

# Westchester County

George Latimer  
County Executive

July 28, 2023

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 ("Capital Budget Amendment"), as well to as adopt a related bond act (the "Bond Act") to finance the following capital project:

T0063 – New Bus Radio/Data System ("T0063").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's 2023 capital budget by increasing the County share for this project by \$12,520,000 and reducing the non-County share by \$6,400,000.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation has advised that an RFP for this project was issued in January of 2023. Based upon the responses to the RFP, an updated cost estimate was developed. The funding requested in this Capital Budget Amendment represents the current cost estimate/needs for this project, noting that non-County funding, which was originally programmed for this project in 2020, will no longer be applied to this project.

The related Bond Act, in the amount of \$16,700,000, would provide additional funding for a new comprehensive enterprise-wide technology communications system upgrade and associated costs for the fixed route Bee-Line bus system. Funding will be used to purchase and install software and hardware for the upgrade. It is anticipated that the software and hardware will be purchased and installation will begin during the second quarter of 2024.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds for T0063 as follows: Bond Act No. 99-2016 in the amount of \$300,000.00 which funded an evaluation of the voice and data communications needs of the Bee-Line system; and Bond Act No. 233-2019, which amended Bond Act No. 99-2016 by increasing the initial amount authorized by \$2,450,000.00, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$2,750,000.00, and which revised the scope of Bond Act No. 99-2016 to include costs related to the purchase of software and hardware. \$2,301,774 in bonds authorized by Bond Act No. 233-2019 have been sold. The current Bond Act will authorize an additional \$16,700,000 in bonds to purchase the software and hardware needed for this project, in accordance with the updated cost estimate.

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The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, T0063 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. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

In addition, the Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed T0063 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 proposed Amended Bond Act and Capital Budget Amendment is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Latimer".

George Latimer  
County Executive

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

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmission from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester (“County”) of an act amending the County’s current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related bond act (the “Bond Act”) which, if adopted, will authorize the County to issue an additional \$16,700,000 in bonds to finance capital project T0063 – New Bus Radio/Data System (“T0063”).

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s 2023 capital budget to increase the County share for this project by \$12,520,000 and reduce the non-County share by \$6,400,000.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation has advised that an RFP for this project was issued in January of 2023. Based upon the responses to the RFP, an updated cost estimate was developed. The funding requested in this Capital Budget Amendment represents the current cost estimate/needs for this project, noting that non-County funding, which was originally programmed for this project in 2020, will no longer be applied to this project.

The related Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Harris Beach, PLLC, would provide \$16,700,000 in additional funding for a new comprehensive enterprise-wide technology communications system upgrade and associated costs for the fixed route Bee-Line bus system. Funding will be used to purchase and install software and hardware for the upgrade. It is anticipated that the software and hardware will be purchased and installation will begin during the second quarter of 2024.

Your Committee notes that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds for T0063 as follows: Bond Act No. 99-2016 in the amount of \$300,000.00 which funded an evaluation of the voice and data communications needs of the Bee-Line system; and Bond Act No. 233-2019, which amended Bond Act No. 99-2016 by increasing the initial amount authorized by \$2,450,000.00, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$2,750,000.00, and which revised the scope of Bond Act No. 99-2016 to include costs related to the purchase of software and hardware. \$2,301,774 in bonds authorized by Bond Act No. 233-2019 have already

been sold. The current Bond Act will authorize an additional \$16,700,000 in bonds to purchase the software and hardware needed for this project, in accordance with the updated cost estimate.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, T0063 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.

The Planning Department has further advised your Committee that the Planning Board has previously reviewed T0063 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.

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. It should be noted 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 and to adopt the Bond Act.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON**

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: T0063

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 \$ 16,700,000 PPU 10 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.72%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 1,941,983

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 19,419,830

Finance Department: Interest rates from July 18, 2023 Bond Buyer - ASBA

## 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):

No additional operating expenses are anticipated.

## SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

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

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

## SECTION E - EXPECTED DESIGN WORK PROVIDER

County Staff

Consultant

Not Applicable

Prepared by: Michael Swee

Title: Director of Surface Transportation

Department: Public Works & Transportation


Date: 7/19/23

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 7/20/23

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: July 17, 2023

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:  
T0063 NEW BUS RADIO/DATA SYSTEM**

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**PROJECT/ACTION:** Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 07-03-2023 (Unique ID: 2226)

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.

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**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  
Kelly Sheehan, Assistant Commissioner  
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner  
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

To: The Westchester County Planning Board

From: Kelly Sheehan, Assistant Commissioner *KS*

Date: June 30, 2023

RE: **Capital Budget Amendment –  
T0063 New Bus Radio and Data Systems (2023 CBA)**

The County Executive is requesting an amendment to the 2023 Capital Budget to modify the funding of the above project. Capital project **T0063 New Bus Radio and Data Systems (2023 CBA)** will fund the evaluation and procurement of a new comprehensive enterprise-wide technology communications system upgrade for the fixed route Bee-Line bus system. The capital budget amendment will fund increased costs in Phase 1 of 2.

The Capital Budget Amendment (CBA) adds \$6.12 million to the project and removes the non-county share \$6.4 million from the project financing plan. The revised appropriation if the capital budget amendment is adopted will be \$19.45 million. This project was classified as a PL1, a project with no physical planning aspects by the Planning Board in the 2020 Report on the Capital Project Requests adopted July 2, 2019.

There are no changes to the physical planning aspects of this project as reviewed by the Board; therefore, no further action by your Board is necessary.

cc: Blanca P. López, Acting Commissioner  
David S. Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner  
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

An Act amending the 2023 County  
 Capital Budget Appropriations for  
 Capital Project T0063 New Bus  
 Radio/Data System

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2023 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2023 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$13,330,000	\$6,120,000	\$19,450,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2023 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF  
 FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$6,930,000	\$12,520,000	\$19,450,000
Non County Shares	\$6,400,000	-\$6,400,000	\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$13,330,000	\$6,120,000	\$19,450,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.