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

**Subject:** Amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program and the 2024 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "MCC Downtown Campus Career Center" and Authorize Financing for the Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program and the 2024 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "MCC Downtown Campus Career Center" in the amount of \$14,500,000 and authorize financing for the project in the amount of \$14,500,000.

This project intends to leverage the strengths of the many organizations within Monroe County's workforce system, such as the NYS Department of Labor that has expressed an interest in co-locating its primary career center alongside RochesterWorks, Inc., which will lead to better outcomes for those seeking employment pathways. Monroe Community College and its partners seek to make the workforce development system more efficient and manageable for prospective workers and employers alike. By strategically co-locating not just agencies providing workforce development programming, but also those coordinating and administering supportive services, this project aims to focus and enhance the community's efforts to remove barriers to employment. Often, a working-age individual confronts multiple obstacles to employment, both those that are systemic within their community, as well as those rooted in one's personal life. By improving access and directly linking workforce development and supportive service providers, this project will enhance, for many, the ability to navigate a career pathway.

The proposed co-location at the MCC Downtown Campus would remove a logistical barrier often felt by workforce program participants who often do not see education or training programs as feasible. This location would also provide a better, more centralized pathway to the growing number of certificate programs being offered by MCC, tailored to industry need.

Funding for the project has been identified as being provided by: Congressional Appropriation Bill for \$1,600,000; Ralph C. Wilson Foundation and Konar Foundation for \$1,500,000 combined; the New York State Empire State Development's Fund for \$5,500,000; and equal match funding through the State University of New York for \$2,950,000; and Monroe County for \$2,950,000; for total project funding of \$14,500,000.

This project will be considered by the Monroe County Planning Board on October 24, 2024.

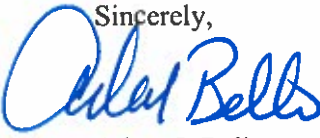
**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program to add a project entitled "MCC Downtown Campus Career Center" in the amount of \$14,500,000.
2. Amend the 2024 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "MCC Downtown Campus Career Center" in the amount of \$14,500,000.
3. Authorize financing for the project entitled "MCC Downtown Campus Career Center" in the amount of \$14,500,000.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) ("replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in the capital fund to be created and any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. 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,  


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