

**RESOLUTION NO. 253 -2010, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NEW BUS FARES IN ORDER TO ADVANCE SUNDAY BUS SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk wishes to introduce Sunday bus service for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunday bus service would allow residents dependent on public transportation to travel, recreate and shop, and thereby stimulate the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, a consultant's report on the Suffolk County transit system has recommended offering Sunday service on 24 routes; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's bus fares have not been increased in many years and are significantly lower than regional standards; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in bus fares to a level commensurate with those charged by the MTA/Long Island Bus would produce revenues needed to implement bus service on Sundays; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Director of Transportation Operations in the Department of Public Works is hereby directed to hold, as soon as possible, public hearings to consider raising bus fares to a level no higher than those charged by the MTA/Long Island Bus. Such hearings should specifically address increasing fares up to the current MTA fares; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Director of Transportation Operations written report on the findings of the public hearings and recommendations regarding an increase in bus fares shall be submitted to the County Executive and each member of the Suffolk County Legislature no later than ninety (90) days subsequent to the conclusion of the Public Hearings; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works, Division of Transportation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to use the increased revenue generated by the new fares, if approved, to implement Sunday bus service no later than May 1, 2011 in accordance with the recommendations of the interim report issued by Abrams-Cherwony and Associates; and be it further

**4th RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: March 23, 2010

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steve Levy  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 29, 2010