

Westchester County

George Latimer
County Executive

August 1, 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 are four bond acts ("Bond Acts") of the County of Westchester ("County") as follows:

- (1) a bond act to amend prior Bond Act No. 23-2021 to remove a total authorization of \$1,800,000 attributable to Capital Projects RB04C – Lincoln Avenue Bridge Over Blind Brook, Rye Brook ("RB04C"), RB04D – Park Avenue Viaduct Over Bronx River Parkway, Yonkers ("RB04D"), and RB03Z – Pump House Road Over Peekskill Hollow Brook, Cortlandt ("RB03Z"), to decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized from \$6,100,000 to \$4,300,000 (the "Amending Bond Act"); and
- (2) a bond act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,900,000 to finance design, construction management and construction costs associated with the rehabilitation of the Lincoln Avenue Bridge in Rye Brook, including the replacement of the concrete deck, painting of all existing steel members and associated work for project RB04C. This \$2,900,000 proposed Bond Act represents an increase in the amount of \$2,475,000 for construction costs and includes the \$425,000 previously authorized for RB04C in Bond Act No. 23-2021 (the "RB04C Consolidated Bond Act"); and
- (3) a bond act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,750,000 to finance design, construction management and construction costs associated with the rehabilitation of the Park Avenue Viaduct in Yonkers, including rehabilitation of the concrete arch and abutments; waterproofing of the concrete arch; installation of new pavement and sidewalks and associated work for project RB04D. This \$4,750,000 proposed Bond Act represents an increase in the amount of \$3,875,000 for construction costs and includes the \$875,000 previously authorized for RB04D in Bond Act No. 23-2021 (the "RB04D Consolidated Bond Act"); and
- (4) a bond act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,970,000 to finance design, construction management and construction costs associated with the rehabilitation of the Pump House Road Bridge in Cortlandt, including replacement of the existing asphalt wearing surface and waterproofing; structural deck rehabilitation; a new elastomeric concrete joint system; new elastomeric bearings; rehabilitation of the undermined footing area, concrete wingwalls, and railing system; and associated work for project RB03Z. This \$3,970,000 proposed Bond Act represents an increase in the amount of \$3,470,000 for construction costs and includes the \$500,000 previously authorized for RB03Z in Bond Act No. 23-2021 (the "RB03Z Consolidated Bond Act").

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Your Honorable Board is advised that the anticipated cost estimates, Bridge Condition Rating (BCR), Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) count, anticipated project timeline, and whether the design is currently being undertaken in-house or by consultants for each capital project, is set forth below:

BOND ACT – BRIDGE PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION

Cap ID	Project	Anticipated Amount	BCR	AADT	Design Assignment	Design Cmpl	Const (Months)
RB04C	Lincoln Avenue Bridge Over Blind Brook, Rye Brook	\$2,900,000	4.56 (2023)	4,240	Consultant	3Q24	12
RB04D	Park Avenue Viaduct Over Bronx River Parkway, Yonkers	\$4,750,000	3.97 (2023)	2,710	Consultant	3Q24	18
RB03Z	Pump House Road Over Peekskill Hollow Brook, Cortlandt	\$3,970,000	4.69 (2022)	1,618	Consultant	3Q24	12

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

Sincerely,



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 an amended bond act (the “Amending Bond Act”) of the County of Westchester (“County”), authorizing an amendment to prior Bond Act No. 23-2021 to remove \$425,000 of the authorization allocable to Capital Project RB04C – Lincoln Avenue Bridge Over Blind Brook, Rye Brook (“RB04C”), \$875,000 allocable to Capital Project RB04D - Park Avenue Viaduct Over Bronx River Parkway, Yonkers (“RB04D”), and \$500,000 allocable to Capital Project RB03Z - Pump House Road Over Peekskill Hollow Brook, Cortlandt (“RB03Z”), to decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized from \$6,100,000 to \$4,300,000.

The Amending Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins Delafield and Wood, LLP, is required to remove design bonding authorizations related to projects RB04C, RB04D, and RB03Z, so that those authorizations may be included in consolidated bond acts for those projects. The consolidated bond acts will include construction and construction management funding.

The Planning Department has advised that the proposed Amending Bond Act does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. As such, no environmental review is required. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 8, 2024, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

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

Dated: _____, 2024
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BELOW

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

AMEND BOND ACT 3-2021 TO INCLUDE ONLY BCR61; RB04E, BLR12, BPF40

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 4,300,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.84%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 945,570

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 4,727,850

Finance Department: maab 7-31-24

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: 47

Prepared by: Robert Abbamont

Title: Director of Operations (Capital)

Department: Public Works/Transportation

Date: 8/1/24

Reviewed By: *Christina Pampato*

Budget Director

Date: 8/1/24

REFERENCES BCR61
RB04E
BLR12
BPF40

ACT NO. -20 _____

AMENDING BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,300,000 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 THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$4,300,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,300,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS (Adopted _____, 20_____).

WHEREAS, this Board has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of \$6,100,000 bonds to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the construction of various capital improvements in and for the County, pursuant to Act No. 23-2021 duly adopted on February 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is now appropriate to authorize the construction of certain of such capital improvements, and this County Board of Legislators has or will increase the amount of bonds to be issued and the appropriations for such certain capital projects pursuant to other Bond Acts adopted by this Board of Legislators; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to decrease the amount of bonds of the County authorized pursuant to Act No. 23-2021, now therefore

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 February 8, 2021, entitled:

“ACT NO. 23-2021

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,100,000 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 THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$6,100,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,100,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS

are hereby amended and consolidated to read as follows:

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,300,000 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 THE

CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$4,300,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,300,000 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, \$4,300,000 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 construction of various capital improvements in and for the County, including the Department of Corrections parking structure infrastructure, the rehabilitation of the concrete arch and abutments; waterproofing of the concrete arch; installing new pavement and sidewalks; and, reconstruction of the abutment walls and associated work of the Austin Avenue Bridge over I-87 in Yonkers, possible additions and renovation strategy for the existing Labs & Research facility, and the phase-one restoration of the Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage including rehabilitation of the concrete columns and beams; replacement of the ramps including new waterproofing; replacement of the existing fire alarm system, ventilation system, carbon monoxide detection system; rehabilitation of the electrical vault on levels B2 and B3;

replacement of the existing expansion joint on both sides of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and associated plaza restoration; replacement of the existing lighting with new LED fixtures in the affected work areas; replacement of any plumbing and drainage piping as required; installation of an iDAS telecommunications system; 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 \$4,300,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$4,300,000 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 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 \$4,300,000. 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 \$4,300,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid class of 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.

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.

***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 February 8, 2021, 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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object or purpose: to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the construction of various capital improvements in and for the County, 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: \$4,300,000; 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