MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media
FROM: Jamie L. Slocum, Clerk of the Legislature
DATE: March 25, 2014
RE: Matter of Importance – File No. 14-0134

14-0134 – Authorize a Contract with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Operation and Maintenance of the Colonel Patrick O'Rorke Bridge – As A Matter of Importance – County Executive Maggie Brooks

This referral was not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on March 11, 2014, but has been determined by President Jeffrey R. Adair to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Sections 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments.
March 25, 2014

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Operation and Maintenance of the Colonel Patrick O’Rorke Bridge

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with the New York State Department of Transportation for the operation and maintenance of the Colonel Patrick O’Rorke Bridge, in an amount not to exceed $500,000, commencing on April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2016, the end of the State Fiscal Year 2015-2016, with the option to renew for two (2) additional two-year terms upon mutual consent of both parties and with the approval of the New York State Attorney General’s Office and the Office of the New York State Comptroller, in an amount not to exceed $500,000 for each additional term.

As a result of jurisdictional transfers from Monroe County to New York State that were finalized on November 26, 2007, the New York State Department of Transportation has assumed jurisdictional responsibility for the Colonel Patrick O’Rorke Bridge and its highway approaches. Since that time, the State has utilized Monroe County’s experience in the operation of the bridge and would like to continue to do so. Therefore, to assist in this effort, the Monroe County Department of Transportation will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Colonel Patrick O’Rorke Bridge on behalf of the New York State Department of Transportation and will be reimbursed 100% of the related costs. The term will be for 24 months and will coincide with the State fiscal year.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Transportation for reimbursement to the County of appropriate costs relating to the operation and maintenance of the Colonel Patrick O’Rorke Bridge, in an amount not to exceed $500,000, commencing on April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2016, the end of the State Fiscal Year 2015-2016, with the option to renew for two (2) additional two-year terms upon mutual consent of both parties and with the approval of the New York State Attorney General’s Office and the New York State Comptroller, in an amount not to exceed $500,000 for each additional term.
Environmental assessments were completed for the operation and maintenance of the Colonel Patrick O’Rorke Bridge, and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

Funding for this agreement is included in the 2014 operating budget of the Department of Transportation, fund 9002, funds center 8005020000, O’Rorke Bridge Operations, and will be requested in future years’ budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

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

Sincerely,

Maggie Brooks
County Executive