

RESOLUTION 2014-02

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

SUPPORT CHANGES TO THE FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 28 TO PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL AND ADDITIONS TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Kingston Urbanized Area and a portion of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ Urban Area; and,

WHEREAS, , the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is the state agency responsible for coordinating and assisting in the development and operation of transportation facilities and services for highways, railroads, mass transit, ports, waterways and aviation; and,

WHEREAS, NYSDOT is pursuing changes in the functional classification of certain roadway segments to add them to the National Highway System (NHS); and,

WHEREAS, those proposed changes to the functional classification of roadways in the UCTC planning area include changing New York State Route 28 from Route 209 to the Ulster/Delaware County line from Minor Arterial to Principal Arterial; and

WHEREAS, New York State Route 28 offers the primary access between the City of Kingston and the NYS Thruway to the north-western portion of Ulster County and the only access to a large section of the Catskill Park, which is currently excluded from NHS coverage, and includes three large Towns as well as the Ashokan Reservoir and the Belleayre Ski Center; and

WHEREAS, Route 28 serves as the primary corridor for access to goods and services, including a private sector bus route service, between the cities of Kingston and Oneonta; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Transportation Council hereby expresses its support for this change to the functional classification of New York State Route 28 and its addition to the National Highway System.

CERTIFICATE, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Ulster County Transportation Council, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a vote on March 26, 2014.

Date

By _____
William J. Gorton, P.E., Secretary,
Ulster County Transportation Council

