

TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 005 OF THE YEAR 2016

Councilman Robert Reeve Jr. offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TITLE: URGING THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO ENSURE FUNDING EQUALITY/PARITY BETWEEN NEW YORK'S HIGHWAY, BRIDGE AND TRANSIT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

WHEREAS, last month Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio announced they had reached an agreement to jointly subsidize the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) nearly \$11 billion funding gap for its more than \$29 billion 2015 - 2019 five-year capital program; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no Department of Transportation five-year capital program for the repair and replacement of bridges and roads to address the severely deteriorating motor vehicle surface transportation system in the state; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1990's the Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the MTA and other transit system capital programs; and

WHEREAS, at that time, drivers statewide were asked to have a portion of their gas taxes and auto fees directed toward the DMTTF and New York's drivers currently pay hundreds of million of dollars annually to mass transit and in return drivers were assured that the DOT and MTA five-year capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, the DOT five-year capital program would include much needed funding for both state and local roads and bridges through the CHIPS and other programs; and

WHEREAS, a strong DOT five-year capital program would ensure a safe and functional statewide transportation system, one that supports jobs and economic growth for all communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Harpersfield, Delaware County does hereby call upon Governor Cuomo, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to ensure parity between the two five-year programs and to approve both programs at the same time; and

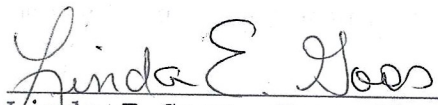
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOT five-year program

include increased funding for the CHIPS and other local programs to help fund upgrades to the local systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of Harpersfield shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator John J. Bonacic, Senator James Seward, Senator Thomas Libous, Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, Assemblyman Peter D. Lopez, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, the New York State Association of Counties and its Board of Directors.

Seconded by Councilman Harry Peterson with the vote as follows:

Adopted:	James Eisel Sr.	Supervisor	Aye.
	Catherine Straus	Councilwoman	Absent.
	Robert Reeve Jr.	Councilman	Aye.
	Harry Peterson	Councilman	Aye.
	Edward S. Slicer	Councilman	Aye.



Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk
January 15, 2016