



# FY23 Schumer Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form (Route 9-Westchester

RiverWalk Transit Connector )

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## Section 1. PROJECT PROPOSAL

### 1. Project Title \*

Route 9-Westchester RiverWalk Transit Connector

### 2. Submitting Organization \*

Scenic Hudson, Inc.

### 3. Specific Location in New York \*

Tarrytown

### 4. County in New York \*

Westchester

### 5. Project Description \*

*Please limit this section to one or two sentences on specifically what the requested funds will be used for. A project narrative may be provided at the end of this form.*

The “Route 9-Westchester RiverWalk Transit Connector” (“Transit Connector”) is planned as an ADA-compliant facility that will enable pedestrian and bicycle access between Route 9 neighborhoods and businesses and Tarrytown Station. Tarrytown Station is a multi-modal transportation hub with Hudson Line commuter rail service to Manhattan, Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties, as well as Bee Line Bus service throughout Westchester County, and Lower Hudson Transit Link, which provides bus service between Rockland County, Tarrytown and White Plains. The project is a public private partnership involving Westchester County, the Village of Tarrytown, and Scenic Hudson and is supported by an array of business, environmental, trail, bicycle, historic preservation groups as well as municipalities, elected officials and prominent individuals.

### 6. Congressionally Directed Spending Request \*

Dollar Amount

2797500

### 7. What Is The Minimum Dollar Amount Needed To Begin or Sustain This Project? \*

*(In The Event The Committee Cannot Provide The Full Amount Requested.)*

Dollar Amount

2797500

### 8. What Is The Total Cost Of The Project You Are Requesting Funds For? \*

Dollar Amount

3229500

### 9. Which Appropriation Bill Does This Request Fall Under? \*

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD)

### 10. Which Account Does This Request Fall Under? \*

THUD - Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG) for Transit Capital Projects

### 11. Does this project meet the necessary criteria for certain accounts as outlined in the list of eligible CDS accounts? \*

Click Here: [FY22 - Eligible Accounts](#)

Yes

**12. Please Explain In Two or Three Sentences Why Funding This Project Would Be In The Interest Of the Taxpayer. \***

*Please note that if your project is submitted to the committee for consideration, this text will be displayed on Senator Schumer's website as required by the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

- 1) Featured by Governor Kathy Hochul as a State of the State priority, and with the Feasibility Study complete, the project enjoys widespread support and is driven by a public-private partnership that includes Westchester County, the Village of Tarrytown and Scenic Hudson;
- 2) The Connector will help meet New York State climate and energy reduction and air quality goals and will provide significant transportation, economic, and health benefits; and
- 3) Federal funding for the accessible Transit Connector will leverage more than \$5 million in local, state and private investments in the overall project to date.

**13. Description Of Project's Importance to New York \***

As part of the larger Westchester RiverWalk Connector Under the GMMC Bridge, the Transit Connector has been identified by New York Governor Kathy Hochul as a State of the State priority. This ADA-compliant trail connection helps New York State meet its climate and energy reduction goals by providing bicycle/pedestrian access between Tarrytown Station, a multi-modal transportation hub, and homes, businesses, and jobs. The project also supports the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council's "Live Work Play" Strategy.

**14. Description Of Benefit To The Local Community \***

The Transit Connector is an integral part of the Westchester RiverWalk Connector under the GMMC Bridge, which is recommended in the Village of Tarrytown's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Important both locally and regionally, the project provides an accessible multi-modal connection to important historic sites such as Lyndhurst, the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park and Sunnyside with the Westchester Landing and Shared Use Path on the GMMC Bridge. Eventually, with the construction of the Connector under the GMMC Bridge, these places will all be connected to the Tarrytown waterfront and commuter rail service at Tarrytown Station. In addition, the project will relieve traffic congestion and reduce parking demand at Tarrytown Station.

**15. Priority Ranking of Project Proposal \***

*If multiple proposals are being submitted, please rank the proposal below.*

*If only one proposal is being submitted, please enter 1.*

1

**16. If This Is A Construction Project, Has Work Begun? \***

No

**17. Has The Requesting Organization Received Non-Federal Funding For This Project \***

If yes, provide source and amount below.

Yes

**17.1 Source 1**

Westchester County

**17.2 Amount**

Dollar Amount

1300000

**17.3 Source 2**

New York State

**17.4 Amount**

Dollar Amount

4045000

**17.5 Source 3**

Scenic Hudson

**17.6 Amount**

Dollar Amount

100000

**18.Has The Requesting Organization Applied For Or Does It Intend To Apply For Any Non-Federal Funding For This Project \***

*If yes, provide source and amount below.*

No

**18.1 Source 1**

*No answer.*

**18.2 Amount**

Dollar Amount

*No answer.*

**18.3 Source 2**

*No answer.*

**18.4 Amount**

Dollar Amount

*No answer.*

**18.5 Source 3**

*No answer.*

**18.6 Amount**

Dollar Amount

*No answer.*

**19.Has the Requesting Organization Received Federal Funding For This Project \***

*If Yes, Provide Source and Amount Below*

No

**19.1 Source 1**

*No answer.*

**19.2 Amount**

Dollar Amount

*No answer.*

**19.3 Source 2**

*No answer.*

**19.4 Amount**

Dollar Amount

*No answer.*

**19.5 Source 3**

*No answer.*

**19.6 Amount**

Dollar Amount

*No answer.***20. Is This Project In The President's FY22 Budget? \***

No

**20.1 If Yes, Provide The Funding Level Included in the President's FY22 Budget**

Dollar Amount

*No answer.***21. Was This Project Proposal Submitted To Other Members of the New York Delegation? \***

Yes

**21.1 If Yes, Which Member Of The House Of Representatives Is (Are) Also Making This Request?***Select Senator and/or Representative name from the list below. Do NOT select "Check all."*

Gillibrand, Kirsten E. (Senate), Jones, Mondaire (NY-17),

## Section 2. FUNDING HISTORY

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**1. Has Your Organization Previously Received Federal Funding (Including For The Project Being Requested Here)? \***

If Yes, Provide The Information Requested Below

No

**1.1 Name of Project Listed in Bill***No answer.***1.2 Amount of Funding Received**

Dollar Amount

*No answer.***1.3 Bill Funding Was Included In***No answer.***1.4 Member Of Congress (Senator Or Representative) Who Secured Funding***No answer.***2. Did Your Organization Submit a Request to Senator Schumer in the Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Process? \***

No

**2.1 Was Your Project Selected For Funding In the Relevant Senate Appropriations Bill?***No answer.***3. Has Your Organization Previously Received Federal Grant Funding (Including For the Project Being Requested Here)? \***

No

**3.1 Name of Grant Program**

No answer.

**3.2 Amount of Grant Funding Received**

No answer.

**4. Has the Requesting Organization Failed to Adequately Manage Or Execute A Prior Federal Funding Award (including For The Project Being Requested Here)? \***

No

**4.1 If Yes, Explain Below**

No answer.

**Section 3. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**1. Legal Name of Submitting Organization \***

Scenic Hudson, Inc.

**Address of Submitting Organization (No PO Boxes)**

*If you are a lobbyist or submitting on behalf of an organization, please provide the mailing address for the organization the request is being made on behalf of.*

**2. Address Line 1 \***

1 Civic Center Plaza

**3. Address Line 2**

No answer.

**4. City \***

Poughkeepsie

**5. State \***

NY

**6. Zip Code \***

12601

**7. Website Address \***

www.scenichudson.org

**8. Is the requesting organization a for-profit entity? \***

Yes

**8.1** For-profit organizations are NOT eligible for Congressionally Directed Spending.

**9. What Type Of Entity Is Your Organization? \***

501(c)(3)

**10. Tax Identification Number \***

132898799

**Primary Point of Contact**

*Who on your staff is familiar with this project?*

**11. Name \***

Jeffrey Anzevino

**12. Title \***

Director of Land Use Advocacy

**13. Phone \***

845-332-6566

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**Head of Organization/Department/Agency***Who may the Senator contact?***15. Name \***

Ned Sullivan

**16. Title \***

President

**17. Phone \***

914-489-4630

**18. Email \***

nsullivan@scenichudson.org

**Government Affairs Representative For The Organization/Department/Agency***(As Written)***19. Name**

Andy Bicking

**20. Title**

Director of Government Relations and Public Policy

**21. Phone**

914-489-1568

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**Section 4. PROJECT ABSTRACT**

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## 1. Please Use The Space Provided To Describe Your Project In Greater Detail \*

The “Route 9-Westchester RiverWalk Transit Connector” (“Transit Connector”) a component of a larger project, Westchester RiverWalk Connection Under the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, which has been identified by Governor Kathy Hochul as a State of the State priority. The Transit Connector is planned as an ADA-compliant facility that will enable pedestrian and bicycle access between Route 9 neighborhoods and businesses and Tarrytown Station. Tarrytown Station is a multi-modal transportation hub with Hudson Line commuter rail service to Manhattan, Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties, as well as Bee Line Bus service throughout Westchester County, and Lower Hudson Transit Link service between Rockland County, Tarrytown and White Plains.

