

Meeting Date: 11/24/2020
Resolution Number: 11/109/2020

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
SLEEPY HOLLOW,
TO SUPPORT THE ROUTE 9 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION STUDY.**

WHEREAS, interested residents and officials from the Villages of Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow (the "Rivertowns") have been working together since 2016 as a Steering Committee jointly studying traffic, safety, pedestrian and bicycle access conditions in connection with their shared "Route 9 Corridor;" and

WHEREAS, the new Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge includes a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian lane, potentially bringing with it new transportation and recreational opportunities to Rivertowns residents and a significant increase in bicycle traffic on Route 9 from neighboring areas of Westchester, areas west of the Hudson River and New York City; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution number 09/129/2016, dated 09/27/2016, this Board approved an application formally submitted by Sustainable Westchester on behalf of the Steering Committee and the five participating villages for a \$150,000 grant from the New NY Bridge Community Benefits Program to fund a proposed Active Transportation Corridor Study and Plan along U.S. Route 9, from Hastings through Sleepy Hollow and interconnecting with the planned bicycle-pedestrian lane on the New NY Bridge (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, after the application was favorably received and the grant was awarded, the Steering Committee, through the administrative support of the Village of Irvington, procured the services of transportation consultant Nelson Nygaard to perform a conceptual study evaluating the potential for implementing a shared roadway strategy along Route 9 (the "study"); and

WHEREAS, the Study included extensive public outreach, including five open-house sessions, a public survey and the maintenance of a website to share information with and receive comments from the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Study illustrated a proposal for a bike-pedestrian connection between the five Villages and the new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, and examined related issues concerning safety, transit access, traffic calming, walkability, sidewalks, crosswalk configurations, parking availability and motor vehicle level of service; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee and Nelson Nygaard convened a public meeting to present the completed Study to the public at Mercy College on November 17, 2018 and whereas the completed study and other plan documents continue to be available to the public on route9active.org; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been briefed on the Study and agrees that the ideas contained therein are worthy of further consideration and pursuit;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Village of Sleepy Hollow

1. Is desirous of working with its neighboring villages to achieve mobility and safety enhancements; and
2. Recognizes the positive impact enhancements could offer for quality of life of its residents and commercial vibrancy of their community; and
3. Supports and endorses additional efforts by the Steering Committee to identify grants and other funding opportunities to continue studying the Route 9 corridor; and
4. Directs that the Committee return to this Board for specific endorsement before submitting additional grant or other funding applications in pursuit of the Project.

Moved: Trustee Gebler

Seconded: Trustee Scaglione

Vote: Unanimous

I, Paula A. McCarthy the undersigned Clerk/Deputy Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an extract duly adopted by the Board of Trustees/Planning/Zoning of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, on the 24th day of November, 2020 and of the whole thereof, and I further certify that the same was entered into the minutes of the meeting of said Board of Trustees/Planning/Zoning held on said date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 7th day of December, 2020

Paula A. McCarthy
Clerk/Deputy Clerk