

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 388 OF 2011

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Bentley, Thomas, Monroe, Girard, Sokol, McCoy and Wood

OPPOSING NEW YORK LEGISLATURE SENATE BILL NO. S.5411 COMPLETE STREETS MEASURE REGARDING MAKING ROADWAYS MORE ACCESSIBLE

WHEREAS, the Warren County Legislative & Rules Committee has recommended that Warren County oppose the Complete Streets Measure (NYS Legislative Senate Bill No. S.5411) which, as reported by the New York State Association of Counties, would require municipal highway officials to make roadways more accessible to non-motorized traffic, such as bike lanes and wider shoulders, where necessary, by planning, design, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of certain local roads, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative & Rules Committee reports that while this is a good idea, many municipalities do not have ownership or control over land that would allow them to make roads wide enough to serve non-motorized traffic and would require the expenditure of municipal funds to buy additional property at a time when local government finances are extremely stressed, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that while the proposal of making roadways more accessible to non-motorized traffic by widening lanes and shoulders is good, the proposal does not adequately address the lack of property available for such improvements or identify sources of funding should the program be mandated on local government and therefore, the Warren County Board of Supervisors opposes this legislation and encourages the legislature not to take action on this proposal, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Association of Counties; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Charles E. Schumer; Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand; Congressman Christopher Gibson; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward.; and the Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.