



A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

Mayor Scott T. Johnson
Commissioner John Franck
Commissioner Michele Madigan
Commissioner Christian Mathiesen
Commissioner Anthony Scirocco

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE NYS CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GEYSER ROAD BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN TRAIL

WHEREAS, The construction of the proposed Geyser Road bicycle-pedestrian trail achieves several of the City's Comprehensive Plan Transportation objectives. The Trail would promote pedestrian and bicycle access to reduce dependence on the automobile, develop a comprehensive citywide multi-use trail plan that integrates existing pedestrian, bicycle, road, and open space systems, and enhance pedestrian-bicycle connections to nearby residential areas and to the Saratoga Spa State Park, and

WHEREAS, The Trail will implement a key component of the Saratoga County Green Infrastructure Plan by providing a critical east-west non-motorized corridor connecting residential areas to major activity centers providing, and

WHEREAS, The Southwest Neighborhood Association (SWNA) identified the need to provide and improve non-motorized modes of transportation in the area and Geyser Road was identified as the critical route to provide a safe non-motorized transportation facility for the general public, and

WHEREAS, The Trail will provide a safe non-motorized passage along Geyser Road with connections to the Town of Milton, Geyser Elementary School, Geyser Park recreational area, Saratoga Spa State Park and bikeways and the core of Saratoga Springs, and

WHEREAS, This route is intended to take advantage of, and coordinate with, other transportation planning and safety efforts currently underway including the County Route 43 bridge replacement over D&H railroad (SA221), the Route 50 Southern Gateway Study, the recent installation of the signalized Route 50 crossing that connects the RailRoad Run trail to the Saratoga Spa State Park, and the construction of the Spring Run Trail Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail (SA181), and

WHEREAS, This project represents the culmination of partnership and participation by neighborhood groups, the private sector, regional advocates, State entities, and local elected officials, and

WHEREAS, The SWNA raised funds and took the initiative to hire a consultant to prepare an initial Project Scoping Report for this bicycle-pedestrian trail, and

WHEREAS, The City Council has approved an award of bid for engineering services to prepare preliminary and final design services for this bicycle-pedestrian trail, and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to seek funding for the construction of this bicycle-pedestrian trail through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application, and

WHEREAS, The City acknowledges that the local share could be up to 25 percent of the total project cost and that the City has sufficient eligible matching funds capacity through existing and anticipated General Obligation Bond funding, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Saratoga Springs, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funding of the Geyser Road Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail Project through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) program to the maximum allowable amount, not to exceed \$1,700,000, and to execute any formal agreements required to obtain the funds under this program and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a formal agreement with New York State for such financial assistance.

Ayes _____ Nays _____

Dated August 6, 2013