

RESOLUTION #??
REGARDING THE 2011 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the geographic area contained within the “Metropolitan Area Boundary” for the Albany (NY) and Saratoga Springs (NY) urbanized areas.*

WHEREAS, the CDTC is composed of elected and appointed officials from Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties; from each of the eight cities in the four counties (Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Saratoga Springs, Cohoes, Watervliet, Rensselaer and Mechanicville) and the town of Colonie; from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA); the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC); the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA); the Albany County Airport Authority; the Albany Port District Commission; and at-large members representing the area's towns and villages.

WHEREAS, CDTC serves as the primary public forum for objectively and comprehensively examining surface transportation and transportation-related issues in the defined metropolitan area and is responsible for adopting regional transportation plans, programs and policies.

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2011 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released an Advance Notice of Requirements for HUD’s Fiscal Year 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, a centerpiece of the HUD, U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital District Transportation Committee will serve with the CDRPC as a co-applicant, along with other partners, for a 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to create a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development that incorporates the policies and principles of the adopted regional transportation plan, *New Visions 2030*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CDTC will contribute staff support through its 2010-2012 Unified Planning Work Program for the planning effort, should it be awarded, and will work with CDRPC’s planning partners to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CDTC will amend the 2010-2012 Unified Planning Work Program should funding for a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development be awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDTC Planning Committee authorizes immediate staff participation and recommends memorializing this participation by adoption of this resolution by the Capital District Transportation Committee at its next meeting.

Michael V. Franchini, Albany County
Chairman, CDTC Planning Committee

Date

* The Metropolitan Area Boundary is defined as the entireties of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties, with the exception of the town of Moreau, for which the Adirondack – Glens Falls Transportation Council serves as MPO.