

Establishing The Transit Riders' And Intermodal Advisory Committee

Referred to: The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee
(Chairwoman Petit and Legislators Erner, Fabiano, Litts, and Nolan)

Legislators Phil Erner and Laura Petit offer the following:

WHEREAS, the mission of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) is to provide quality public transportation to the residents of Ulster County in a safe, reliable, and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic has caused financial hardship and a larger demographic of non-motorized residents to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has taken actions to create and support an equitable public transportation system including waiving fares and upgrading pay grades to maintain a solid workforce; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County understands that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments which is primarily exacerbated by the current burning of fossil fuels especially by individual use of personal vehicles that could be reduced using public transit and other modes of transit; and

WHEREAS, reducing use of personal vehicles could lessen wear and tear on the County's aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County conducted many studies and has held many public input workshops over the years, and there are several grassroots groups focused on safe intermodal transportation and effective public transit; and

WHEREAS, users of intermodal transportation and public transportation have a better personal understanding of Ulster County's system and local needs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature shall create a Transit Riders and Intermodal Advisory Committee made up of thirteen (13) total members, including one Legislator appointed by the Majority Leader, one Legislator appointed by the Minority Leader, and the remaining 11 members, subject to confirmation by the Legislature, shall include seven (7) at large members who regularly use the public transportation system; and four (4) from community and/or philanthropic organizations i.e. paratransit, trails, bike safety etc. who advocate for people in need of public transportation; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that one regular public transit user is appointed for one (1) year with subsequent appointment of three (3) years; three (3) regular public transit users appointed for two (2) years with subsequent appointments of three (3) years; three (3) regular public transit users appointed for three (3) years with subsequent appointments of three (3) years; two (2) organization representatives appointed for one (1) year with subsequent appointments of three (3) years; two (2) legislative representatives appointed for two (2) years; and, two (2) organization representatives appointed for three years with subsequent appointments of three (3) years thereafter; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that interested candidates shall fill out an application with resume for review by the legislative committee currently charged with oversight of transportation, now the Public Works, Capital Improvement and Transportation Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Committee as referenced above shall select from the applicants nominees for confirmation by the Legislature and shall forward to the Clerk of the Legislature names of said candidates for confirmation; and, be it further

~~RESOLVED, the members of the Transit Riders' and Intermodal Advisory Committee shall be entitled to their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, within appropriations made for such purposes; and, be it further~~

RESOLVED, that a representative from Ulster County Area Transit shall attend committee meetings as a non-voting member to provide critical information and updates on the County transportation system; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Transit Riders' and Intermodal Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the Public Works, Capital Improvement and Transportation Committee, or committee of jurisdiction, pertaining to improvements, upgrades, expansion, connectivity, safety and other issues relating to public and intermodal transit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the committee shall meet no less than four times annually to ensure that transportation services are delivered safely, effectively, and efficiently in a manner that safeguards the public and serves the County as a whole,

and move its adoption

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 19th Day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 22nd Day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
22nd Day of September 2023.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this
29th Day of September 2023.

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive