

Authorizing the Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign Contracts To Accept Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Funds (CMAQ), Dutchess County (Operations) And New York State Department Of Transportation Funds (Buses) For The New Ulster And Dutchess County Public Transit Service – Ulster Area County Area Transit

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Berardi, Gregorius, Loughran, Sheeley, Alfonso and Roberti) offers the following:

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

WHEREAS, operating funds are needed to provide new public transit service connecting Ulster and Dutchess Counties, including service to the MetroNorth Train Station for a three-year project period, and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee has met and approved a request for funds for operating this new Public Transit service, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said funding with a majority of members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways & Means Committee has met and reviewed said funding with a majority of members voting approval, and

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to sign a contract with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept Operating Funds for new public transit service between Ulster and Dutchess Counties, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to sign an inter-municipal agreement with the Dutchess County Executive to authorize Ulster County Area Transit to provide public transit service on a designated route within Ulster and Dutchess Counties to provide ingress and egress for public transit passengers who wish to access the MetroNorth Train, the Poughkeepsie City Bus or Dutchess Loop System, as well as for all other transit uses, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that those operating funds are not available, the service will not proceed,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 28 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Alfonso, Bischoff, Felicello and Roberti)

(Legislator Noonan left at 7:35 PM/returned 7:43 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$800,000.00 – FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT – CMAQ OPERATION – 3 YEARS

\$100,000.00 – STATE REIMBURSEMENTS – CMAQ OPERATIONS – 3 YEARS

\$100,000.00 – FARE AND STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE REVENUES –
CMAQ

\$ 70,000.00 – STATE REIMBURSEMENTS – BUSES CAPITAL COSTS

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