

RESOLUTION NO. 81

AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO TAKE INITIAL REVIEW ACTIONS TO DETERMINE SEQR LEAD AGENCY STATUS REGARDING THE ALBANY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL BRIDGE OVER NEW SCOTLAND ROAD (SR85)

Introduced: 3/11/19

By Public Works Committee Messrs. Bullock and Ethier:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has indicated that the Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning (“Planning Department”) has evaluated the Albany County Rail Trail Bridge over SR 85 (New Scotland Road) Bridge Replacement project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) guidelines and has determined that the project is properly classified as a Type I action under SEQR, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has further indicated that, given the Type I designation, the project is subject to the further SEQR requirements including taking initial steps so that a lead agency may be established prior to a determination of significance and the initial review processes may proceed, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the SEQR regulations, the Department of Public Works is required to give requisite notice to all relevant parties who may be interested in the Albany County Rail Trail Bridge over SR 85 (New Scotland Road) Bridge Replacement project prior to being designated as the lead agency for the project, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works has requested authorization to work with the Planning Department to make certain that all appropriate steps related to the aforementioned notice requirements as they pertain to seeking lead agency status are fulfilled, and

WHEREAS, In the initial review of this proposal, the Planning Department needs to use due diligence to determine if the action involves more than one agency and transmit documentation to all the potential involved agencies to notify them that Albany County is seeking lead agency status, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Department of Public Works is authorized to work in conjunction with the Planning Department to take initial review actions pursuant to SEQR to seek lead agency status regarding the Albany County Rail Trail Bridge over SR 85 (New Scotland Road) Bridge Replacement project, including providing the required notice to all interested parties, and reporting back to the legislature regarding its findings, and, be it further

RESOLVED, During said review, the Planning Department is requested to submit a copy of all correspondence which it receives from any interested party to the Clerk of the Legislature, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 3/11/19