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

Subject: Amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 286 of 2021 to Provide an Increase in Funding for Rochester Pure Waters District – Genesee Valley Pump Station Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 286 of 2021 to provide an increase in funding for the Genesee Valley Pump Station Project.

The Genesee Valley Pump Station Project will provide relief to the Rochester Pure Waters District's (the "District") Wilson Boulevard trunk sewer and restore capacity in the District's collection system. Additionally, this project will allow the University of Rochester ("UofR") to expand its emergency medical facilities and permit future development in the Wilson Boulevard trunk sewer's sewer shed south of the UofR Medical Center. The improvements will include a new 3.5 million gallon per day sanitary pump station and force main consisting of a diversion and wet will structure with submersible pumps, valve and meter vaults, a small building to house electrical, instrumentation, and control components, and a force main approximately 1,500 linear feet that will cross under the Genesee River roughly 900 feet south of Elmwood Avenue. Through Resolution 294 of 2021, Your Honorable Body approved contracts with MRB Group for professional engineering services and with the UofR for financial participation in and the conveyance of interest in real property for the Project. Through Resolutions 159 and 160 of 2023, Your Honorable Body adopted Home Rule Messages for New York State Senate and Assembly Bills to allow the District to acquire permanent easements from the City of Rochester through Genesee Valley Park.

The estimated cost increase resulted from significant escalation of construction pricing since the project was originally estimated in 2021 and planned for construction commencing in 2022. The project was delayed to prolonged effort to acquire easements across Genesee Valley Park. Since design commenced in 2022, the pump station location on the UofR has been relocated from its original proposed location due to City of Rochester requirements and negotiations. The shifting of the pump station location resulted in a deeper excavation for the pump station structures as well as the relocation of existing underground and overhead utilities in conflict with the relocated pump station structures adding costs unforeseen in 2021.

The estimated cost of the improvements is \$9,500,000 with \$5,500,000 previously authorized by Your Honorable Body through Resolution 285 of 2021. The actual debt service obligation for the revised cost of the project, \$9,500,000, as projected in future years could potentially result in an increase of \$5.85 to the future annual charges of the average District ratepayer. However, the actual impact is typically reduced through the retirement of previous debt and other offsets to the District's capital charge levy. Based on an average annual water consumption of 60,000 gallons, the total annual charge for both operation and maintenance and capital to the typical District ratepayer in 2023 is \$254.89.

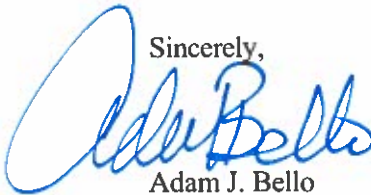
The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2024 Capital Budget to increase funding for the "Genesee Valley Pump Station" project by \$4,000,000, from \$5,500,000 to \$9,500,000 for a total authorization of \$9,500,000.
2. Amend Bond Resolution 286 of 2021 to increase the total estimated project cost and financing for the "Genesee Valley Pump Station," capital fund 2009 by \$4,000,000, from \$5,500,000 to \$9,500,000, for a total project authorization of \$9,500,000, subject to the approval of the State Comptroller, if required.

This action is a Type I Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). Pursuant to Resolution 292 of 2021, the Monroe County Legislature issued a Negative Declaration for this action. No further action under SEQRA is required.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be available in capital fund 2009 and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. The local funding for this project will ultimately be provided by Rochester Pure Waters District user fees. 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,


Adam J. Bello
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