

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Extend A Cost Reimbursement Agreement With The SUNY New Paltz Student Association To Provide Public Transit Service For The New Paltz Area – Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio and Rodriguez), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee, James F. Maloney, and Deputy Chairman Hector Rodriguez offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Public Transportation; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reduce highway congestion and reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the roads; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Transportation currently provides public transit service connecting Ulster and Dutchess Counties (New Paltz Loop), including service to the Metro North Train Station; and

WHEREAS, many SUNY New Paltz students utilize the bus service to connect to the Metro North Train Station in Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, the SUNY New Paltz Student Association has requested that UCAT continue to provide the service to include weekends, beginning August 24, 2016 and will reimburse UCAT in an amount equal to the required local share of the service which is estimated to be \$21,238.00 annually (total operational cost of \$42,725 less anticipated revenue of \$21,487); and

WHEREAS, the balance of the annual funds necessary to provide this expanded service will be derived from New York State Operating Assistance (\$8,754.00), Federal Share (\$7,323.00), Non-SUNY fares (\$1,059.00); from in-kind donation of fuel and administrative expenses from SUNY New Paltz (\$4,350); and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with the SUNY New Paltz Student Association, for a one year term, to fund the local municipal share of the costs of expanding bus transit service between the Town of New Paltz, the Village of New Paltz, and the State University of New York at New Paltz in order to connect services in Ulster and Dutchess Counties; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that continuation of this expanded service is contingent upon the local operating funds being provided by the SUNY New Paltz Student Association and bus fares being available and adequate to cover the costs of the service; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that if funding for this service is inadequate or discontinued, then the service and/or positions will be eliminated as well,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$14,241.00 – BUDGETED 2016 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$14,241.00 – BUDGETED 2016 REVENUE DOLLARS

\$42,725.00 – BUDGETED 2017 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

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