The project is a critical component of the most significant remaining missing segment of Westchester RiverWalk, a planned 51-mile multi-use waterfront trail. This missing segment is a 0.9-mile gap under the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (GMMC Bridge).

To support the larger RiverWalk Connector under the GMMC Bridge, Scenic Hudson has received \$500,000 in New York State Thruway Authority Community Benefit Funds, \$45,000 in Hudson River Valley Greenway grants, and \$100,000 in private contributions. This funding has supported the completion of a Feasibility Study that also includes the Transit Connector, which is the subject of this funding request.

With the Feasibility Study now complete, Westchester County has committed \$1.3M in its 2022 Capital Budget to fund the environmental review. More recently, as a State of the State priority, Governor Kathy Hochul featured support of the RiverWalk in the 2022-23 State of the State message and has secured \$3.5 million in this year’s budget to fund right-of-way acquisition, permitting, engineering studies, and construction drawings needed to bring the larger project to shovel ready status. Recent successful efforts to raise this \$5.445M is due in large part to broad project support from elected officials, State agencies, and an array of NGOs ranging from business leaders to bicycle and trail groups.

This ADA-compliant trail connection helps New York State meet its climate and energy reduction goals by providing bicycle/pedestrian access between Tarrytown Station, a multi-modal transportation hub, and homes, businesses, and jobs. The project also supports the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council’s “Live Work Play” Strategy.

Important both locally and regionally, the Connector provides bicycle/pedestrian access to Tarrytown Station, a multi-modal transportation hub and nearby homes, jobs, and businesses. The Transit Connector is necessary to construct the Westchester RiverWalk Connector under the GMMC Bridge, which is recommended in the Village of Tarrytown’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. The project provides an accessible multi-modal connection to important historic sites such as Lyndhurst, the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park and Sunnyside with the Westchester Landing and Shared Use Path on the GMMC Bridge. Eventually, with the construction of the Connector under the GMMC Bridge, these places will all be connected to the Tarrytown waterfront and commuter rail service at Tarrytown Station. In addition, the project will relieve traffic congestion and reduce parking demand at Tarrytown Station.

The project is supported by an array of business, environmental, trail, bicycle, historic preservation groups as well as municipalities, elected officials and prominent individuals. These include the Business Council of Westchester; Edge-on-Hudson; Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors; Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation; National Resources; Rand Commercial; Sleepy Hollow Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce; Thalle Industries; Westchester County Association; Westchester County; County Legislator Margaret Cunzio; Town of Greenburgh; Village of Briarcliff Manor; Village of Irvington; Village of Sleepy Hollow; Village of Tarrytown; the Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey; Dr. Lucy Rockefeller Waletzky; George Gumina, Friends of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve; Historic Hudson River Towns; Lyndhurst; New Jersey Randonneurs; New York Bicycling Coalition; Parks & Trails New York; Rockland Bicycling Club; and Westchester Cycle Club.

In summary, featured by Governor Kathy Hochul as a State of the State priority, and with the Feasibility Study complete, the project enjoys widespread support and is driven by a public-private partnership that includes Westchester County, the Village of Tarrytown and Scenic Hudson. The Connector will help meet New York State climate and energy reduction and air quality goals and will provide significant transportation, economic, and health benefits. Finally, federal funding for the accessible Transit Connector would leverage more than \$5 million in local, state and private investments in the overall project to date.

## 2. Please provide a detailed budget of the requested project. \*

A \$2,797,500 contribution would be used to help fund project costs of \$3,229,500 for the Route 9-RiverWalk Transit Connector. These costs include: 1) site work \$2,500,000; 2) acquisition \$432,000; and 3) soft costs, design, permitting/planning: \$297,500.

This request is for a component of a larger project, the Westchester RiverWalk Connector Under the GMMC Bridge, which its Feasibility Study estimates a final cost of between \$23M-\$45M depending on the alternative selected. Although our CDS request is for \$2,797,500, we have raised \$5,445,000 toward the broader project. A portion of these funds will be used to fill any funding gap for the Transit Connector.