

RESOLUTION #23-7

**RESOLUTION OF CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL TO
APPROVE THE ALBANY – SCHENECTADY – TROY 1997 8-HOUR OZONE
NON-ATTAINMENT AREA TRANSPORTATION / AIR QUALTY
CONFORMITY DETERMINATION**

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Transportation Council has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the four-county metropolitan planning area of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties, except the Town of Moreau and the Village of South Glens Falls, as required by Title 23, U.S.C. Section 134 and Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5303; and,

WHEREAS, Title 23, U.S.C. Section 134 and Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 states the Capital Region Transportation Council, in cooperation with the State and any affected public transportation operator, shall develop a Transportation Improvement Program (hereafter referred to as the "TIP") for the metropolitan planning area that contains projects consistent with the current metropolitan transportation plan, known as New Visions 2050; and, reflects the investment priorities established in the current metropolitan transportation plan; and once implemented, is designed to make progress toward achieving performance targets.

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Transportation Council, in accordance with Federal requirements for a TIP, has developed an integrated program of federally funded highway, transit and other transportation projects for the Capital District metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council developed a new metropolitan transportation plan requiring the adoption of a new transportation air quality conformity determination for the seven-county Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY ozone nonattainment area; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Transportation Council collaborated with the New York State Department of Transportation Regions 1, 2 and 9 and the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council to develop the requisite draft air quality conformity determination to accompany the Adirondack/Glens Falls metropolitan transportation plan; and,

WHEREAS, that determination included no air quality non-exempt projects within the seven-county Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY ozone nonattainment area; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Transportation Council Planning Committee, the New York State Department of Transportation and the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council's Planning Committee reviewed and approved the draft air quality conformity determination, releasing it for a thirty-day public comment period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that following completion of the thirty-day public comment period, the Capital Region Transportation Council has approved the Albany-Schenectady-Troy 1997 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area Transportation/Air Quality Conformity Determination related to the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council's new metropolitan transportation plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee directs the Secretary to submit this resolution and appropriate documentation of the program through the New York State Commissioner of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.

Kathy M. Sheehan
Mayor, City of Albany
Chair, Capital Region Transportation Council

September 7, 2023