

#### MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 22, 2015

Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: OPEN ITEM/PLACEHOLDER – Town of Evans Multi-Use Pathway – Phase III Design

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a suggested resolution and accompanying memorandum regarding establishment of an Open Item/Placeholder on the agenda of the Legislature's Economic Development Committee, relative to the following item:

• Town of Evans Multi-Use Pathway – Phase III Design

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Maria R. Whyte, Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.

**Erie County Executive** 

MCP/cw Enclosure

Cc: Maria R. Whyte, Commissioner

Thomas J. Dearing, Deputy Commissioner

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature

From:

Department of Environment and Planning

Re:

OPEN ITEM/PLACEHOLDER - Town of Evans Multi-Use Pathway - Phase III

Design

Date:

January 22, 2015

#### **SUMMARY**

Phase III to the Evans Shoreline Trail will soon be in the design phase. This extends the existing trail at Roat Drive along Old Lake Shore Road northward to 18-Mile Creek. In order to receive approximately \$240,000 in federal funds for this phase, work needs to be substantially complete by December 31, 2015. In order to expedite the contract approval process an open item is being requested for placement on the Economic Development Committee agenda.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no County funds involved with this open item.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

This open item will assist Erie County in adhering to the general timetable for construction established by the New York State Department of Transportation.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The design phase includes completion of various environmental, landscape architecture, and engineering tasks by a qualified firm. Contract approval from the Erie County Legislature will be required prior to initiation of any design work. The open item will expedite the approval process.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Should approval of the attached resolution not be given, project completion would be delayed.

## STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

This open item would be placed on the appropriate Legislative Committee agenda as a place holder.

# A RESOLUTION BY SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: OPEN ITEM/PLACEHOLDER –
Town of Evans Multi-Use Pathway –
Phase III Design

WHEREAS, Erie County has received \$240,000 in federal funding for the design of Phase III to the Town of Evans, Multi-Use Pathway; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) serves as the local administrator of said federal funds; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has established a short timeline for completion of said design of the Town of Evans Multi-Use Pathway – Phase III Design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that an Open Item be established in the Economic Development Committee of this Legislature for the purpose of considering prerequisite resolutions pertaining to the design of the Town of Evans Multi-Use Pathway – Phase III Design; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; the County Attorney; and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.