

**RESOLUTION**

**Committing to In-Kind Services Match for Grant Funding Application to the New York State DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held at the Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave., in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2018, at 7 o'clock P.M., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bettez, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

The following resolution was offered by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz is applying to the New York State Department of Transportation for grant funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in order to implement street enhancements to Henry W DuBois Drive, and

**WHEREAS**, this project will improve Henry W Dubois Drive by creating buffered bike lanes (one-directional, on the north and south side) and sidewalk (on north side), providing much needed access and safety for all current transportation mode users, including pedestrians, cyclists, New Paltz Bus Loop users and drivers, and also future users of the Empire State Trail, and

**WHEREAS**, such improvements to Henry W DuBois Drive are referenced in the 2006 New Paltz Land Use/Transportation Plan, the 2008 Sidewalk Master Plan for the Village and Town of New Paltz, the 2011 New Paltz Pedestrian/Bicycle Non-Motorized Accessibility Plan, the 2014 Safe Routes to School Action Plan, and also supports the goals of other local and regional plans including the 1995 Town of New Paltz Comprehensive Master Plan, the Village of New Paltz’s 2013 adopted resolution for Complete Streets, the 2014 Millbrook Preserve Concept Plan, and the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Strategic Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, while Henry W Dubois Drive currently has 5-foot bike lanes at its western end (west of North Oakwood Terrace) and at its eastern end (east of Old Mill Rd), these sections of bike path are narrow, with no buffer provided, and

**WHEREAS**, this project proposes increasing the width of the shoulder to allow for a 3-foot buffer between the vehicle travel lane and bike lanes, consistent with the preferred design features for bike lanes as presented in the Empire State Trail Design Guidelines, and

**WHEREAS**, the middle section of this road (between Old Mill Rd and North Oakwood Terrace) currently has no shoulder and sections of poor visibility due to topography; consequently pedestrians are frequently seen walking along the painted line, partly within the travel lane, to avoid the existing uneven grade immediately adjacent to the roadway, and

**WHEREAS**, this project proposes adding shoulders in this stretch of roadway to allow for 5-foot bike lanes and a 3-foot buffer, consistent with the preferred design features for bike lanes as presented in the Empire State Trail Design Guidelines, and

**WHEREAS**, the project will allow local cyclists and pedestrians, as well as travelers along the Empire State Trail within New Paltz to remain within designated lanes, in both the east and west directions, instead of being forced onto a shared roadway at this ‘gap’ of the trail where shoulders do not currently exist, and

**WHEREAS**, this road is classified by NYSDOT as a major collector and, although the speed limit is 30 mph and average traffic counts are 3,500-4,300 vehicles daily, it is a popular alternative to Main Street, well trafficked by local residents and passing traffic as a bypass for Main Street, especially during peak tourism periods when Empire State Trail usage will also be at its highest, and

**WHEREAS**, improving safe multi-modal transportation along this corridor will allow the Town and Village to further promote the use of the Empire State Trail within New Paltz for tourism and advancing the community as a desirable place to visit and enjoy outdoor recreation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is requesting \$3,370,260 in grant funding for this project, and

**WHEREAS**, this grant application requires a 20% match from the municipality in order to qualify for the grant funding,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of New Paltz agrees to a match of up to \$674,05 in cash or in-kind services in the event that the grant is awarded.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.