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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 3, 2016

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

RE: Contract with the Erie County Industrial Development Agency for Rehabilitation of a County Owned Railroad Bridge Over Transit Road in Depew

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning authorizing the execution of contracts with the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA) for the rehabilitation of a County owned railroad bridge which crosses Transit Road in Depew. The Department of Environment and Planning anticipates contracting with the ECIDA which will then bid the project for construction.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Kenneth Swanekamp, Director of Business Assistance at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw
Enclosure

cc: Thomas R. Hersey, Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Environment and Planning
Re: Contract with the Erie County Industrial Development Agency for Rehabilitation of a County Owned Railroad Bridge Over Transit Road in Depew
Date: June 3, 2016

SUMMARY

The Department of Environment and Planning is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into contracts with the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA) for the purpose of construction services for rail bridge rehabilitation work on the County owned rail bridge over Transit Road. The County of Erie desires to maintain this bridge to allow for safe rail and auto traffic.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed funding of an amount not to exceed $350,000 will come from capital funds approved in the 2016 Erie County budget and contained in the approved 2016 Consolidated Bond Resolution, Comm. 7E-34.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Some of the most important issues facing Erie County are the need to maintain all modes of transportation to industrial properties, to retain and increase employment, and to encourage a higher level of private investment. Rail line 1242 in Cheektowaga and Lancaster is a valuable short line railroad to provide service to industrial customers in and around Depew. The rail line must also provide safe passage for auto traffic where the line crosses streets. In this case the bridge will be repaired and exposed rebar will be addressed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The ECIDA has staff that is experienced in subcontracting with contractors specializing in railroad construction. The ECIDA has already completed this type of work for other projects on the two County owned rail lines.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If a resolution to enter into a contract is not approved, Erie County and the ECIDA will not be able to complete this work. The rehabilitation of this bridge will not take place and deterioration will continue.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of the resolution, contracts will be prepared with the ECIDA and bidding for the rehabilitation of the bridge will occur.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

The proposed item 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 requested.

Signed: _____ Date: 5/24/16

Name: _____

Title: _____

BRYAN FIUME
Associate Deputy Comptroller

2016 REHAB OF COUNTY RAIL LINE 1242 BRIDGE (DEPEW)

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Contract with the Erie County Industrial Development Agency for Rehabilitation of a County Owned Railroad Bridge Over Transit Road in Depew

WHEREAS, the County of Erie is interested in the fostering of business growth and job retention and creation within Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Erie County owns a short line railroad designated Line 1242 which runs from Cheektowaga to Lancaster and passes over Transit Road in Depew; and

WHEREAS, the Rail Line 1242 is leased to the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA), which in turn selects an operator for the rail line and manages day to day operation of the line; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is responsible for capital improvements to the rail line; and

WHEREAS, the rail bridge over Transit Road has deterioration of concrete piers and corrosion of the bridge structure and Erie County desires to rehabilitate the rail bridge crossing over Transit Road in Depew; and

WHEREAS, the ECIDA has extensive experience in contracting for construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie has allocated $350,000 for rehabilitation of this bridge in the 2016 capital budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with the ECIDA, other state and federal agencies, and consultants in amounts not to exceed a total of $350,000, for the purpose of construction rehabilitation of the County owned rail bridge over Transit Road in Depew; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of these funds shall be $350,000 available in the approved 2016 Erie County Capital Budget and approved in the 2016 Consolidated Bond Resolution, Comm. 7E-34; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Environment and Planning is authorized to effectuate payments for the project with ECIDA and its contractors in an amount not to exceed $350,000 through approved 2016 bond funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Comptroller; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and the County Attorney.