

Kenneth W. Jenkins Westchester County Executive

July 28, 2025

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 \$3,000,000 to finance the following capital project:

BPS40 - Gunshot Detection Technology ("BPS40").

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$3,000,000, would finance the purchase and installation of gunshot detection technology for use throughout the City of Mount Vernon to help prevent crime and improve investigations.

The Department of Public Safety ("Department") has advised that gunshot detection technology uses sophisticated acoustic sensors to detect, locate and alert law enforcement agencies about illegal gunfire incidents in real-time. The digital alerts include a precise location on a map (latitude/longitude) with corresponding data such as the address, number of rounds fired, type of gunfire, etc. delivered to any browser-enabled smartphone or mobile laptop device, as well as police vehicle mobile data computers or desktop. This information is key to better protect officers by providing them with increased tactical awareness. It also enables law enforcement agencies to better connect with their communities and bolsters their mission to protect & serve.

Following bonding approval, the gunshot detection technology will be purchased and is expected to be installed by the first quarter of 2026.

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

Kenneth W. Jenkins

Westch ster County Executive

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## 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 amount of \$3,000,000 to finance capital project BPS40 – Gunshot Detection Technology ("BPS40"). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Harris Beach Murtha, will finance the cost of purchasing and installing gunshot detection technology for use throughout the City of Mount Vernon to help prevent crime and improve investigations.

The Department of Public Safety ("Department") has advised that gunshot detection technology uses sophisticated acoustic sensors to detect, locate and alert law enforcement agencies about illegal gunfire incidents in real-time. The digital alerts include a precise location on a map (latitude/longitude) with corresponding data such as the address, number of rounds fired, type of gunfire, etc. delivered to any browser-enabled smartphone or mobile laptop device, as well as police vehicle mobile data computers or desktop. This information is key to better protect officers by providing them with increased tactical awareness. It also enables law enforcement agencies to better connect with their communities and bolsters their mission to protect & serve.

Following bonding approval, the gunshot detection technology will be purchased and is expected to be installed by the first quarter of 2026.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, BPS42 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 Bond Act.

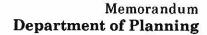
Your Co	ommittee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.
Dated:	, 20 /hite Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON** 

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# **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

CAPITAL PROJECT	#:BPS40	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				
	SECTION B - BONDING A					
	To Be Completed b	y Finance				
Total Princip	al \$ 3,000,000 PPL	J 10 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.08%				
Anticipated A	Annual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 354,017				
Total Debt Se	Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 3,540,170					
Finance Depa	artment: Interest rates from Munista	t Financial - ASBA				
	SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BU	DGET (exclusive of debt service)				
To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget						
Potential Related 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					
Number of Fu	ull Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded:	33				
Prepared by:	Siva Gopalkrishna	_ / 0				
Title:	Director Administrative Services	_ Reviewed By:				
Department:	Public Safety	MININS  Budget Director				
Date:	7/16/25	Date:				





TO:

Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney

FROM:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM

**Assistant Commissioner** 

DATE:

July 15, 2025

SUBJECT:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:

**BPS40 GUNSHOT DETECTION TECHNOLOGY** 

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

<u>06-17-2025</u> (Unique ID: <u>2979</u>)

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

**COMMENTS:** None.

### DSK/cnm

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

### ACT NO. -20

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF GUNSHOT DETECTION TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 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 (the "County"), 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, \$3,000,000 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 and installation of gunshot detection technology throughout the City of Mount Vernon; 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 \$3,000,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$3,000,000 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 bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 25 of the Law, is ten (10) 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 \$3,000,000. 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 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 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. 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.

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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\_\_.

The Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of Legislators
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 NO20
BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF GUNSHOT DETECTION TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted , 20)
object or purpose: to finance the cost of the acquisition and installation of the gunshot detection technology throughout the City of Mount Vernon; 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: \$3,000,000; ten (10) 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:* BPS40		□СВА			Fact Sheet Date:* 06-13-2025			
Fact Sheet Year:*	Proje	ct Title:*		1	.egislative	District	ın.	
2025		Project Title:* GUNSHOT DETECTION TECHNOLOGY			Legislative District ID:			
Category*	Depa	rtment:*		C	P Unique	e ID:		
BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS	PUBI	LIC SAFETY			979			
Overall Project Description								
Gunshot detection technology use illegal gunfire incidents in real-tin data such as the address, number claptop device as well as police vel increased tactical awareness. It als mission to protect & serve.	ne. The digital a of rounds fired, hicle MDC or d	alerts include a prec type of gunfire, etc. esktop. This inform	ise location delivered ation is ke	on on a mage I to any bro	p (latitude owser-ena protect o	/longitude bled smar fficers by	e) with cor tphone or providing	responding mobile them with
■ Best Management Practices	☐ Enc	ergy Efficiencies			Infrastru	cture		
x Life Safety	☐ Pro	ject Labor Agreeme	ent		Revenue			
× Security	□ Otl	ner						
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FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROG	RAM (in thous	ands)						
	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expended/Obligated Amount (in	n thousands) as	s of: 0						
Current Bond Description: Borthroughout The City of Mount Ver	nding is request mon, to help pro	ed for the purchase event crime and imp	and instal	lation of the stigations.	ne Gunsho	t Detectio	n Technol	logy
Financing Plan for Current Req	uest:							
Non-County Shares:		<b>\$</b> 0						
Bonds/Notes:		3,000,000						
Cash:		0						
Total:	\$ 3,000,000							
SEQR Classification:					71.22.27	•		7
Amount Requested: 3,000,000								
Expected Design Work Provider	<u>:</u>							
☐ County Staff ☐ Consultant				☐ Not Applicable				
Comments:								
Energy Efficiencies:								
Appropriation History:								
Year	Amount			Desc	cription			
2024		0 FUNDS THE PU	RCHASE			TION OF	GUNSHO	T
		DETECTION TE						

**Total Appropriation History:** 

3,000,000

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## **Total Financing History:**

0

# Recommended By:

**Department of Planning**MLLL 06-17-2025

Department of Public WorksDateRJB406-17-2025

Budget DepartmentDateDEV906-20-2025

**Requesting Department**SQGQ Department Date
06-23-2025

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# **GUNSHOT DETECTION TECHNOLOGY** (BPS40)

**User Department:** 

**Public Safety** 

Managing Department(s):

Public Safety ;

**Estimated Completion Date:** 

**TBD** 

Planning Board Recommendation: Project approved in concept but subject to subsequent staff review.

# **FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)**

**Est Ult Cost Appropriated** Exp / Obl 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 Under Review

Gross

3,000

3,000

**Non County Share** 

**Total** 

3,000

3,000

#### **Project Description**

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#### **Current Year Description**

There is no current year request.

#### **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

3,000,000

2024 3,000,000 Funds the purchase and installation of gunshot detection technology

AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION

Total 3,000,000

Total

Prior.	Appropriations			
		Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
	<b>Bond Proceeds</b>	3,000,000		3,000,000

3,000,000