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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 4, 2013

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street- 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

RE: Acquisition of Four New Wheelchair Vehicles for the Department of Senior Services Going Places Program

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into a contract with the NY State Department of Transportation to obtain four new vehicles with wheelchair capability for the Department of Senior Services Going Places Transportation Program.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Randy Hoak in the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

Enclosure
MCP/bb

cc: Randy Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Acquisition of Four Replacement Vehicles for the Department of Senior Services
Going Places Program
Date: May 28, 2013

SUMMARY

Authorization is requested for the County Executive to contract with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to obtain four new replacement vehicles with wheelchair capability for the Department of Senior Services' Going Places Transportation Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required. NYSDOT will cover 80% of the vehicles purchase price, with Senior Services using approved 2013 capital project monies to cover the 20% local share. Under contract with Senior Services, the vehicles will be operated by the Department's municipal and not for profit Going Places partners, who are responsible for covering the vehicles' annual operating expenses.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The federal Department of Transportation's award to the Department of Senior Services of a Section 5310 Grant would provide for four new vehicles at a total cost to the County of only \$35,941 as economical replacements for aging vehicles in the Going Places fleet.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Senior Services Going Places system provides curb-to-curb transportation service for eligible seniors, unable to utilize other modes of transportation, for the purpose of (in the order of priority) medical appointments, nutrition, grocery shopping, banking, retail stores, and recreational /social activities. Approximately 66,000 rides are provided annually, by the system's 33 vehicles, seventeen are owned by the County, and leased to nine municipalities and two not for profit agencies. The other sixteen vehicles are owned and operated by various municipalities and not for profit agencies.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

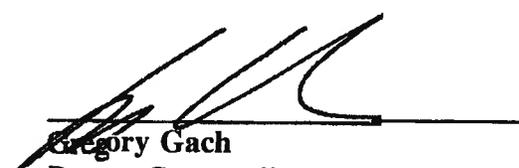
With twelve of the County vehicles in the program having over 100,000 miles, seven of which are over 150,000, replacement vehicles are required in order to continue transportation for the frail elderly in Erie County. If approval is not provided, the County will be forced to pay 100% of the costs of new vans.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department will execute the contracts and acquire the vehicles.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.



Gregory Gach
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES**

RE: Acquisition of Four New Wheelchair
Vehicles for the Department of Senior
Services Going Places Program

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has applied for and been awarded, by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program funding for the purchase of four new vehicles with wheelchair capability for the Department's Going Places Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, the four new vehicles will provide needed replacements for aging vehicles, thereby enabling the continuation of transportation services for frail elderly County residents to medical, dining, socialization and group recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, terms of the agreement with NYSDOT require the Department to provide a 20% (\$35,941) local match towards the vehicles purchase price, with NYSDOT using Federal funds for the remaining 80% (\$143,761) of the vehicles purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services is required, on or before July 1, 2013, to deposit the 20% local share monies into a Bank of America bank account from which NYSDOT will withdraw the monies to buy the vehicles off of a New York State purchasing contract and subsequently deliver them to the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department proposes to use 2013 capital funds from the approved 2013 Replacement Vans, capital project A.13021, to fund the 20% local share; and

WHEREAS, the capital project A.13021 is in need of a revision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to contract with the New York State Department of Transportation to obtain the four wheelchair vehicles; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Senior Services be authorized to pay the required 20% local match (\$35,941) from the approved 2013 Replacement Vans, capital project A.13021 (total account balance \$100,000); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is authorized to enter into the NYSDOT Local Funding Depository Agreement and deposit the local share monies into a Bank of America bank account; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for approved 2013 Replacement Vans, capital project A.13021, be revised as follows:

| APPROPRIATIONS | | CURRENT BUDGET | CHANGES | AMENDED BUDGET |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Account | Description | | | |
| Capitalprojects | Capital Project Expense | 100,000 | +143,761 | 243,761 |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| 414010 | Federal Aid Other | 0 | +143,761 | 143,761 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office, and the Departments of Law and Senior Services.

TO: GREGORY GACH, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

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| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME | <u>NYS Department of Transportation</u> |
| 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | <u>\$179,702 with cash outlay of \$35,941</u> |
| 3. PROJECT NUMBER | <u>A.13021</u> |
| 4. PROJECT TITLE | <u>2013 REPLACEMENT VANS COUNTYWIDE</u> |
| 5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT | <u>Funding questions: Anthony Gregorczyk at ext 8086 Letter pickup: Christine McKenzie at ext 6046</u> |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

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| 6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS | <u>\$</u> |
| 7. PERFORMED BY | <u></u> |
| Date Sent to Comptroller's Office: | <u>May 28, 2013</u> |