



George Latimer
County Executive

September 10, 2021

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,100,000 to finance a component of the following capital project:

P0024 – Bronx River Parkway Rehabilitation Program ("P0024").

The proposed Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,100,000, is necessary to finance the cost of design, construction management and construction associated with upgrading the existing "cobra head" and "tear drop" lighting fixtures along the Bronx River Parkway to LED lighting fixtures. Also included in the project is the replacement of any missing or damaged light poles, arms, bases and associated work.

The Department of Public Works & Transportation ("Department") has advised that this capital project was created to provide various rehabilitation projects along the Bronx River Parkway. Previous components have included roadway resurfacing, guiderail replacement, concrete curb replacement, drainage improvements, new vehicle detection sensors, new pavement markings and related work. The current request will provide for the replacement of the existing roadway lighting fixtures with new energy efficient LED lighting fixtures.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take three (3) months to complete and will be performed by in-house staff. It is estimated that construction will take nine (9) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds which financed prior components of P0024 as set forth on the attached fact sheet.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project has been 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. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

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

Sincerely,

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

George Latimer
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 a bond act (“Bond Act”) in the total amount of \$1,100,000, to finance a component of capital project P0024 – Bronx River Parkway Rehabilitation Program (“P0024”).

The Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP, is necessary to finance the cost of design, construction management and construction associated with upgrading the existing “cobra head” and “tear drop” lighting fixtures along the Bronx River Parkway to LED lighting fixtures. Also included in the project is the replacement of any missing or damaged light poles, arms, bases and associated work.

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Your Committee is advised that following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take three (3) months to complete and will be performed by in-house staff. It is estimated that construction will take nine (9) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project has been 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 conclusion.

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

Dated: _____, 2021
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

s/jg/8-02-21

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: P0024

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 \$ 1,100,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 0.30%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 221,995

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 1,109,973

Finance Department: MAAB

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: 12

SECTION E - EXPECTED DESIGN WORK PROVIDER

County Staff

Consultant

Not Applicable

Prepared by: Robert Abbamont

Title: Director of Operations (Capital Planning)

Department: Public Works/Transportation

Date: 8/31/21


Reviewed By: [Signature]

Date: 9/1/21

Budget Director

9/1/21

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Director of Environmental Planning

DATE: August 25, 2021

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
P0024 BRONX RIVER PARKWAY REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 07/26/2021 (Unique ID: 1713)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further 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.
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COMMENTS: None.

DSK/dvw

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
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Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

ACT NO. - 20____

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE LIGHTING SYSTEM ON THE BRONX RIVER PARKWAY; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,100,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 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, \$1,100,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the design, construction and construction management in connection with the rehabilitation of the lighting system on the Bronx River Parkway, including upgrading of the existing "cobra head" and "teardrop" lighting fixtures to LED lighting fixtures along the Parkway, and replacement of any missing or damaged light poles, arms, bases and associated 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 Current Year Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. The estimated total cost of said class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$1,100,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,100,000 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 class of objects or purposes for which the \$1,100,000 bonds authorized by section 1 of this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a.35 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 total amount of \$1,100,000. 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 \$1,100,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid objects or purposes 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.

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

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____.

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

(SEAL)

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.

ACT NO. _____-20_____

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE LIGHTING SYSTEM ON THE BRONX RIVER PARKWAY; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,100,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted _____, 20____)

object or purpose: to finance the cost of the design, construction and construction management in connection with the rehabilitation of the lighting system on the Bronx River Parkway, including upgrading of the existing "cobra head" and "teardrop" lighting fixtures to LED lighting fixtures along the Parkway, and replacement of any missing or damaged light poles, arms, bases and associated work, 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: \$1,100,000; five (5) 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



CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:*
P0024

CBA

Fact Sheet Date:*
06-17-2021

Fact Sheet Year:*
2021

Project Title:*
BRONX RIVER PARKWAY
REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Legislative District ID:
3, 15, 14, 12, 10, 8, 5,

Category*
PARKWAYS

Department:*
PUBLIC WORKS

CP Unique ID:
1713

Overall Project Description

This project is requested for rehabilitation projects on the Bronx River Parkway. This project will provide a life span of 15 to 20 years on the asphalt surface. This project includes resurfacing, drainage, implementation of stormwater management practices as required by NYSDEC regulations, guiderail replacement, and installation of reflectorized pavement markings and shoulder repairs.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Labor Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Under Review
Gross	40,600	32,600	8,000	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	40,600	32,600	8,000	0	0	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of: 19,879

Current Bond Description: Funding is requested for design, construction management and construction to upgrade the existing "cobra head" and "teardrop" lighting fixtures to LED lighting fixtures along the Bronx River Parkway. Also included in the project is the replacement of any missing or damaged light poles, arms, bases and associated work.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	1,100,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 1,100,000

SEQR Classification:
TYPE II

Amount Requested:
1,100,000

Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

THIS PROJECT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ROADWAY LIGHTING FIXTURES WITH NEW ENERGY EFFICIENT LED LIGHTING FIXTURES.

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2011	8,000,000	PHASE I DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
2012	8,000,000	CONTINUATION OF THIS PROJECT
2016	8,600,000	CONTINUATION OF THIS PROJECT
2021	8,000,000	CONSTRUCTION

Total Appropriation History:
32,600,000

BRONX RIVER PARKWAY REHABILITATION PROGRAM (P0024)

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Under Review
Gross	32,600	24,600	19,679	8,000					
Non County Share			169						
Total	32,600	24,600	19,848	8,000					

Project Description

This project is requested for rehabilitation projects on the Bronx River Parkway. This project will provide a life span of 15 to 20 years on the asphalt surface. This project includes resurfacing, drainage, implementation of stormwater management practices as required by NYSDEC regulations, guiderail replacement, and installation of reflectorized pavement markings and shoulder repairs.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds construction.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2021	8,000,000			8,000,000

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
2011	8,000,000	Phase I design & construction	CONSTRUCTION
2012	8,000,000	Continuation of this project	CONSTRUCTION
2016	8,600,000	Continuation of this project	\$3,900,000 - CONSTRUCTION; \$47,00,000 - AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
Total	24,600,000		

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	24,600,000	15,256,840	9,343,160
Others		(169,448)	169,448
Total	24,600,000	15,087,392	9,512,608

**BRONX RIVER PARKWAY REHABILITATION PROGRAM
(P0024)**

Bonds Authorized				
Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
29 13				
11 19	187,346	12/10/19	156,451	
		12/10/19	30,895	
12 19	9,900,000	12/10/19	8,267,396	
		12/10/19	1,632,604	
189 19	9,812,654	10/28/20	4,385,571	4,643,160
		10/28/20	614,475	
		10/28/20	169,448	
Total	19,900,000		15,256,840	4,643,160