

Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee
Special Meeting Minutes – Approved 9-7-17
Tuesday, August 15, 2017 5:00 PM
Legislature Chambers

Attendance

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Martha Robertson	Chair	Late	5:03 PM
Dooley Kiefer	Vice Chair	Present	
Michael Sigler	Member	Present	
David McKenna	Member	Present	
Carol Chock	Member	Excused	
Katrina McCloy	Deputy Clerk, Legislature	Present	
Dwight Mengel	Chief Transportation Planner	Present	
Marcia Lynch	Public Info. Officer, County Administration	Present	

Call to Order

Ms. Kiefer, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

Transportation

Resolution No. - Authorization of New York State Department of Transportation Master Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement – Tompkins County and Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (K007262) (ID #7215)

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David McKenna, Member
SECONDER:	Michael Sigler, Member
AYES:	Kiefer, Sigler, McKenna
EXCUSED:	Robertson, Chock

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has awarded a Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement (K007262) to authorize payments to Tompkins County for mass transportation capital aid over a five-year period from 2017 to 2021, and

WHEREAS, the State Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement provides reimbursements of 10% for capital projects eligible for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding and up to 100% for New York State funded capital projects, and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT awarded \$1,265,675 to Tompkins County in a combined payment to reimburse the State's share of eleven projects in three grants (FTA grant NY-2016-010 and New York State grants ATC-15-TOM and ATC-16-TOM) to Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc., and the County, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature authorizes the County Administrator or designee to execute the Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement (K007262) and subsequent supplemental agreements awarded by NYSDOT,

RESOLVED, further, That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement.

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Resolution No. - Authorizing Federal Transit Administration 2017 Section 5339 Grant Application for Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (TCAT, Inc.) (ID #7216)

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Sigler, Member
SECONDER:	David McKenna, Member
AYES:	Kiefer, Sigler, McKenna
EXCUSED:	Robertson, Chock

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects pursuant to Section 5339 of Chapter 53, Title 49, of the United States Code, and

WHEREAS, the County of Tompkins is the Direct Recipient designated by the Governor of New York State for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program, with responsibilities to propose FTA-funded projects to the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (I-TCTC) (after coordinating with public transportation providers) and to select projects from the I-TCTC Transportation Improvement Program for inclusion in FTA grants, and

WHEREAS, the FTA fund sources for the 2017 Section 5339 Grant are as follows:

2014 Sec 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Funding	\$ 193,883
2015 Sec 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Funding (Partial)	\$ 166,167
Total Federal Transit Funds	\$ 360,050

WHEREAS, the County and Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc., (TCAT, Inc.) agreed to the project selected for inclusion in the grant from I-TCTC's 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the County will receive and use said FTA funds as follows:

	Federal	State	TCAT	Total
TCAT 40ft Replacement Diesel Transit Bus (1)	\$ 360,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 450,000

, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature authorizes the County Administrator or designee to execute and file applications on behalf of the County of Tompkins with the Federal Transit Administration for the 2017 Section 5339 Grant with a total budget of \$450,000 including Federal, New York State, and TCAT sources.

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee is authorized to sign:

1. Any and all agreements between Tompkins County and the Federal Transit Administration for the Project.
2. Any and all agreements between Tompkins County and the State of New York for the Project.
3. Any and all agreements between Tompkins County, TCAT, Inc., and any third-party subcontractors necessary to complete the project, if applicable.

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Changes/Additions to the Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Sigler, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to add the resolution entitled In Support of the Development of the Cayuga Solar Project in the Town of Lansing to the agenda.

Resolution

Resolution No. - In Support of the Development of the Cayuga Solar Project in the Town of Lansing (ID #7236)

Ms. Robertson arrived at this time and Ms. Kiefer turned the meeting over to her.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David McKenna, Member
SECONDER:	Michael Sigler, Member
AYES:	Robertson, Kiefer, Sigler, McKenna
EXCUSED:	Chock

WHEREAS, the 2015 *Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan* includes the policies to “Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to reach a minimum 80 percent reduction from 2008 levels by 2050 and reduce reliance on fossil fuels across all sectors” and “Increase the use of local and regional renewable energy sources and technologies”, and

WHEREAS, the *Tompkins County Energy Roadmap* documents that solar energy has the potential to provide a significant portion of electricity demand within Tompkins County while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Operating Company has created Cayuga Solar which is proposing the

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installation of 18 Megawatts of solar panels, the largest in Upstate New York to date, and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Solar project will generate power for the equivalent of 3100 homes and can come online more quickly than other project because the Cayuga Solar has site control and an interconnect agreement with NYSEG and the project is supported by Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton and Lansing Town Supervisor Ed Lavigne, and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Solar constitutes a \$25 million investment in clean, renewable energy on its 434-acre Lansing site using land that otherwise would go unused, and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Solar project will create approximately 150 union construction jobs and increase tax revenue to taxing authorities in Lansing and Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to continue to aggressively make the transition to renewable energy in Tompkins County, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality and the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committees, That the Tompkins County Legislature supports the development of the Cayuga Solar Project in a timely fashion.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.