

RESOLUTION #103 of 2012

SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE I-587/ALBANY AVE./BROADWAY INTERSECTION STUDY COMPLETED BY THE ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL AND URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN DESIGN OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston, the Ulster County Transportation Council and New York State Department of Transportation-Region 8 worked cooperatively over a two year period to analyze alternatives for the intersection of I-587/Albany Avenue/Broadway that included present and future transportation and land use issues in the area around the I-587/Albany Ave./Broadway Intersection in a manner that would consider transportation improvements that preserve and enhance the economic potential and quality of life in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Project Discovery Memorandum, that explored existing conditions, and the Conceptual Design Report recommendations were developed through an extensive public participation process that included surveys, public meetings, stakeholder interviews, and a three day design charrette, whereby the Advisory Committee reached a consensus on a preferred alternative for improvements to the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee included representatives from the City, stakeholders in the area, UCTC staff and NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations in the Conceptual Design Report not only address improvements directly related to the intersection but also provide additional considerations associated with Albany Avenue and an overview of potential future expansion of the street network in the Uptown area to promote redevelopment and improve traffic flow; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations and associated projects address capacity, safety, and quality of life for all modes of transportation including highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian; and

WHEREAS, the City will examine its Capital Program, and other funding sources, coordinate with the Ulster County Transportation Council, and address items in its comprehensive plan and zoning statute to help ensure that the recommendations of the Study can be implemented:

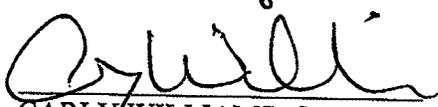
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Kingston supports the recommendations in the Conceptual Design Report for the improvements to the I-587/Albany/Broadway Intersection Study and urges the New York State Department of Transportation and the Ulster County Transportation Council to begin the design and construction process of the intersection improvements as soon as possible and no later than currently scheduled on the UCTC Adopted 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program; and

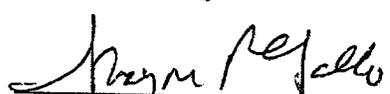
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Kingston will form an I-587 Implementation Committee with stakeholders, residents, and elected officials to work with NYSDOT during the design process to ensure that the issues of special concern to the City are addressed in a timely and coordinated fashion, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will consider other recommendations in the Study within its comprehensive plan, land use controls and capital programming functions.

Submitted to the Mayor this 2nd day of May, 2012

Approved by the Mayor this 2nd day of May, 2012


CARLY WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK


SHAYNE R. GALLO, MAYOR

Adopted by Council on May 1, 2012