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<b>Committee Assignment</b>	
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To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
Rochester, New York 14614

**Subject:** Amend Resolution 234 of 2023, as Amended by Resolution 188 of 2024, to Amend and Increase the Contract with Ontario Bus Inc. for Bus Transportation Services for Monroe County Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education Programs; Appropriate Assigned Fund Balance

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 234 of 2023, as amended by Resolution 188 of 2024, to amend and increase the contract with Ontario Bus Inc. for bus transportation services for the Monroe County Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education Programs from an amount not to exceed \$15,800,000 to an amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 for the second year (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) and third year (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) of the contract, and appropriate assigned fund balance.

This contract will provide New York State-mandated transportation services to children within Monroe County who are receiving services through our Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education Programs. Children within these programs receive a variety of services, including but not limited to speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy, which often require transportation to and from the child's home. Ontario Bus Inc. has a history of successfully providing such services to this specialized population.

The increased expenditure is necessary to accommodate an increase in student and bus route volume. The Early Intervention Program has increased group capacity by an additional eighteen children, requiring the addition of four bus routes. The Preschool Special Education Program has increased classroom capacity by an additional seventy-two children, requiring an additional nineteen bus routes. The rates charged by Ontario Bus Inc. have not increased.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

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2. Amend the 2025 operating budget by appropriating assigned fund balance in the amount of \$6,400,000 into the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5807540000, PSE Transportation.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract amendment will require \$6,400,000 of net County support for which the appropriation of assigned fund balance is hereby requested.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Ontario Bus, Inc., nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

Gary Yuzbashev, President  
Igor Finkelstein, General Manager

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,  


Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive

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