



**Ithaca-Tompkins County  
Transportation Council**

**RESOLUTION 09-05**

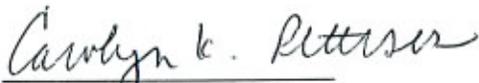
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***EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE ROUTE 96 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT STUDY***

- WHEREAS,** the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* has a responsibility to perform transportation planning services in accordance with the approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) of the *ITCTC*; AND
- WHEREAS,** the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to carry out a "continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive" urban transportation planning process that addresses all modes of transportation; AND
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 119-o, the County of Tompkins, the City of Ithaca, and the Towns of Ithaca and Ulysses entered into an agreement to complete a corridor management study of New York State Route 96 within Tompkins County to determine current and projected transportation patterns as they relate to development in that corridor and to make recommendations for mitigation of future traffic congestion and safety issues; AND
- WHEREAS,** the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC) participated in the Route 96 Corridor Management Study with funding assistance and membership in the project's Technical Review Committee; AND
- WHEREAS,** a consultant team was hired and completed Technical Reports #1, 2 and 3 with technical information, analysis and recommendations; AND
- WHEREAS,** a survey of residents in the Route 96 Corridor was conducted, focus group meetings with businesses/institutions in the Corridor were held, and two area-wide public meetings were held at the Museum of the Earth regarding the Route 96 Study in 2008, and comments received from the public participation process were factored into the Route 96 Corridor Management Study reports; AND
- WHEREAS,** Draft Technical Report #4 (dated 6/4/09) was prepared by the representatives of the Route 96 Corridor Technical Review Committee, including representatives from the participating County and municipal governments, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit and the ITCTC. Technical Report #4 draws from the three earlier technical reports to develop an inter-municipal strategy for mitigating the impacts of traffic by promoting a nodal pattern of development in the Corridor and utilizing related strategies of enhanced transit opportunities, improved pedestrian and bicycle connections and systems, better management of access within the Corridor, traffic calming measures, infrastructure improvements, and zoning and land use modifications where applicable;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council hereby supports the Route 96 Corridor Management Study and the principles therein as a useful planning tool that should be considered by the participating organizations and others; AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council recommends that the Town Boards of the Towns of Ithaca and Ulysses, the Common Council of the City of Ithaca, the Tompkins County Legislature and the TCAT Board of Directors continue the cooperative planning efforts begun during the Study among participating organizations and encourage that the findings of the Route 96 Corridor Management Study be taken into consideration as the involved agencies address planning and development issues along the Route 96 Corridor as considered in the study.

This resolution having been considered and approved on December 15, 2009.

  
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Carolyn K. Peterson, Chair

  
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Carl Ford, P.E., Secretary