

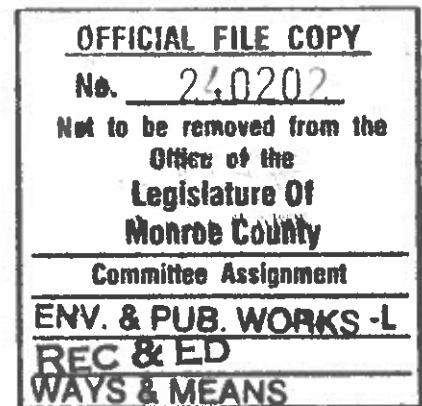


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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June 7, 2024



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

Subject: Amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program and 2024 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Monroe Community College Optics Micro-credential Laboratory;" Authorize Financing for the Project; and Authorize Contracts with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program and 2024 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Monroe Community College Optics Micro-credential Laboratory;" authorize financing for the project in the amount of \$2,700,000; and authorize contracts with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

The Monroe Community College ("MCC") Optics Project is currently underway to construct new academic spaces in conjunction with the new building for the Applied Technologies Center ("ATC"). Your Honorable Body approved that project by Resolution 402 of 2023. MCC has identified an opportunity to expand the Optics Program through the renovation of existing academic spaces to create Optics Micro-credential Laboratories. Micro-credentials are 12-credit "fast track" training programs validated by SUNY that can provide a participant with employer-essential skills in a 15-week timeframe. The dedicated laboratories will allow MCC to efficiently facilitate cohorts of 12 students and serve incumbent workers wanting to upskill, without having to negotiate lab and equipment time around those students seeking Associate degrees and certificates.

This project will relocate non-Optics labs and install new optics training equipment in renovated spaces in Building 9 at the Brighton Campus. The project will be adjacent to, and sequence with, the pending new construction of the ATC/Optics building. The renovations and availability of the space is anticipated for the Fall 2025 semester.

Partial reimbursement of 50% of project costs will be requested from New York State Empire State Development upon establishment of the Resolution and the capital fund.

The project is scheduled to be considered by the Monroe County Planning Board on June 27, 2024.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program to add a project entitled "Monroe Community College Optics Micro-credential Laboratory" in the amount of \$2,700,000.

2. Amend the 2024 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Monroe Community College Optics Micro-credential Laboratory" in the amount of \$2,700,000.
3. Authorize financing for the project entitled "Monroe Community College Optics Micro-credential Laboratory" in the amount of \$2,700,000.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute contracts with Empire State Development and/or the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to purchase fixtures and equipment for the "Monroe Community College Optics Micro-credential Laboratory Project," and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.

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 (10) ("routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings") 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive