

**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 amended bond act ("Bond Act") in the total amount of \$2,725,000, which includes \$300,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, to finance capital project RB03W – Quaker Bridge Road Over Croton River, Cortlandt (BIN3348560) ("RB03W"). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, is required to finance the cost of design necessary for planning the replacement of the Quaker Bridge Road bridge in the Town of Cortlandt, with a proposed new, two-lane bridge, without the current clearance restrictions, and related work.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that the current bridge, which was built in 1894 and has an annual daily traffic count ("AADT") of 925, is in need of replacement to maintain a safe roadway for the traveling public. In 2023 the New York State Department of Transportation gave the bridge a condition rating of 3.79. This rating system, using a scale of 1 ("hazardous") through 7 ("new"), is a weighted average of the condition of an evaluated bridge. The bridge has continued to deteriorate and was closed in November 2024 due to its current condition.

Following bond authorization, design is anticipated to take eight months to complete and will be performed by a consultant. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately ten 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.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds for RB03W as follows: Bond Act No. 41-2015 in the amount of \$300,000, which authorized bonds to finance the cost of a study to determine viable options and associated costs for the replacement of the Quaker Bridge. No bonds have been issued under Bond Act No. 41-2015. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 41-2015 be amended to increase the amount authorized by \$2,425,000 for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$2,725,000.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, RB03W 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 further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

Your Committee has carefully considered Bond Act and recommends approval of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: February 3, 2025.
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEE ON
Budget &
Appropriations

Public Works &
Transportation

Dated: February 3, 2025

White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin J. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" at the end.

COMMITTEE ON

Budget & Appropriations

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RB03W

☐ 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 \$ 2,725,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.98%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 601,809

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 3,009,043

Finance Department: maab 1-14-25

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

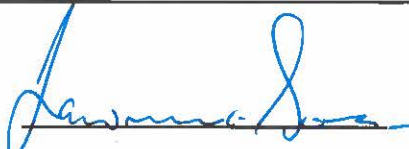
Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 30

Prepared by: Robert Abbamont

Title: Director of Operations (Capital)

Department: Public Works/Transportation

Date: 1/14/25

Reviewed By: 

1/14/25

Budget Director

Date:

1/14/25

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: January 7, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
RB03W Quaker Bridge Road Over Croton River, Cortlandt (BIN 3348560)**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on
12-13-2024 (Unique ID: 2744)

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/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
Blanca P. Lopez, Commissioner of Planning
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

ACT NO. -20_____

BOND ACT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AMENDING THE BOND ACT ADOPTED MARCH 23, 2015, IN RELATION TO PLANNING OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE CROTON RIVER, AT THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,725,000. (Adopted _____, 20_____).

WHEREAS, this Board has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of \$300,000 bonds to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the replacement of the Quaker Road Bridge of the Croton River, pursuant to Act No. 41-2015 duly adopted on March 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an additional \$2,425,000 is now required for such planning, and it is necessary to increase the amount of bonds to be issued;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section (A). The bond act duly adopted by this Board on March 23, 2015, entitled:

“ACT NO. 41-2015

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS,

SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$300,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.”

is hereby amended to read as follows:

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,725,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,725,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,725,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted _____, 20____)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the “Law”), the Westchester

County Administrative Code, being Chapter 852 of the Laws of 1948, as amended, and to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$2,725,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the replacement of the Quaker Bridge Road bridge in the Town of Cortlandt, with a proposed new, two-lane bridge, without the current clearance restrictions, and related work; all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended. To the extent that the details set forth in this act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. The estimated maximum cost of said specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$2,725,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$2,725,000 bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose for which the bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 62(2nd) of the Law, is five (5) years.

Section 3. Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment pursuant to Section 107.00 d. 9. of the Law prior to issuance of the bonds authorized herein, or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. The County intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Act, in the maximum amount of

\$2,725,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. The estimate of \$2,725,000 as the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is hereby approved.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of §30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of §§50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the County Board of Legislators relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this Act and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by §52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the County of Westchester, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation

for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Act and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Act or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

Section (B). The amendment of the bond act set forth in Section (A) of this act shall in no way affect the validity of the liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken pursuant to said bond act, and all such liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken shall be deemed to have been incurred, issued or taken pursuant to said bond act, as so amended.

Section (C). This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act No. -20____ with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester on _____, 20____ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20_____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County Board of Legislators this day of , 20____.

(SEAL)

The Clerk and Chief Administrative Office of the
County Board of Legislators County of Westchester,
New York

LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on March 23, 2015 and amended on _____, 20____ and approved, as amended, by the County Executive on _____, 20____ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Complete copies of the amended Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

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amount of obligations to be issued:

and period of probable usefulness: \$2,725,000; five (5) years

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White Plains, New York

Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board
of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York



CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:* RB03W	☐ CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 01-02-2025
Fact Sheet Year:* 2025	Project Title:* QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD OVER CROTON RIVER, CORTLANDT (BIN 3348560)	Legislative District ID: 9,
Category* ROADS & BRIDGES	Department:* PUBLIC WORKS	CP Unique ID: 2744

Overall Project Description

This project will fund the replacement of the bridge with a proposed new, two-lane bridge without the current clearance restrictions.

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| ☒ Best Management Practices | ☐ Energy Efficiencies | ☒ Infrastructure |
| ☒ Life Safety | ☐ Project Labor Agreement | ☐ Revenue |
| ☐ Security | ☐ Other | |

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	20,325	300	20,025	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	20,325	300	20,025	0	0	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 299

Current Bond Description: Funding is requested for design associated with the replacement of the bridge with a proposed new, two-lane bridge, without the current clearance restrictions, and related work.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	2,425,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 2,425,000

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

2,425,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

- ☐ County Staff
 ☒ Consultant
 ☐ Not Applicable

Comments:

BCR: 3.79 (2023); AADT: 925

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2015	300,000	STUDY
2025	20,025,000	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Total Appropriation History:

20,325,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
15	41	300,000	0	QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD OVER CROTON RIVER

Total Financing History:

300,000

Recommended By:**Department of Planning**

MLLL

Date

12-13-2024

Department of Public Works

RJB4

Date

12-13-2024

Budget Department

DEV9

Date

12-13-2024

Requesting Department

RJB4

Date

12-13-2024

QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD OVER CROTON RIVER, CORTLANDT (BIN 3348560) (RB03W)

User Department : Public Works

Managing Department(s) : Public Works ;

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project has historical implications. Project approved in concept but subject to subsequent staff review.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	20,325	300	299	20,025					
Non County Share									
Total	20,325	300	299	20,025					

Project Description

This project will fund the replacement of the bridge with a proposed new, two-lane bridge without the current clearance restrictions.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds the project.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2025	20,025,000			20,025,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.

Appropriation History

Year	Amount	Description	Status
2015	300,000	Study	COMPLETE
Total	300,000		

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	300,000		300,000
Total	300,000		300,000

Bonds Authorized

Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
41 15	300,000			300,000
Total	300,000			300,000