

Kenneth W. Jenkins Westchester County Executive

January 17, 2025

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 are two bond acts ("Bond Acts") of the County of Westchester ("County") as follows:

- (1) a bond act amending, in part, prior Bond Act No. 39-2021 to remove a \$2,700,000 authorization allocable to Capital Project T0045 Replace Bus Wash At The Cerrato Maintenance Facility ("T0045"), and decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized to \$7,725,000 ("Amending Bond Act"); and
- (2) a bond act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000 to finance the cost of the purchase and installation of the bus wash system at the Cerrato Maintenance Facility ("CMF") at the County-owned Valhalla Campus in the Town of Mount Pleasant. This \$4,500,000 proposed Bond Act represents a \$1,800,000 increase to the amount previously authorized for T0045 and includes the \$2,700,000 previously authorized for T0045 by Bond Act 39-2021 ("Consolidated Bond Act").

The Amending Bond Act is required to remove the equipment and furnishing acquisition bond authorization related to T0045 so that those authorizations may be included in the Consolidated Bond Act for T0045.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that the current bus wash was constructed as part of the original CMF in Valhalla, which was built in 1994. The bus wash is reaching its useful life and requires frequent maintenance and repair. The CMF houses 78 buses, all of which are washed every day. A new bus wash would be more energy efficient and would use less water.

Design is currently being undertaken by a consultant and is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2025. It is estimated that construction will take nine 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 to finance T0045 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

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

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Jenkins

Westchester County Executive

Attachments

HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

Your Committee is in receipt of an amended bond act ("Amending Bond Act") of the County of Westchester ("County") authorizing amendment to prior Bond Act No. 39-2021 to remove a \$2,700,000 authorization allocable to Capital Project T0045 – Replace Bus Wash At The Cerrato Maintenance Facility ("T0045"), and to decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized to \$7,725,000. The Amending Bond Act was prepared by the law firm Harris Beach.

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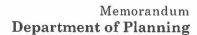
The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, T0045 may be classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

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 Consolidated Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Consolidated Bond Act.

Dated: , 20____. White Plains, New York

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT	#: <u>T0045</u>	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED	
SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT			
To Be Completed by Budget			
X GENERAL FUI	ND AIRPORT FUND	SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND	
	Source of County Funds (check one):	X Current Appropriations	
		Capital Budget Amendment	
AMEND BOND ACT 39-2021 FROM \$10,425,000 TO \$7,725,000			
SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS			
To Be Completed by Finance			
Total Principa	al \$ 7,725,000 PPU	5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.95%	
Anticipated A	Annual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 1,704,666	
Total Debt Se	ervice (Annual Cost x Term):	\$ 8,523,330	
Finance Department: Rates from January 16, 2025 Bond Buyer - ASBA			
SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)			
To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget			
Potential Rel	ated Expenses (Annual): \$	-	
Potential Rel	ated 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: 84			
Prepared by:	Dianne Vanadia	_ // 0	
Title:	Associate Budget Director	Reviewed By:	
Department:	Budget	Budget Director	
Date:	1/16/25	Date:	





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 10, 2025

SUBJECT:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:

T0045 REPLACE BUS WASH AT THE CERRATO MAINTENANCE

FACILITY

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on

12-11-2024 (Unique ID: 2766)

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; and
- 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/mvc

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

Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

REFERENCES BDA02, BIT4C, BIT6D, BIT44, BIT47, BIT49, BIT54, BIT45, BIT40; BLR2E and B015E

ACT NO. -20

BOND ACT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE BOND ACT ADOPTED MARCH 22, 2021 IN RELATION TO FINANCING THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS; AT THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$7,725,000. (Adopted , 20).

WHEREAS, this Board of Legislators (the "Board") has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of bonds to finance the acquisition of equipment and furnishings for various departments comprised of the following capital projects: BIT4C, BIT6D, BIT44, BIT47, BIT49, BIT54, BIT45, BDA02, BIT40; T0045, BLR2E and B015E, at the estimated maximum cost of \$10,425,000, pursuant to Act No. 39-2021, duly adopted on March 22, 2021 (the "Original Resolution"),

WHEREAS, the Board has requested that the authorization of the financing of the costs of project T0045 be removed from the Original Resolution; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Original Resolution shall herein be amended and restated to (a) remove said authorization from the Original Resolution, (ii) reduce the maximum cost of the Project (as defined in the Original Resolution), and (iii) reduce the amount of the bonds authorized therein; and

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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 22, 2021, entitled:

"(BOND) ACT NO. 39-2021

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,425,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$10,425,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,425,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS."

is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,725,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$7,725,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,725,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; 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, \$7,725,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the acquisition of equipment and furnishings for various departments comprised of the following capital projects: BIT4C, BIT6D, BIT44, BIT47, BIT49, BIT54, BIT45, BDA02, BIT40; BLR2E and B015E; 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 objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$7,725,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$7,725,000 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 applicable to the specific object or purpose for which the bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 89 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 \$7,725,000. 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

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.

Section (B). The amendment and restatement 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 No20 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 ado	pted by the County Board of Legislators of the County
of Westchester on , 20 and appr	oved 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
(SEAL)	of , 20 The Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of Legislators County of Westchester, New York