

Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Department Of Transportation In Response To The Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) For Innovative Mobility Initiative Program – Department Of Planning

Referred to: The Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee (Chairwoman Sperry and Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Stewart and Walls), The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee (Chair Nolan and Legislators Donaldson, Kovacs, Litts, and McCollough), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Collins, Hansut, Kovacs, Nolan, and Roberts)

Chairwoman of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee, Megan Sperry, and Deputy Chair Herbert Litts, III offer the following:

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

WHEREAS, emerging service models supported by new technology allows for greater flexibility to complete short trips and provide first-mile, last-mile solutions to meet transit needs through flexible, on-demand transit service in places with high transit need (microtransit); and

WHEREAS, Ulster County recognizes that utilization of innovative transit models coupled with fixed routes service can better meet the transit needs of Ulster County including its disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) seeking proposals from applicants to develop and operate on-demand transit as part of an Innovative Transit Mobility Pilot Program for which Ulster County, as a designated recipient of transit funding, is eligible to apply; and

WHEREAS, projects are eligible for a maximum of \$3 million for capital and/or operating expenses over the 5-year period with all capital expenditures occurring in the first three years for which no matching funds are required, and an additional maximum of \$5 million for capital expenses only, under the federal Carbon Reduction Program funds that are also being made available under this NOFA; now, therefor be it

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Executive or designee is hereby authorized to submit an application, as well as all necessary understandings, assurances, and additional information as may be required, to the NYSDOT to develop and operate an innovative transit mobility service consistent with the funding levels, purposes, and other criteria as provided for in the NOFA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the application shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature upon submittal,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Maloney)

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture on September 3, 2024

Passed Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on September 9, 2024

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on September 12, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$8,000,000.00– (UP TO) ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUE DOLLARS – NYSDOT

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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 17th Day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four, 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 20th Day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
20th Day of September 2024.

Approved by the County Executive this
27th Day of September 2024.

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

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive