

September 13, 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: CBA & Bond Act –
RB04T – Halstead Avenue Over Mamaroneck River, Mamaroneck.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators September 16, 2024 Agenda.

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 bond act (the “Bond Act”) to finance the following capital project: RB04T.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for September 16, 2024 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Westchester County

George Latimer
County Executive

September 6, 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 bond act (the "Bond Act") to finance the following capital project:

RB04T – Halstead Avenue Over Mamaroneck River, Mamaroneck (BIN3348290) ("RB04T").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's 2024 capital budget to appropriate \$3,350,000 for the design portion of this project.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$3,350,000, would finance the cost of design associated with the replacement of the existing bridge structure with a span to match the design channel proposed by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for this reach of the Mamaroneck River, and related work.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (the "Department") has advised that the current bridge, which was built in 1910 and has an annual daily traffic count ("AADT") of 7,311, is in need of replacement to maintain a safe roadway for the traveling public. In 2024 the New York State Department of Transportation gave the bridge a condition rating of 5.517 and the bridge has continued to deteriorate. This rating system, using a scale of 1 ("hazardous") through 7 ("new"), is a weighted average of the condition of an evaluated bridge. A rating below 5 indicates that a bridge requires work and delay of this work could result in the continued deterioration of the bridge.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take twelve (12) months to complete and will be performed by a consultant. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately twenty-four (24) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts, subject to your Honorable Board's further approval of construction funding.

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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. Accordingly, the Planning Board report is herewith attached.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, favorable action on the proposed Capital Budget Amendment and related Bond Act is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

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

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmission from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester (“County”) of an act amending the County’s current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related bond act (the “Bond Act”) which, if approved, will authorize the County to issue \$3,350,000 in bonds of the County to finance capital project RB04T – Halstead Avenue Over Mamaroneck River, Mamaroneck (BIN3348290) (“RB04T”).

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s 2024 capital budget to appropriate \$3,350,000 for the design portion of this project.

The related Bond Act, in the amount of \$3,350,000 and prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP, would finance the cost of design associated with the replacement of the existing bridge structure with a span to match the design channel proposed by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for this reach of the Mamaroneck River, and related work.

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Your Committee is advised that following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take twelve (12) months to complete and will be performed by a consultant. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately twenty-four (24) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts, subject to your Honorable Board’s further approval of construction funding.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, RB04T may be 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 environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

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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 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 Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2024.
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RB04T

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 \$ 3,350,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.40%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 726,397

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 3,631,983

Finance Department: maab 9-10-24

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:

Prepared by: Robert Abbamont

Title: Director of Operations (Capital)

Department: DPWT

Date: 9/10/24

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 9/10/24

9/10/24

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: September 4, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
RB04T Halstead Avenue Over Mamaroneck River, Mamaroneck (BIN 3348290)**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 07-24-2024 (Unique ID: 2591)

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)(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 request is for design only.

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, Associate Budget Director
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

RESOLUTION 24- 37
WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Amendment of Planning Board Report on 2024 Capital Project Requests
RB04T Halstead Avenue over Mamaroneck River, Mamaroneck

WHEREAS, the County Executive will submit legislation to the County Board of Legislators for a Capital Budget Amendment to advance the design funding of capital project **RB04T Halstead Avenue over Mamaroneck River, Mamaroneck**, for design costs associated with reconstruction of this bridge: and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Transportation has advised that the current bridge, built in 1910, has reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement of the existing structure;

and **WHEREAS**, the bridge has a condition rating of 5.517 (2024); and an average annual daily traffic count (AADT) of 7,311 vehicles (2024); and

WHEREAS, this project will incorporate a span to match the design channel proposed the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for this reach of the Mamaroneck River, which will provide the Village will additional stormwater management; and

WHEREAS, the capital budget amendment of \$3,350,000 will fund the design of this project; and

WHEREAS, this is a programmed project and is consistent with the County Planning Board's long-range planning policies set forth in *Westchester 2025—Context for County and Municipal Planning and Policies to Guide County Planning*, adopted by the Board on May 6, 2008, amended January 5, 2010, and its recommended strategies set forth in *Patterns for Westchester: The Land and the People*, adopted December 5, 1995, as it will maintain existing transportation infrastructure and ease movement on travel routes as well as improve stormwater management; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Planning Board, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, amends its Report of 2024 Capital Project Requests to include the capital project **RB04T Halstead Avenue over Mamaroneck River, Mamaroneck** with the rating of "PL2" – "Approved in concept, subject to review when more detailed studies or plans are prepared."

Adopted this September 4th, 2024


Richard Hyman, Chair

RB04T Halstead Avenue over Mamaroneck River

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM

(in thousands)

Funding Type	Estimated Total Project Cost	Appropriated	Expended or Obligated	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross Amount	30,900	0	0		27,550	0	0	0	3,350
Less Non-County Shares									
Net County Amount	30,900	0	0		27,550	0	0	0	3,350

Project Description

This project will fund the replacement of the bridge originally built in 1910. The project was initiated due to the deteriorating condition, design deficiencies, and hydraulic vulnerability of the existing bridge. The bridge has a condition rating of 5.517 (2024); and an average annual daily traffic count (AADT) of 7,311 vehicles (2024). To address the stormwater vulnerability of the existing bridge, this project will incorporate a span to match the design channel proposed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for this reach of the Mamaroneck River, which will provide the Village will additional stormwater management.

2024: Design

2025: Construction management and construction

The current request is for a Capital Budget Amendment to the 2024 Capital Budget to fund the design for \$3,350,000. The 2025 requested amount for construction and construction management would be reduced if and when this capital budget amendment is approved.

Appropriation History

Year	Amount	Purpose
Under Review	3,350,000	Design and engineering

Justification

To maintain the County's infrastructure and provide a safe travelway.

Bridge Rating: 5.51 (2024)

AADT: 7,311

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.

Planning Board Analysis

PL2 The Planning Board supports the proposed improvements. Planning Department staff will monitor the progress of design to address safety, aesthetic, and environmental planning concerns.

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.

An Act amending the 2024 County
 Capital Budget Appropriations for
 Capital Project RB04T HALSTEAD
 AVENUE OVER MAMARONECK
 RIVER, MAMARONECK (BIN 3348290)

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		\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000

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	\$0	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$0	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.