


October 18, 2021

TO: Hon. Benjamin Boykin, Chair
Hon. Alfreda Williams, Vice Chair
Hon. MaryJane Shimsky, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **Bond Act – T0056 – Bus Stop Improvements II.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators October 18, 2021 Agenda.

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 \$350,000 to finance the following capital project: T0056.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for October 18, 2021 "blue sheet" calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer
County Executive

October 15, 2021

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

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T0056 – Bus Stop Improvements II ("T0056").

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$350,000, would finance a portion of the cost of construction of bus stop improvements throughout the County, including the rehabilitation of curbs, sidewalks, and pads at bus stops for the Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department").

The Department has advised that many bus stops serving the Bee-Line bus system are in need of enhancement and/or updates. The Department anticipates receiving an additional \$400,000 in Federal Transit Administration funds in connection with T0056, for a total anticipated project cost of \$750,000.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take six months to complete. It is anticipated that the design work will be completed by consultants. It is estimated that construction will take six months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that the County Budget Department is submitting this Bond Act to your Honorable Board simultaneously with the proposed 2022 Capital Budget. It is the County's goal to submit this Bond Act now so that the referenced projects will be ready to proceed without delay in early 2022.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, T0056 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. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer
County Executive

**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 \$350,000 to finance capital project T0056 – Bus Stop Improvements II (“T0056”). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, will finance a portion of the cost of construction of bus stop improvements throughout the County, including the rehabilitation of curbs, sidewalks, and pads at bus stops for the Department of Public Works and Transportation (“Department”).

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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 Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 20____
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: T0056

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 \$ 350,000 PPU 10 Anticipated Interest Rate 0.84%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 36,637

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 366,370

Finance Department: Interest Rates from October 6, 2021 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):

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

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

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 4

SECTION E - EXPECTED DESIGN WORK PROVIDER

County Staff

Consultant

Not Applicable

Prepared by: Michael Swee

Title: Dir. Of Surface Transit Ops.

Department: DPW&T


Date: 10/18/21

Reviewed By: 

Deputy Budget Director

Date: 10/18/21

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: October 14, 2021

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
T0056 BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS II**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 09/28/2021 (Unique ID: 1849)

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:

- **617.5(c)(2):** replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part.
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COMMENTS: None.

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Gideon Grande, Deputy Budget Director
Lorraine Yazzetta, Associate Budget Director
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Dept. of Public Works & Transportation
Anthony Zaino, Assistant Commissioner
William Brady, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20 _____

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$350,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$750,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE EXPENDITURE OF \$400,000 OF GRANT FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ISSUANCE OF \$350,000 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, 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; \$350,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance a portion of the cost of the construction of bus stop improvements throughout the County, including the rehabilitation of curbs, sidewalks, and pads at bus stops for the Department of Transportation, 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 \$750,000. The plan of financing includes the expenditure of \$400,000 in grant funds expected to be received from the United States of America and the issuance of \$350,000 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 and notes.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness of the class of objects or purposes for which said \$350,000 bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a.24 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 total amount of \$350,000. 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 \$750,000 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.

Section 8. This Act shall take effect not earlier than January 1, 2022 and in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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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 _____, 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 NO. _____-20_____

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$350,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$750,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE EXPENDITURE OF \$400,000 OF GRANT FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ISSUANCE OF \$350,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (adopted on _____, 20____)

object or purpose: to finance a portion of the cost of the construction of bus stop improvements throughout the County, including the rehabilitation of curbs, sidewalks, and pads at bus stops for the Department of Transportation, 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: \$350,000; 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:*
T0056

CBA

Fact Sheet Date:*
10-15-2021

Fact Sheet Year:*
2022

Project Title:*
BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS II

Legislative District ID:

Category*
TRANSPORTATION

Department:*
AIRPORT/DOT

CP Unique ID:
1849

Overall Project Description

This multi-year project funds bus stops improvements. Improvements will include items such as: new paved areas, bus stop amenities, improved ADA accessibility, bus shelters, concrete bus stop pads (in-road), curbing and signage.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input 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	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Under Review
Gross	1,850	1,850	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	400	400	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	1,450	1,450	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Current Bond Description: The request is to fund the rehabilitation of curbs, sidewalks, and pads at bus stops throughout the County.	
Financing Plan for Current Request:	
Non-County Shares:	\$ 400,000
Bonds/Notes:	350,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 750,000

SEQR Classification:
TYPE II

Amount Requested:
350,000

Comments:
FTA funding for bus stop improvements.

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2014	100,000	ANALYSIS AND DESIGN FOR THIS PROJECT
2015	500,000	CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS STOPS
2017	300,000	CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS STOP
2018	250,000	CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS STOP
2019	200,000	CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS STOP
2020	500,000	CHANGE OF FINANCING FOR THIS PROJECT DUE TO FTA FUNDS; CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS STOP

Total Appropriation History:
1,850,000

Total Financing History:

0

Recommended By:

Department of Planning
WBB4

Date
09-28-2021

Department of Public Works
RJB4

Date
09-29-2021

Budget Department
GKGA

Date
09-29-2021

Requesting Department
RJB4

Date
09-30-2021

BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS II (T0056)

User Department : Airport/DOT

Managing Department(s) : Airport/DOT ;

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	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Under Review
Gross	1,850	1,850							
Non County Share	(400)	(400)							
Total	1,450	1,450							

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
2014	100,000	Analysis and design for this project	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
2015	500,000	Continued improvements to bus stops	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
2017	300,000	Continued improvements to bus stop	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
2018	250,000	Continued improvements to bus stop	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
2019	200,000	Continued improvements to bus stop	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
2020	500,000	Change of financing for this project due to FTA funds; Continued improvements to bus stop	\$100,000 AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION; \$400,000 NCS
Total	1,850,000		

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	1,450,000		1,450,000
Federal Funds	400,000		400,000
Total	1,850,000		1,850,000