

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Resolution No. 09-01-07

January 14, 2009

SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR LANE HIGHWAY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND URGING THE ASSISTANCE OF ELECTED STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO MAKE IT A REALITY

WHEREAS, the economic impact of North Country transportation improvements is a key component of the North Country Transportation Study, and

WHEREAS, the economic development impact analysis has measured the value to the regional economy of efficiency gains through user benefits such as reductions in travel time, reductions in operating costs, and reductions in accidents due to improved safety, and

WHEREAS, the gains through increased social and economic development opportunities due to improved transportation access will reduce unemployment rates, reduce government transfer payments such as social welfare and unemployment insurance, and increase employment in the region, and

WHEREAS, the transportation improvements can enhance access to labor, customer, tourism and supplier markets, as well as to intermodal transportation facilities, making the overall region more attractive to transportation-dependent industries, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a four-lane highway within the boundaries of St. Lawrence County will begin to address the transportation improvements necessary to foster such economic growth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency strongly supports construction of a four-lane highway and strongly urges New York State Commissioner of Transportation, Ms. Astrid C. Glynn, to cooperate with local transportation taskforce groups to push for the construction of a four-lane highway within St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Commissioner Glynn, New York State Department of Transportation; Governor Paterson; all members of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly Transportation Committees; New York State Senators Griffo, Aubertine and Little; New York State Assembly Members Scozzafava, Russell and Duprey; President Bush; President-elect Obama; United States Senators Schumer and Clinton; Congressman McHugh; St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton and Jefferson Counties; the Development Authority of the North Country; the St. Lawrence County North Country Transportation Advisory Committee; the Economic Development Corridor Working Group, and the Citizens Coalition for Economic Infrastructure Development.

Move:	Morrill			
Second:	Greenwood/Weekes			
VOTE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blevins				X
Greenwood	X			
LaBaff	X			
McMahon	X			
Morrill	X			
Staples				X
Weekes	X			

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared this copy of this Resolution with the original record in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

/s/ 

Natalie A. Sweatland
01/14/2009