

## RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ  
CALLING ON THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT OF 55 MPH TO 40  
MPH ON ROUTE 32 BETWEEN RIVER ROAD TO ANN STREET IN NEW  
PALTZ AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF  
BICYCLISTS USING THE STATE BIKE ROUTE (ROUTE 32) AS A DETOUR  
OF THE WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL DURING THE REPAIR OF THE  
BRIDGE CROSSING THE WALLKILL RIVER AT SPRINGTOWN ROAD  
(ULSTER COUNTY ROUTE 7).**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz is presently working with the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Association, the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, the Open Space Institute, Ulster County and all relevant parties to repair and return to full use the rail trail bridge crossing the Wallkill River at Springtown Road.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz recognizes the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail as the sole active, non-motorized transportation link between and among the Town of Gardiner, Village of New Paltz, Town of Rosendale and our county government in the City of Kingston.

**WHEREAS**, the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail is the future link between the Hudson Valley Rail Trail, the Walkway Over the Hudson and the trail networks of Dutchess County with the trails of Ulster County including the Mohonk Foothills, its related trails, the O & W Rail Trail, the City of Kingston and the Kingston Greenline.

**WHEREAS**, the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail is at the center and a key link in the already underway Hudson River Valley Greenway Connection Plan that is building a continuous walkable and bikeable route from Manhattan to the Adirondacks.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz recognizes the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail's importance as an active transportation corridor but also values its role as a pre-eminent eco-tourist destination that brings customers to our town's businesses.

**WHEREAS**, State Route 32 is a recognized and signed state bike route and regularly used by road bicyclists and can be further used without alteration by additional rail trail bicyclists.

**WHEREAS**, State Route 32 currently narrows and has limited lines of sight at River Road, on the bridge crossing over the Wallkill and at the intersection with

State Route 213 and presents a safety hazard to less regular road bicyblists.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of New Paltz calls upon the New York State Department of Transportation to reduce the speed from the current 55 MPH to 40 MPH to more safely accommodate the additional bicycle riders as a “Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Detour.”