

Authorizing The County Executive To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Department Of Transportation For Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding For The Construction Of Active Transportation Improvements On Washington Avenue In The City Of Kingston – 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), The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee (Chairwoman Petit and Legislators Erner, Fabiano, Litts, and Nolan), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Criswell, Roberts, and Ronk)

Chairwoman of the Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee, Laura Petit, and Deputy Chair Dean J. Fabiano 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, Washington Avenue is a major access route and the gateway to the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 58 of March 2010, Ulster County established Capital Project No. 304 for the construction of the Kingston Rail Trail (the “Project”), which will be completed by the end of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the design report for the Kingston Rail Trail indicated that establishing a safe crossing of Route 28 at the trail intersection for active transportation activities was considered beyond the scope of the Project but should be explored later; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has made available funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to support bicycle, pedestrian, multiuse paths and non-motorized transportation-related projects, which would be available to support active transportation improvements to allow crossing near the trail head and improve traffic safety in the area; and

WHEREAS, the County has received letters of support from local and state elected officials, and a letter of acknowledgement from NYSDOT for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project costs are \$1,800,000.00 and NYSDOT has requested assurances that the required twenty (20) percent match of \$360,000.00 would be available if funding was awarded; and

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WHEREAS, NYS Rt. 28 is under the jurisdiction of the NYSDOT, and discussions indicate that utilizing state funds as the required local match is a possibility; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Executive or their designee is hereby authorized to submit an application, as well as all necessary understandings, assurances, and additional information as may be required, to the New York State Department of Transportation under the TAP program in the amount of \$1,800,000.00, with a Federal amount of \$1,500,000.00, and a local match of \$360,000.00 for purposes providing an active transportation crossing of NYS Route 28 near the Kingston Rail Trail; and, be it further

RESOLVED, any and all application documentation completed pursuant to this resolution shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature immediately upon submission for distribution to all Legislative members; and, be it further

RESOLVED, Ulster County will make available the required local match if the funding is awarded and NYSDOT is unable to provide the needed local funding, and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture as amended on December 5, 2023

Passed Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on December 11, 2023

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on December 12, 2023

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,500,000.00 – ANTICIPATED FEDERAL REVENUE DOLLARS (NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

\$360,000.00 – REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH (COUNTY DOLLARS)

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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 18th Day of December 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 22nd Day of December in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
22nd Day of December 2023.

Approved by the County Executive this
26th Day of December 2023.

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

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive