



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

Mayor Joanne Yepsen  
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 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GEYSER ROAD BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN TRAIL

WHEREAS, The construction of the Geysers Road bicycle-pedestrian trail achieves several of the City's Comprehensive Plan Transportation objectives including promoting pedestrian and bicycle access to reduce dependence on the automobile, developing a comprehensive citywide multi-use trail plan that integrates existing pedestrian, bicycle, road, and open space systems, and the enhancement of pedestrian-bicycle connections to nearby residential areas and to the Spa State Park, and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, This route is intended to coordinate with other transportation planning and safety efforts, completed and 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 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 secured engineering services to prepare preliminary and final design services for this bicycle-pedestrian trail, and

WHEREAS, The City Council now wishes to seek funding to construct this bicycle-pedestrian trail through the Transportation Alternatives Program and Spa State Park has pledged \$200,000 towards the construction of this project, and

WHEREAS, The City acknowledges that the Transportation Alternatives Program is a reimbursement program and that sponsors are required to pay project expenses first and then apply to NYS DOT for reimbursement, and that the City accepts responsibility for the project development in accordance with Federal requirements, and

WHEREAS, The City acknowledges that the Federal share can be no greater than 80 percent and that the City has sufficient eligible matching fund capacity through a combination of proceeds from City **General Obligation Bonds**, **city funds**, in-kind services, and contribution from Spa State Parks;

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 through the Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Application, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Dated June 3, 2014