

Resolution Supporting Public Transportation and Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (TCAT)

Whereas TCAT operates a public transit service in Tompkins County that provides an essential transportation means for all residents, but is especially critical for people without automobiles who are often of limited means; and

Whereas use of public transportation reduces vehicle congestion on our roadways and as a consequence, promotes livable communities that are less impacted by traffic; and

Whereas use of bus transit will only grow if it offers reliable, regular service for commuters; and

Whereas building participation by the public in bus transit and other forms of public transportation is essential to reducing carbon emissions and meeting essential greenhouse-gas-reduction goals; and

Whereas TCAT has been forced to reduce service because of fiscal constraints and a shortage of drivers; now therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board encourages all municipalities in Tompkins County to promote use of public transportation, for instance, by insuring that Park-and-Rides meet demand; and

Further Resolved, the Caroline Town Board urges decision-makers at all levels to recognize and financially support public transit; and

Further Resolved, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to all municipalities in Tompkins County, United States Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, United States Congressman Reed, Assemblywoman Lifton, NY State Senators Seward, O'mara, and Nozzolio, New York Governor Cuomo, and President Obama.