

**RECESSED CAPITAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, March 15, 2012 11:00 AM**

**Committee Members: Kathy LaBuda, Chair, Alan Sorensen, Vice Chair,  
Gene Benson, Ira Steingart, Jonathan Rouis**

**DISCUSSIONS: None**

**REPORTS: None**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. Conveying the position of Sullivan County to the Governor and the State Legislature regarding Interstate 86.**

**RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE  
CONVEYING THE POSITION OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE  
LEGISLATURE REGARDING INTERSTATE 86.**

**WHEREAS**, New York State Governors have made commitments to the revitalization and improvement of the economy of “Upstate” New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County, along State Route 17, Stueben County (Corridor U-1 I-99), Chemung County and eleven other counties along the US Route 17 (Corridor T I-86) corridor make up the three Local Development Districts in the thirteen state Appalachian Regional Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, US Route 15 is the only north/south route in Central Pennsylvania that serves as a vital and direct link between western New York and Canada and the ports of Baltimore and Philadelphia and the mid-Atlantic states; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Pataki committed to a ten-to-twelve year construction program to complete the Route 17 conversion to I-86 beginning with the first designation (177 miles Chemung County west to Pennsylvania) on December 3, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, completing the I-99 U-1 Corridor fulfills the desires of both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New York to accelerate economic development opportunities in this area of Appalachia as well as respond to the increasing traffic volumes (primarily commercial vehicles) in the Route 17 Corridor since the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation are in the final stages of completing the conversion of Route 15 to Interstate standards (I-99) to meet New York State I-86 (July 2014); and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of New York State Route 17 to I-86 and Route 15 to I-99 provides a highway network with connection to every Interstate Highway located within New York State and Interstate Highways leading into Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the upgrade and designation of Route 17 as I-86 will make the region more competitive and able to attract substantial growth in business, industry, and tourism as well as improve the safety of the traveling public; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York I-86 Economic Development Benefit Study, issued in January 2000, which was widely accepted and quoted at all levels of government, called for an aggressive eight-year construction period that would result in a 3.2 billion dollar direct economic benefit to communities along the I-86 Highway Corridor once the conversion has been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, with proper funding and resources for the remaining projects in Broome, Delaware, Sullivan, and Orange Counties, the conversion of Route 17 to I-86 could be completed many years sooner than on the present schedule, and it would provide the vast economic benefits to the region foreseen by the Appalachian Regional Commission in its study entitled “Economic Impact of Completing the Appalachian Development Highway System,” which states in pertinent part that “Completion of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) would yield significant economic benefits for both the Appalachian Region and the nation...By facilitating national freight flows, reducing travel times, improving safety, and enhancing access to markets, completion of the ADHS would create new jobs and greater value-added activity, returning \$3 in economic benefits to the nation for every \$1 spent to complete the system.”

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby request Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to advance funding and expedite completion of the projects in Broome, Delaware, Sullivan, and Orange Counties on New York State Route 17 (I-86); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby further request the placement of signage along I-86 recognizing the designation of this highway system as the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Interstate Highway 86 as decreed by the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes and directs the Clerk to the Sullivan County Legislature to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Honorable Sheldon Silver, Honorable Dean Skelos, Honorable Christopher Friend, Honorable Thomas O'Mara, Honorable Charles Fuschillo, Honorable David Gantt, Honorable Catherine Young, Honorable Thomas Libous, Honorable David Carlucci, Honorable John Bonacic, Honorable William Larkin, Honorable Joseph Giglio, Honorable Daniel Burling, Honorable Gary Finch, Honorable Clifford Crouch, Honorable Peter Lopez, Honorable Nancy Calhoun, Honorable Philip Palmesano, Honorable Annie Rabbit, Honorable Donna Lupardo, Honorable Aileen Gunther, Honorable Andy Goodell, Honorable Thomas Santulli, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, the New York State Association of Counties, and the I-86 Corridor Counties (Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Allegany, Steuben, Tioga, Broome, Delaware, Orange).