



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Date: July 20, 2026

To: The Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

From: Kenneth W. Jenkins, County Executive

RE: Act For Capital Project T0063—New Bus Radio / Data System (Bond Act)

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act"), which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue \$2,065,000.00 in bonds to finance the following capital project:

T0063 –New Bus Radio / Data System (3285) ("T0063").

The Bond Act, in the total amount of \$2,065,000.00 would finance essential enhancements to the current phase of work, which includes improvements to the yard management system, CCTV, planning / scheduling & rostering, and the operational module of the Optibus system, along with its related hardware and network equipment. Together with previously approved bonding authorizations, the total cost of technology enhancements under this project is \$18,765,000.00

The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that essential enhancements to the current phase of work are needed, including improvements to the yard management system, CCTV system, planning/scheduling and rostering system and the operational module of the Optibus system, along with its related hardware and network equipment.

Design and implementation of these systems are currently being undertaken by an outside consultant and are expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2027.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds for T0063 as follows: (i) Bond Act No. 99-2016 in the amount of \$300,000.00 which funded an evaluation of the voice and data communications needs of the Bee-Line system; (ii) Bond Act No. 233-2019, which amended Bond Act No. 99-2016, by increasing the initial amount authorized by \$2,450,000.00, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$2,750,000.00, and which revised the scope of Bond Act No. 99-2016, to include costs related to the purchase of software and hardware; and (iii) Bond Act No. 167-2023 in the amount of \$16,700,000 to finance a new comprehensive enterprise-wide technology communications system upgrade and associated costs for the fixed route Bee-Line bus system, and to purchase and install software and hardware for the upgrade. \$1,650,290.00 in bonds authorized by Bond Act No. 167-2023 have already been sold.

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

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Attachments

**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 a bond act (“Bond Act”) which, if adopted, will authorize the County to issue \$2,065,000.00 in bonds to finance capital project T0063 –New Bus Radio / Data System (3285) (“T0063”).

The Bond Act in the total amount of \$2,065,000.00 was prepared by the law firm Harris Beach Murtha, PLLC would finance essential enhancements to the current phase of work, which includes improvements to the yard management system, CCTV, planning / scheduling and rostering, and the operational module of the Optibus system, along with its related hardware and network equipment. Together with previously approved bonding authorizations, the total cost of technology enhancements under this project is \$18,765,000.00

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (“Department”) has further advised your Committee that essential enhancements to the current phase of work are needed, including improvements to the yard management system, CCTV system, planning/scheduling and rostering system and the operational module of the Optibus system, along with its related hardware and network equipment.

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route Bee-Line bus system, and to purchase and install software and hardware for the upgrade. \$1,650,290.00 in bonds authorized by Bond Act No. 167-2023 have already been sold.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, T0063 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.

Your Committee has carefully considered the Bond Act, and recommends approval of the Bond Act. It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

TO: Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney
Maria Baratta, Assistant County Attorney

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



DATE: June 30, 2026

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT
T0063 NEW BUS RADIO/DATA SYSTEM**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on
06/26/2026 (Unique ID: 3285)

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.
- **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.

COMMENTS: None.

DSK/oav

cc: Emily Saltzman, Director of Operations
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Matthew Castro, Chief Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,065,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE ADDITIONAL COST OF RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES FOR BUS VOICE AND DATA COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BEE-LINE SYSTEM; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$18,765,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,065,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED IN ADDITION TO \$16,700,000 BONDS PREVIOUSLY 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, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$2,065,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the additional costs of radio system upgrades for bus voice and data communications improvements for the Bee-Line system, including essential enhancements to the current phase of work, which include improvements to

the yard management system, CCTV system, planning, scheduling and rostering, the operational module of the Optibus system, and the acquisition of related hardware and network equipment; 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 current year Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. The estimated maximum cost of said object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$18,765,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$2,065,000 bonds herein authorized, in addition to \$16,700,000 bonds previously authorized by Bond Act No. 167-2023 duly adopted on September 18, 2023; 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 applicable to the objects or purposes for which the bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 25 of the Law, is ten (10) 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 \$2,065,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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 7. This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on _____, 20__ and approved 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 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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object or purpose: to finance the additional cost of radio system upgrades for bus voice and data communications improvements for the Bee-Line system, including essential enhancements to the current phase of work, which include improvements to the yard management system, CCTV system, planning, scheduling and rostering, the operational module of the Optibus system, and the acquisition of related hardware and network equipment; all as set forth in the County's current year Capital Budget, as amended

amount of obligations to be issued:

and period of probable usefulness: \$2,065,000; ten (10) years

Dated: _____, 20__
White Plains, New York

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