

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

July 1, 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 is an Act which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to amend its current year Capital Budget (the "Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adopt a related bond act ("Bond Act") to finance a component of the following capital project:

BCR59 – Security Systems Upgrade ("BCR59").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current year capital budget to add \$6,600,000 in County shares for project BCR59.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$6,600,000, would finance the replacement of the current security tour phone analog system and personal body alarm system, with more modern state-of-the art systems.

The Department of Corrections (the "Department") has advised that the current method of performing security tours at the County Jail in Valhalla (the "Jail") consists of utilizing a system of analog phones set up at various locations throughout the Jail's housing units. Additionally, the Department utilizes a personal body alarm system that is set up to transmit to strategically placed receivers to alert the Jail's Main Control Center in case of an emergency. Both systems have been in place for over 25 years and have become very difficult to maintain due to the scarcity of replacement parts. The Department's security systems consultant has recommended that both systems be replaced with more modern state-of-the art systems.

Upon approval of bonding authorization, it is estimated that both systems will be replaced by the end of 2027.

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. Accordingly, the Planning Board Report is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's review.

Office of the County Executive

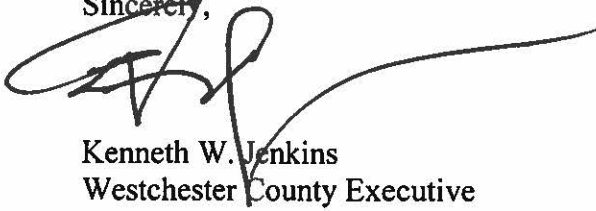
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It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the issuance of bonds for project BCR59 as set forth in the attached fact sheet.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, your Honorable Board's favorable action on the proposed Capital Budget Amendment and Bond Act is most respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KWJ', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

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Attachment

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmission from the County Executive recommending approval of an Act amending the County of Westchester's (the "County") current-year Capital Budget (the "Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adoption of a related bond act (the "Bond Act") which, if approved, would authorize the County to issue \$6,600,000 in bonds to finance a component of capital project BCR59 – Security Systems Upgrade ("BCR59").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current year capital budget to add \$6,600,000 in County shares for project BCR59.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$6,600,000, which was prepared by the law firm of Hawkins Delafield and Wood, LLP, would finance the replacement of the current security tour phone analog system and personal body alarm system, with more modern state-of-the art systems.

The Department of Corrections (the "Department") has advised that the current method of performing security tours at the County Jail in Valhalla (the "Jail") consists of utilizing a system of analog phones set up at various locations throughout the Jail's housing units. Additionally, the Department utilizes a personal body alarm system that is set up to transmit to strategically placed receivers to alert the Jail's Main Control Center in case of an emergency. Both systems have been in place for over 25 years and have become very difficult to maintain due to the scarcity of replacement parts. The Department's security systems consultant has recommended that both systems be replaced with more modern state-of-the art systems.

Upon approval of bonding authorization, it is estimated that both systems will be replaced by the end of 2027.

Your Committee notes that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the issuance of bonds for project BCR59 as set forth in the attached fact sheet.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project 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 further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

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. Accordingly, the Planning Board Report is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's review.

Your Committee is advised that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of this Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County's Capital Budget, as well as to adopt the related Bond Act.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment as well as the related Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Bond Act can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment.

Dated: _____, 2025
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BCR59

☐ 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 \$ 6,600,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.72%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 1,430,809

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 7,154,045

Finance Department: maab Bond Buyer 6-24-25

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: 72

Prepared by: William Fallon

Title: Director of Admin. Services

Department: Correction

Date: 6/25/25

Reviewed By: *[Signature]*

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Budget Director

Date: 6/25/25



Memorandum
Department of Planning

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: June 17, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BCR59 SECURITY SYSTEMS UPGRADE**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 06/10/2025 (Unique ID: 2922)

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.

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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

RESOLUTION 21-08

WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Amendment of Planning Board Report on 2021 Capital Project Requests

BCR59 Security System Upgrades

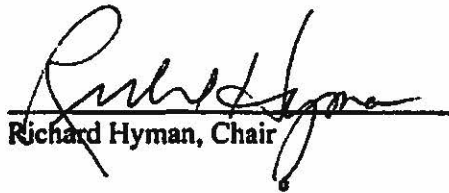
WHEREAS, the County Executive will submit legislation to the County Board of Legislators which would provide funding for **BCR59 Security System Upgrades** by adding an appropriation to the 2021 Capital Budget for the acquisition and installation of security system equipment at the County Correctional Facility at the County-owned Valhalla Campus; and

WHEREAS, bonding in the amount of \$1,400,000 is requested for the purchase and installation of equipment to replace existing DVRs, an obsolete technology, and

WHEREAS, the project is generally consistent with *Westchester 2025 – Policies to Guide County Planning*, as adopted by the Planning Board on May 6, 2008 and amended on January 5, 2010 by maintaining county facilities; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Planning Board, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, amends its Report of 2021 Capital Project Requests to include funding for **Capital Project BCR59 Security System Upgrades** and gives the project a rating of “PL1” – “A project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Planning Board.”

Adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021


Richard Hyman, Chair

BCR59 Security Systems Upgrade

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated							
	Ultimate	Approp-						Under
	Total Cost	riated	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Review
Gross	25,250	250						25,000
Less non-County Shares								
Net	25,250	250						25,000

Project Description: This project will fund a preliminary study to determine the best option for going forward for upgrading the existing security system. The 2021 Capital Budget Amendment (CBA) is requesting bonding in the amount of \$1,400,000 utilizing existing funds from Under Review for the purchase and installation of Network Video Recorders (NVR) to replace existing, obsolete technology.

APPROPRIATION/FUNDING REQUESTS:

2020: \$250,000 for study
2021: CBA for \$1,400,000 for purchase and installation of NVR's to replace existing, obsolete technology.
Under Review: \$25,000,000 for the purchase and installation of security system upgrades

JUSTIFICATION: To insure the security system is properly updated to handle all current and future security needs of the facility.

CONSISTENCY WITH PROGRAMS OR PLANS: This project is generally consistent with the policies of *Westchester 2025* in that it helps maintain County physical facilities in good condition in order to deliver services in an efficient and economic manner.

Planning Board Analysis:

PL1: The Planning Board notes that there are no matters of physical planning concern for the above project. The Planning Department will review future phases of this project for physical planning concerns.

An Act amending the 2025 County
Capital Budget Appropriations for
Capital Project BCR59 SECURITY
SYSTEMS UPGRADE

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2025 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2025 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$1,650,000	\$6,600,000	\$8,250,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2025 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF
FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$1,400,000	\$6,600,000	\$8,000,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u></u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
Total	\$1,650,000	\$6,600,000	\$8,250,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.