

**STUDY SESSION OF THE ITHACA TOWN BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-255: REGARDING THE ROUTE 96 CORRIDOR
MANAGEMENT STUDY**

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 existing and future traffic congestion and safety issues; 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 4/6/09) was prepared by the representatives of the Route 96 Corridor Technical Review Committee, including representatives from the participating organizations. Technical Report #4 draws from the three earlier technical reports and outlines a possible inter-municipal strategy for mitigating the impacts of traffic posed by future development by promoting a nodal pattern of development in the Corridor and utilizing enhanced transit opportunities, 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, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ithaca Planning Committee has reviewed Draft Technical Report #4 (dated 4/6/09) at its regular meetings on May 14th and August 24th, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ithaca Planning Committee unanimously approved a resolution at its meeting on August 24, 2009 (1) recommending the Route 96 Corridor Management Study as a resource that can be considered by the participating organizations and affected communities as they consider planning options in the Corridor, (2) recommending that the Town Board of the Town of Ithaca continue to engage in the cooperative planning efforts envisioned by the

Study, taking into consideration the input of participating organizations and community stakeholders, and encouraging the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to review the Route 96 Corridor Management Study, as it updates the 1993 Town of Ithaca Comprehensive Plan, and (3) recommending that the Town Board discuss the scope, timing and costs associated with possible traffic analyses to supplement the traffic data in the Corridor Study, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board at its Budget Meeting on November 5, 2009, authorized funds for a possible West Hill traffic study as recommended by the Planning Committee, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ithaca hereby supports the Route 96 Corridor Management Study as a resource that can be considered by the participating organizations and affected communities as they consider planning options in the Corridor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ithaca will continue to engage in the cooperative planning efforts envisioned by the Study, taking into consideration the input of participating organizations and community stakeholders, and encourages the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to review the Route 96 Corridor Management Study, as it updates the 1993 Town of Ithaca Comprehensive Plan.

MOVED: Councilwoman Leary

SECONDED: Supervisor Engman

VOTE: Supervisor Engman, aye; Councilwoman Leary, aye; Councilman Stein, nay; Councilman Goodman, aye; Councilman Levine, aye; Councilwoman Hunter, nay; Councilman DePaolo, nay. Motion carried.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS) SS:
TOWN OF ITHACA:

I, Debra DeLuigistine Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Ithaca, New York, do hereby certify that the above resolution is an exact copy of the same adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Ithaca at a regular meeting on the 21st day of December 2009.


Deputy Town Clerk