

**THE NEW PALTZ
TOWN BOARD**

The following was presented

By _____

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Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Supervisor</i> Neil Bettez				
<i>Deputy Supervisor</i> Daniel Torres				
<i>Council Member</i> Marty Irwin				
<i>Council Member</i> Julie Seyfert-Lillis				
<i>Council Member</i> Jeff Logan				
TOTAL				

ROLL CALL VOTE

Date of Adoption _____

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PALTZ TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZING A COLLABORATIVE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION TO ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL LED BY THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ IN COLLABORATION WITH THE VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ FOR A COMPLETE STREETS/ PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE STRATEGIC PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town and Village are interested in working jointly on comprehensive, integrated transportation planning as well as cooperating with regional and state officials and other locally interested parties on transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a bicycle-pedestrian plan is to develop a more walkable and bikeable community, preparing improvements to physical infrastructure that aids and equips pedestrian and bicycle travel by residents and visitors, while also fostering supporting policies, all of which will help expand safe connections between locations and land uses like SUNY-New Paltz and Main Street and the Empire State Trail, as well as to major employers within the community, and to schools, building on prior efforts like the Land Use Transportation Study and the Safe Routes to School Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the joint Village and Town Bicycle Pedestrian indicates support for this Project which can enable multimodal infrastructure enhancements and capacity for these groups, elected leaders and other interested persons and groups to strengthen the culture of walking and bicycling, and help provide balanced and sustainable transportation; and

WHEREAS, a pedestrian and bicycle plan can assist overall economic development, making the village and town more bicycle-friendly, fostering less reliance on autos, and aiding landowners by not having to over-supply parking which is costly, while also helping relieve the impacts of congestion, such as experienced on many peak weekends;

WHEREAS, a bicycle-pedestrian plan can provide for long-range policy and coordination of resources at the same time as the community takes on complimentary implementation projects, to support and complement the establishment of the Empire State Trail and advance potential pedestrian safety improvements;

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Town Board supports the Town's submission to Ulster County Transportation Council of a 2017/2018 Unified Planning Work Program application for the UCTC to lead the establishment of a joint New Paltz Complete Streets/ Bicycle Pedestrian Plan project as part of the upcoming UPWP.