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RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Special Rules **Committee** **Date** November 10, 2026

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WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has notified Rensselaer County that it has been allocated $6,575 through the 2026 Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program, which provides State capital funding to rehabilitate, restore and modernize public transportation services in Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, The County desires to apply for available funding to support improvements to its public transportation program, including the purchase of diagnostic equipment and software for the County's transit bus and the design and installation of an exterior bus wrap to improve public identification and awareness of the service; and

WHEREAS, The estimated cost of the diagnostic computer and Cummins software is $3,878, with the additional cost of the proposed bus wrap to be determined; and

WHEREAS, The County wishes to submit both projects for consideration under the program, recognizing that the combined project costs may exceed the County's allocated funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby authorizes and supports the submission of an application to the New York State Department of Transportation's 2026 Accelerated Transit Capital Program for the proposed public transportation improvements; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to submit the application and any necessary supporting documentation to NYSDOT.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:
November 10, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive_____

Received from County Executive_____

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Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved_____ **Date**_____

Disapproved_____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

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October 7, 2026

Steven F. McLaughlin, County Executive
Rensselaer County
County Office Building
1600 Seventh Avenue
Troy, New York 12180-3410

Dear County Executive McLaughlin:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is pleased to announce that Rensselaer County has been allocated **$6,575** in funding under New York State's 2026 Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC). The ATC Program provides 100 percent State capital funding to rehabilitate, restore and modernize public transportation services in Upstate New York.

To guide your agency staff in the identification of candidate capital projects, program guidance and application forms to access the funding may be found on NYSDOT's website at: https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/policy-and-strategy/public-transportation/funding-sources/accelerated-transit. **Please submit the electronic application to publictransportation@dot.ny.gov by December 4, 2026.**

Funds allocated pursuant to this announcement must be obligated within three years of an executed grant agreement unless the sponsor has received written approval by the Department to deviate from this schedule. Sponsors who have not obligated funds within three years of an executed grant or have not received approval from NYSDOT to bank funds towards a future project may have their funding redistributed. Contact your transit system specialist for further details.

I want to personally thank you for your support of this important infrastructure program. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Beth Brown, Section Head of Rural and Urban Transit Programs, Public Transportation Bureau, beth.brown@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Haas
Director, Office of Integrated Modal Services
Finance & Integrated Modal Services Division

cc: Matt Haas, Director, Office of Integrated Modal Services
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Robert Pasinella, Director, Rensselaer County Economic Development & Planning
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2026 Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program

Program Description

The Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) program administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) provides $20 million in 100 percent State capital funding for upstate public transportation sponsors that participate in Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) to rehabilitate, restore and modernize public transit assets. Program funds are apportioned based on each eligible sponsor's share of Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) program funds received in the prior State fiscal year.

In an effort to support small/rural sponsors, applicants may submit a program of eligible capital projects that, in combination, have a minimum service life of no less than five (5) years. NYSDOT encourages other sponsors to continue to submit a program of projects with a minimum service life of ten (10) years. Eligible projects include Federal Transit Administration (FTA) activities, meeting the minimum service life threshold, such as vehicle rehabilitation and/or replacement, fleet enhancement, deployment of new technologies, passenger amenities and maintenance facilities. Rolling stock projects must also be eligible for Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) funding.

Non-Federal Matching Shares and Other Funding Sources

Program funds may be used to supplement and enhance a federally aided project e.g. adding buses to an existing federally aided contract. Project sponsors must document all funding sources in Part C of the application in addition to describing how the ATC funding will be used.

Public transportation sponsors may opt to use ATC funds to fully fund or reduce the total cost of a capital project.

Program funds may be used to reassign the required local share of a federally funded project to which it is added. Sponsors must demonstrate that reassigned local capital funds were used to directly enhance operating support of current year services.

Obligation of Program Funds

Funds allocated pursuant to this announcement must be obligated (placed on contract) within three (3) years of an award notification unless the project sponsor receives written approval by NYSDOT to deviate from this schedule. Sponsors who have not obligated funds within three years of an award notification or have not received approval from NYSDOT to bank funds towards a future project may have their funding redistributed.

NYSDOT reserves the right to de-obligate projects that fall out of the original and/or as approved "revised" project schedule. Systems will be provided an opportunity to recover or cure schedule.

Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP/STIP)

In order to keep the public informed about NYSDOT funded projects, NYSDOT requests that 100 percent State program funded projects be added to the TIP. If a federally funded project in an Urbanized Area (50,000+ population) includes 100 percent ATC funding, the ATC funds should be added to the TIP/STIP

through the appropriate MPO action. For non-urbanized areas, ATC funding is not required to be added to the TIP/STIP.

