

February 1, 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 –  
T001Z - Replace 95 NABI 40-Foot Buses.**

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This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators February 5, 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: T001Z.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for February 5, 2024 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

# Westchester County

George Latimer  
County Executive

January 30, 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:

T001Z – Replace 95 NABI 40-Foot Buses (“T001Z”).

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s current-year capital budget to increase the amount of non-County shares for T001Z by \$8,625,000. The Department of Public Works and Transportation (the “Department”) has advised that a capital budget amendment is required to add more non-County funds to this project. The total cost of the project has increased due to updated cost estimates for buses.

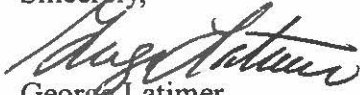
The Bond Act, in the amount of \$24,470,000, would provide additional funding for the purchase of 95 replacement 40-foot buses for the County. The Department has advised that the buses to be replaced are approaching the end of their useful lives and are in need of replacement. The existing model year 2009 hybrid buses will be replaced with a combination of new hybrid and all electric buses.

Following bonding authorization, it is expected to take approximately twelve (12) months to purchase the buses and put them into service.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds in connection with T001Z as follows: Bond Act No. 221-2021 which authorized \$29,600,000 in bonds of the County to finance the acquisition of buses under capital projects T001U – Replacement of Thirty-Foot Buses, T001Y – Replace Orion Forty-Foot Coach Buses, and T001Z. \$350,000 of this amount is attributable to T001Z. These bonds have not been sold.

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

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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 adopted, will authorize the County to issue up to \$24,470,000 in bonds of the County to finance capital project T001Z – Replace 95 NABI 40-Foot Buses (“T001Z”).

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s current-year capital budget to increase the amount of non-County shares for T001Z by \$8,625,000. The Department of Public Works and Transportation (the “Department”) has advised that a capital budget amendment is required to add more non-County funds to the project. The total cost of the project has increased due to updated cost estimates for buses.

Your Committee is advised that the Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, would provide additional funding for the purchase of 95 replacement 40-foot buses for the County. The Department has advised that the buses to be replaced are approaching the end of their useful lives and are in need of replacement. The existing model year 2009 hybrid buses will be replaced with a combination of new hybrid and all electric buses.

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

It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of this Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County’s Capital Budget and to adopt the Bond Act.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Acts and recommends approval of same.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024  
White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON**

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: T001Z

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 \$ 24,470,000 PPU 10 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.51%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 2,815,359

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 28,153,590

Finance Department: Interest rates from January 31, 2024 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):

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## SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 265

Prepared by: Michael Swee

Title: Dir. Of Surface Transportation

Department: DPW&T


Date: 1/31/24

Reviewed By: 

*01/31/24*  
Budget Director

Date: *2/1/24*

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: January 26, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:  
T001Z REPLACE 95 NABI 40-FOOT HYBRID BUSES**

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**PROJECT/ACTION:** Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on  
01-22-2024 (Unique ID: 2414)

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)(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

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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. \_\_\_\_\_ 2024

An Act amending the 2024 County  
Capital Budget Appropriations for  
Capital Project T001Z Replace 95 NABI  
40-Foot Hybrid Buses

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	\$95,375,000	\$8,625,000	\$104,000,000

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	\$24,820,000		\$24,820,000
Non County Shares	\$70,555,000	\$8,625,000	\$79,180,000
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$95,375,000	\$8,625,000	\$104,000,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.