



George Latimer
County Executive

July 10, 2024

Westchester County Board of Legislators
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 which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to amend its current year Capital Budget ("Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adopt a related amended bond act (the "Amended Bond Act") to finance the following capital project:

RGI04 - Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III ("RGI04").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's 2024 capital budget to increase the County share for RGI04 by an additional \$35,000,000, which is needed due to an unanticipated increase in costs associated with this project.

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$93,000,000, which includes \$58,000,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, will provide additional construction, construction administration and design funding associated with the rehabilitation of the Glen Island Bridge in New Rochelle. Work will include the removal and replacement of the bridge deck, sidewalk and handrails, lighting, traffic warning signs and gates, painting of bridge superstructure, as well as the electromechanical and counterweight systems for both fixed and bascule sections and spans. The Amended Bond Act will also finance the cost of construction and construction management of a temporary bridge which will provide access to Glen Island while the bridge is being repaired.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (the "Department") has advised that due to the length of time that has transpired since the project's initial inception in 2015, construction costs and particularly costs associated with the specialty materials and services required for a complex movable bridge project have increased dramatically, resulting in the project cost exceeding its budget. Accordingly, additional funds are now needed to award the project to a contractor and to accommodate the subsequent increase in costs for construction administration and design support.

Design is complete and construction is estimated to take thirty (30) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

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It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds for RGI04 as follows: Bond Act No. 122-2019 in the amount of \$1,050,000, which funded design of the replacement of the bridge deck and above deck elements, as well as all associated infrastructure; Bond Act No. 86-2022, which amended Bond Act No. 122-2019 to increase the initial amount authorized thereunder by \$4,125,000, to a new total amount authorized of \$5,175,000, and revised the scope of the project to include additional design services associated with the bridge rehabilitation and the temporary bridge; and Bond Act No. 28-2024, which amended Bond Act No. 122-2019, as amended by Bond Act No. 86-2022, to increase the total amount of bonds authorized from \$5,175,000 to \$58,000,000, revised the scope of Bond Act No. 122-2019, as amended, to include work associated with the construction phase of RGI04, and increased the period of probable usefulness of said bonds. No bonds have been issued under Bond Act No. 28-2024. Accordingly, authority is now requested to amend Bond Act No. 28-2024 to increase the total amount of bonds authorized from \$58,000,000 to \$93,000,000, to provide for additional construction, construction administration, and design costs associated with this project.

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 RGI04 and issued a report, and that since there are no changes to the physical planning aspects of this project, 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 Capital Budget Amendment and related Amended Bond Act is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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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 amending the County’s current-year capital budget (the “Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related amended bond act (the “Amended Bond Act”) to finance capital project RGI04 - Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III (“RGI04”).

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s 2024 capital budget to increase the County share for RGI04 by an additional \$35,000,000, which is needed due to an unanticipated increase in costs associated with this project.

The related Amended Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Hawkins Delafield and Wood, LLP, in the total amount of \$93,000,000, which includes \$58,000,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, will provide additional construction, construction administration and design funding associated with the rehabilitation of the Glen Island Bridge in New Rochelle. Work will include the removal and replacement of the bridge deck, sidewalk and handrails, lighting, traffic warning signs and gates, painting of bridge superstructure, as well as the electromechanical and counterweight systems for both fixed and bascule sections and spans. The Amended Bond Act will also finance the cost of construction and construction management of a temporary bridge which will provide access to Glen Island while the bridge is being repaired.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (the “Department”) has advised that due to the length of time that has transpired since the project's initial inception in 2015, construction costs and particularly costs associated with the specialty materials and services required for a complex movable bridge project have increased dramatically, resulting in the project cost exceeding its budget. Accordingly, additional funds are now needed to award the project to a contractor and to accommodate the subsequent increase in costs for construction administration and design support.

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The Planning Department has advised your Committee that RGI04 was previously reviewed by your Honorable Board, which classified the project as an "Unlisted" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"). In accordance with SEQR, a Short Environmental Assessment Form was prepared and, on March 4, 2024, a Negative Declaration was issued by the Board of Legislators (Resolution 13-2024). Since the current request is for an increase in funding due to an unanticipated increase in costs, but the scope of work remains the same, the original Negative Declaration remains valid and no further environmental review is required.

In addition, 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 RGI04 and issued a report, and that since there are no changes to the physical planning aspects of this project, 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 Amended Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts,

noting that the Amended Bond Act can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should 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 Amended Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2024.
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RG104

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 \$ 93,000,000 PPU 30 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.64%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 4,905,332

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 147,159,945

Finance Department: maab 7-9-24

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: 1,011

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget


Date: 7/9/24

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 7/10/24

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: July 1, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT
RGI04 GLEN ISLAND BRIDGE REHABILITATION III**

The Planning Department has reviewed the above referenced capital project (Fact Sheet Unique ID: 2563) in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR).

The project was previously reviewed by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, which classified the project as an Unlisted action under SEQR. In accordance with SEQR, a Short Environmental Assessment Form was prepared and, on March 4, 2024, a Negative Declaration was issued by the Board of Legislators (Resolution 13-2024). Since the current request is for an increase in funding with no change in the scope of the project, the original Negative Declaration remains valid and no further environmental review is required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

DSK/cnm

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
Kathleen O'Connor, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Peter Tartaglia, First Deputy Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Robert Lopane, Program Coordinator, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

Department of Planning

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To: The Westchester County Planning Board

From: Susan Darling, Chief Planner 

Date: July 10, 2024

RE: **NO-ACTION MEMO - Capital Budget Amendment – RGI04 Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III (2024 CBA)**

The County Executive is requesting an amendment to the 2024 Capital Budget to modify the funding of the above project. Capital project **RGI04 Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III (2024 CBA)** will fund the construction, construction administration and design support services during construction.

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 2015 including construction costs and particularly costs associated with the specialty materials and services required for a complex movable bridge project that have increased dramatically resulting in the project cost exceeding its budget. These additional funds are needed to award the project to a contractor and to accommodate the subsequent increase in costs for construction administration and design support.

The 2017 appropriation was \$9.978M and the 2022 appropriation was \$48.022M. The additional request is for \$35M.

This project was classified as a PL2HP in the 2017 Planning Board Report on Capital Project Requests adopted July 12, 2016.

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

An Act amending the 2024 County
 Capital Budget Appropriations for
 RGI04 GLEN ISLAND BRIDGE
 REHABILITATION III

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2024 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2024 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$58,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$93,000,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2024 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF
 FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$58,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$93,000,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$58,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$93,000,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.