



Tompkins County Council of Governments

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RESOLUTION NO. 003-2016

Resolution In Support of Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc.

MOVED by Mr. Hartill (Village of Lansing), seconded by Ms. Thomas (Town of Ulysses), and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (TCAT) operates an outstanding public transportation service that provides people in Tompkins County with mobility and access to employment, community resources, medical care, and recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, every day people in Tompkins County depend on TCAT to provide a basic and essential mobility service that is relied upon, particularly by those without access to a car, and

WHEREAS, to respond to fiscal pressures and a shortage of drivers, TCAT has been forced to make significant cuts in service, and

WHEREAS, these potentially permanent cuts in service will disproportionately affect working poor families, immigrants, and students, and

WHEREAS, in Tompkins County there is a large number of residents who are members of young families, senior citizens on fixed incomes, immigrants, students, and people who work and earn less than a living wage who regularly depend on the services of TCAT, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Council of Governments encourages municipalities in Tompkins County to promote and advocate on behalf of TCAT and consider ways to alleviate the burden of meeting transportation needs of the community, such as creating more Park and Ride hubs, creating more trails and greenways for walking and bicycling, supporting more rideshare opportunities in towns, villages, the local mall, shopping centers, parks, and business centers,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Council of Governments supports promoting creative solutions such as Gadabout and FISH (Friends In Service Helping), and keeping the public transit needs of our residents high on our municipal agendas,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Council of Governments calls upon Tompkins County’s State Representatives to encourage all New York State Legislators to recognize and financially support public transit and its vital role in our battle against poverty and in meeting our economic development goals,

RESOLVED, further, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Tompkins County, United States Congressman Reed, United States Senators Gillabrand and Schumer, New York State Assemblywoman Lifton, New York State Senators Seward, O’Mara, and Nozzolio, New York State Governor Cuomo, and President Obama.

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