

**Authorizing The Submittal Of An Application To The Federal Highway Administration For Funding Under The PROTECT Grant Program – Department Of Planning**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee (Chairman Cahill and Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney and Sperry), and The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee (Chairwoman Petit and Legislators Erner, Fabiano, Litts, and Nolan)

Chairman of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee, Brian B. Cahill, and Deputy Chair Herbert Litts, III offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) includes a grant program known as Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT); and

WHEREAS, this Program provides funding to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning acting as host agency for the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has completed a Critical Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment (the “Assessment”) of the County’s transportation system; and

WHEREAS, key recommendations in the study are to conduct a needs-based assessment of the system and a risk-informed prioritization to address the vulnerability of the County’s critical transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has identified the PROTECT grant opportunity from FHWA as a means of funding the key recommendations in the Assessment and as a metropolitan planning organization is an eligible entity for the PROTECT funding; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Planning Department acts as the host agency for the UCTC; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Executive, as Chair of the UCTC, is authorized to submit an application for PROTECT funding to address the key recommendations as the UCTC Vulnerability Assessment as well as any necessary assurances and certifications as needed to FHWA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of all grant applications submitted shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature prior to or immediately upon submission to FHWA,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21              NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Heppner and Stewart)

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture on August 1, 2023

Passed Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on August 7, 2023

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

GRANT FUNDING ANTICIPATED TO BE 100% OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
18<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2023.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this  
24<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2023.

[s] Jen Metzger  
Jen Metzger, County Executive