: None.

DSK/dvw

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, Senior Budget Analyst
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Kelly Sheehan, Assistant Commissioner
William Brady, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

Department of Planning

432 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, NY 10601

To: The Westchester County Planning Board

From: Kelly Sheehan, Assistant Commissioner *KS*

Date: March 28, 2023

RE: **Capital Budget Amendment –
BPS35 Emergency Services Truck (2023 CBA)**

The County Executive is requesting an amendment to the 2023 Capital Budget to modify the funding of the above project. Capital project BPS35 Emergency Services Truck will fund the purchase of an Emergency Services Unit truck that can be used for daily deployments in the Special Operations Division.

A Capital Budget Amendment in the amount of \$35,000 is being requested to provide additional funding to address increased costs for unanticipated items discovered during procurement. This project was classified as a PL1, project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Planning Board in the 2023 Report on the 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: Norma V. Drummond, Commissioner
David S. Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner
William Brady, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

ACT No. 2023

An Act amending the 2023 County
Capital Budget Appropriations for
Capital Project BPS35 Emergency
Services Unit Truck

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2023 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2023 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$250,000	\$35,000	\$285,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2023 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$250,000	\$35,000	\$285,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$285,000</u>

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.