



George Latimer
County Executive

June 2, 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 an Act which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to amend its current-year capital budget ("Capital Budget Amendment") for the following capital project:

T001U – Replacement of Thirty-Foot Buses ("T001U").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current-year capital budget by increasing the non-county share for T001U by \$7,526,320. The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is requested to move \$3,763,160 in non-County funds from 2022 to 2021, and to add an additional \$3,763,160 in non-County funds to the project. The change is required to reflect the County's anticipated receipt of New York State funding for T001U. The non-county funding includes \$7,526,320 in New York State Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program funds which have been approved by the State for T001U.

The Department has further advised that the T001U will provide for procurement of approximately seven replacement buses in 2021. The 30-foot buses to be replaced are reaching the end of their useful lives. If funding is not advanced to 2021 the procurement of replacement buses would be delayed by almost a year.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds to finance a prior component of T001U as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

Following bonding authorization, it is anticipated that an order for the buses will be made within 60 days.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, T001U 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

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required. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

In addition, Section 167.131 of the County Charter mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the "Planning Board") with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. The Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed T001U and issued a report and that since there is no change in the scope of the work and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

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

Sincerely,



George Latimer
County Executive

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 an Act to amend the County’s current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”) for capital project T001U – Replacement of Thirty-Foot Buses (“T001U”). Your Committee is advised that the proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s current-year capital budget by increasing the non-county share for T001U by \$7,526,320. The Department of Public Works and Transportation (“Department”) has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is requested to move \$3,763,160 in non-County funds from 2022 to 2021, and to add an additional \$3,763,160 in non-County funds to the project. The change is required to reflect the County’s anticipated receipt of New York State funding for T001U. The non-county funding includes \$7,526,320 in New York State Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program funds which have been approved by the State for T001U.

The Department has further advised that the T001U will provide for procurement of approximately seven replacement buses in 2021. The 30-foot buses to be replaced are reaching the end of their useful lives. If funding is not advanced to 2021 the procurement of replacement buses would be delayed by almost a year.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds to finance a prior component of T001U as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

Following bonding authorization, it is anticipated that an order for the buses will be made within 60 days.

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. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this conclusion.

In addition, Section 167.131 of the County Charter mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the "Planning Board") with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. The Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed this project and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the scope of the work and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

Please note that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County's Capital Budget.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment and recommends approval the proposed Act.

Dated: _____, 20_____
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: T001U

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

Acceptance of Non County Shares

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal

PPU

Anticipated Interest Rate

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest):

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ -

Finance Department:

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): \$10,000 (Fuel Cost Avoidance)

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations

(describe in detail for current and next four years):

Hybrid fuel efficiency will result in a reduction in fuel use. Performance and emissions will improve over the present diesel buses.

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

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

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 81

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: 6/8/21

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 6/10/21

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: May 27, 2021

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
T001U REPLACEMENT OF THIRTY-FOOT BUSES**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 04/14/2021 (Unique ID: 1660)

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)(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.

DSK/dvw

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
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An Act amending the 2021 County
 Capital Budget Appropriations for
 Capital Project T001U - Replacement of
 Thirty-Foot Buses

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2021 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2021 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2021 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$4,400,000	\$7,526,320	\$11,926,320

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2021 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$4,400,000		\$4,400,000
Non County Shares	\$0	\$7,526,320	\$7,526,320
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$4,400,000	\$7,526,320	\$11,926,320

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.

CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:* T001U	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 03-19-2021
Fact Sheet Year:* 2021	Project Title:* REPLACEMENT OF THIRTY-FOOT BUSES	Legislative District ID: ALL
Category* TRANSPORTATION	Department:* AIRPORT/DOT	CP Unique ID: 1660

Overall Project Description

This project will fund the procurement of electric and/or hybrid diesel-electric buses and associated work.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input 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	19,400	0	4,400	15,000	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	7,527	0	0	3,763	0	0	0	3,764
Net	11,873	0	4,400	11,237	0	0	0	-3,764

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 0

Current Bond Description:

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 7,526,320
Bonds/Notes:	0
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 7,526,320

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

0

Comments:

A capital budget amendment is requested to accomplish the following:

1) Move \$3,763,160 in non-County funds from 2022 to 2021 and 2) Add an additional \$3,763,160 in non-County funds (as shown under review). The total amendment in the amount of \$7,526,320 in non-County funding will provide for the procurement of approximately seven replacement buses in 2021

Rationale: The 30-foot buses to be replaced are reaching the end of their useful life. If funding is not advanced to 2021 the procurement of these replacement buses would be delayed by almost a year. Also, the non-County (New York State) funding being added to this project became available in recent weeks so the procurement of these buses can now be accomplished in 2021 with non-County funding.

Energy Efficiencies:

DIESEL BUSES WITH BE REPLACED WITH HYBRID DIESEL-ELECTRIC BUSES.

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2021	4,400,000	PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, RELATED SERVICES AND ELECTRIC CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Total Appropriation History:

4,400,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
2021	14	4,400,000		PROCUREMENT OF BUSES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE.

Total Financing History:

4,400,000

Recommended By:

Department of Planning
WBB4

Date
04-14-2021

Department of Public Works
RJB4

Date
04-15-2021

Budget Department
LMY1

Date
04-16-2021

Requesting Department
RJB4

Date
04-16-2021

REPLACEMENT OF THIRTY-FOOT BUSES (T001U)

User Department : Airport/DOT

Managing Department(s) : Airport/DOT ;

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Westchester County Planning Board.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Under Review
Gross	19,400			4,400	15,000				
Non County Share	(3,763)				(3,763)				
Total	15,637			4,400	11,237				

Project Description

This project will fund the procurement of electric and/or hybrid diesel-electric buses and associated work.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds preparation of specifications, related services and installation of charging infrastructure.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2021	4,400,000			4,400,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.