



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 17, 2016

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Technical Adjustments to Inactive Capital Projects**

Dear Honorable Members:

As you know, over the past four years, with authorization from our Honorable Body, the County has annually closed so-called "dormant" capital accounts. Please find attached a resolution from the Division of Budget and Management requesting authorization from your Honorable Body to accept federal and state aid revenue related to four dormant capital accounts that are part of the 2016 Budget capital account closure process. In addition, a typographical error in the 2016 Budget (Book B dormant capital accounts resolution) requires correction.

If your Honorable Body has any questions, please contact Budget Director Robert W. Keating. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/tcc

Enclosure

cc: Commissioner John Loffredo, Department of Public Works

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Robert W. Keating, Director of Budget and Management  
**Re:** Technical Adjustments to Inactive Capital Projects  
**Date:** June 17, 2016

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## **SUMMARY**

Over the past four years, with authorization from our Honorable Body, the County has annually closed so-called “dormant” capital accounts.

There are dormant four capital accounts which have received additional, unbudgeted federal and state aid revenue for which legislative authorization is needed to accept the revenue prior to closing the accounts in 2016 as part of the adopted 2016 Budget:

- B.00174 – 2007 Maple at Flint Construction
- B.00042 – 2002 Wehrle/Harris Hill Intersection Design
- B.00206 – 2008 Freeman Road Road Bridge Design
- B.20911 – 2009 East Robinson/North French Design Only

In addition, a typographical error in the 2016 Budget (Book B dormant capital accounts resolution) requires correction for A.00018 (2000 Courthouse Renovation) and A.00091 (2003 Upgrade of Voice Network). The adopted 2016 Budget inverted data in the “available 2015 column” that should have been shown in the “for 2016 debt” column instead.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None. The resolution requires no appropriations and has no additional costs in the 2016 Budget. This is a ministerial corrective action.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Numerous capital projects have been inactive for many years and retain available balances. After consulting with the Department of Public Works and the Erie County Comptroller’s Office, the Division of Budget and Management continues to annually close these projects and use proceeds to pay debt service on the related bonds, with savings to be realized in the adopted budget.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF A NEGATIVE ACTION**

If authorization is not granted, the capital projects will not be able to accept the federal and state revenue and the 2016 Budget typographical error will not be corrected.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Division of Budget and Management will work with the Department of Public Works and the Office of Comptroller to make the necessary adjustments.

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
DIVISION OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Division of Budget and Management have been reviewing capital projects and have identified a number of projects where work has been completed and are ready to wholly or partially close; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body approved of the closure of six dormant capital accounts in the 2016 Budget of which four received additional, unbudgeted federal/state revenue which was not accounted for, and two accounts had data transposed in the wrong column in the adopted 2016 Budget, thus necessitating a technical correction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to accept indicated federal/state aid in the following capital accounts and to then close these accounts as designated in the 2016 Budget Resolutions:

B.00174 – 2007 Maple at Flint Construction  
\$26,740 in additional Marchiselli aid and \$147,600.34 in federal road aid

B.00042 – 2002 Wehrle/Harris Hill Intersection Design  
\$2,110.10 – state aid-other and 2,608.24 in federal road aid

B.00206 – 2008 Freeman Road Road Bridge Design  
\$22,792.50 in Marchiselli aid and \$121,560 in federal road aid

B.20911 – 2009 East Robinson/North French Design Only  
\$76,892.52 in Marchiselli aid and \$409,927.04 in federal road aid

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following adjustments to the 2016 Budget Resolution concerning dormant capital accounts are hereby made:

A.00018 – 2000 Courthouse Renovation – move \$120,000.34 from the “available 2015 column” to the “for 2016 debt” column

A.00091 – 2003 Upgrade of Voice Network– move \$158,230.98 from the “available 2015 column” to the “for 2016 debt” column

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management and the Comptroller’s Office to make any and all budgetary and financial entries required to implement these adjustments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, County Comptroller, Director of Budget and Management, County Attorney and Commissioner of Public Works.