

**Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc.**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2020**  
**3:00pm via Zoom**

***Attendees***

Board Members: Bridgette Brady; Deborah Dawson; Ducson Nguyen; Frank Proto; Denise Thompson

Excused: Jennifer Dotson; Dan Klein; Laura Lewis; Gary Stewart

Staff Attendees: Rick Andrascik; Susan Brock; Bob Sherman; Scot Vanderpool

***Call to Order:***

Chair B. Brady called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

***Action Items:***

**Resolution 2020-03 – Local Match for Low or No Emission (Low-No) Program** was presented. Motion to approve made by F. Proto, seconded by D. Dawson. Resolution 2020-03 passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0-0 as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2020 – 03**  
**LOCAL MATCH FOR LOW OR NO EMISSION (LOW-NO) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to contract, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (TCAT) provides public transit bus services throughout Tompkins County, New York, with the use of buses owned by Tompkins County and operated and maintained by TCAT, and

WHEREAS, TCAT supports Tompkins County's application to the 2020 Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission (Low-No) Program for financial assistance in procuring four (4) new electric buses, bus charging equipment, and training for TCAT's workforce, and

WHEREAS, TCAT supports local comprehensive plans that call for greenhouse gas emission reductions and sustainable transportation; in particular, the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council's 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan which states that an overarching goal of the plan is to "minimize negative environmental impacts of transportation including: dependency on fossil fuel energy use, emissions, noise pollution and non-point source pollution," and

WHEREAS, TCAT and Tompkins County are looking to replace aging diesel buses that are expensive to maintain, have low fuel efficiency, and were manufactured prior to more recent emissions requirements, and

WHEREAS, TCAT and Tompkins County see electric bus technology as integral to moving to a sustainable transportation future, yet they cannot access the electric bus market outright due to high costs and no direct experience with the technology, and

WHEREAS, receipt of buses funded by the Low-No Program would help TCAT and Tompkins County increase their bus capacity to meet increased demand for public transit

services; TCAT's rides increased from fewer than 3 million in 2007 to 4.2 million in 2019, which rate of increase outpaced the total US bus ridership by 40% over that ten year period, and large planned and under-construction housing and hotel projects in the City of Ithaca, in other Tompkins County municipalities, and on Cornell University's campus will further increase the demand for more public transit services, and

WHEREAS, the NY State Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC) in 2020 will provide an anticipated amount of \$550,000 in 2021, and any shortfall in the anticipated ATC grant plus the balance of \$121,600 will come from TCAT's capital program, and

WHEREAS, TCAT is required to identify local funding sources as a part of the Low-No Program application, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the TCAT Board of Directors authorizes an amount not to exceed \$671,600 derived from the NYS ATC Program grant and from TCAT's capital program to include as a local match in Tompkins County's application to the 2020 Low-No Program. Adopted by the TCAT Board of Directors on this the 11th day of March, 2020.

***Adjournment:***

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

***Next meeting:***

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 26, 2020.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Torelli, Recording Secretary, March 26, 2020.*