Applicants must contact their regional MPO (Urbanized Area) or NYSDOT Public Transportation Bureau (Non-Urbanized Area) to secure a State Transit Project Identification Number (PIN).

Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance

As a condition of receiving the funding, the applicant accepts responsibility for maintaining the State aided asset(s) throughout its service life according to the manufacturer's maintenance specifications. Failure to maintain assets according to the manufacturer's maintenance specifications will subject funds to recapture by NYSDOT in part or in full of the original award amount used for the purchase of the asset. The asset must be reported in the appropriate Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan and/or the NYSDOT Annual Inventory Survey Form.

Asset Use

Project sponsors must remain in continuing control of assets progressed under this program unless otherwise approved in writing by NYSDOT. Vehicles procured under this program must be operated in revenue service in accordance with Title 17 of the New York State Codes, Rules and Regulations (Parts 720, 721, 722, 723) and Parts 975 Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA). More information is available here: Participation in Public Transportation Programs.

Asset Disposition/Retirement Policy

Transfers of rolling stock purchased with ATC funds between agencies is permitted provided the usage remains for public transportation services open to the general public in accordance with all federal rules and regulations if funded in part with FTA funds. If funded 100% with state funding, rolling stock may be transferred between agencies who are eligible for and receive STOA funding. Transfers of rolling stock purchased with ATC funds to agencies located within the Metropolitan Transportation Commuter District is not permitted. A formal request must be submitted to NYSDOT and receive NYSDOT's written approval. For vehicles that have met their useful life in years or miles, proceeds in excess of $10,000 from the disposition of vehicles must be refunded to NYSDOT at 80% of the excess amount.

Administrative Cost Limitations

ATC funds may not be used to cover salaries; overhead, or services provided by the applicant for operating purposes they would normally perform; operating assistance; capital cost of contracting; preventative maintenance; lease payments; office equipment; or minor office renovations such as new furniture, painting, or carpeting.

Procurement Rules and Laws

Eligible recipients must comply with applicable Local, State, and/or Federal procurement requirements, including but not limited to MWBE, SDVOB, or DBE requirements.

- For contracts funded with 100 percent state funds, the applicant must follow:
    - Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) program rules and regulations.
        - The M/WBE program is a state-regulated program that promotes business opportunities on state contracts for minorities and women. All commodity/services procurements greater than $25,000 and construction contracts greater than $100,000 are subject to M/WBE requirements. All local municipalities are subject to the same thresholds. Applicants are required to assess appropriate contract goals and

demonstrate a good faith effort to utilize M/WBE firms.
    - For more information on the M/WBE program visit Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises Program (MWBE).
    - The directory of Certified MWBEs can be found at New York State Contract System

AND

- The provisions of New York State Executive Law Article -17-B *Participation by Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business with Respect to State Contracts-* see SDVOB Program requirements.
    - Contracts must include a six (6) percent SDVOB goal as derived from the NYSDOT's SDVOB Goal Plan when:
        - Construction contracts are greater than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000); or
        - Contracts greater than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for design and construction-related professional services (Architectural/Engineering); or
        - Contracts greater than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for procurement of materials (commodities).
    - If any part of the project effectuated by either the Grantee's employed workforce or through a pre-existing qualification-based consultant contract, then the SDVOB goal is not applied **to that portion of the work**.
    - Additional information on SVDOB may be found here: Guidance for Setting Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) Goals on Non-Federal-Aid Grant Contracts

- If the project is supplementing a federally funded project, the applicant must follow FTA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) rules and regulations.

    - The (DBE) program is a federally regulated program that promotes business opportunities on federal contracts for for-profit small businesses where socially and economically disadvantaged individuals own at least a 51% interest and also control management and daily business operations. The DBE program promotes the use of DBEs in all types of federally assisted contracts and procurement activities and does not apply to 100% state funded contracts.

    - For more information on the DBE program visit: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise | FTA.

Project Notification and Grant Agreement

NYSDOT will notify all applicants regarding their project status. Project status includes:

- Approved as requested
- Approved with modifications; or
- Not eligible.

Grantee Resolution

A duly adopted grantee resolution authorizing the appropriate official of the Grantee to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Grantee and appropriating or otherwise providing for the first instance of the ATC funding is required no later than 30 days after the award notification.

Reimbursement

The ATC Program is a reimbursement program. Projects previously reimbursed with federal and/or state funding are not eligible. Applicants will be fully reimbursed for expenditures incurred within the state contract period provided appropriate documentation (itemized equipment invoices, cancelled checks, receipts, etc.) of

eligible project costs is provided by the sponsor. Vehicle purchases using more than $1,000,000 in ATC funds must also include copies of vehicle registrations and titles.

Grant Agreement Payment Form and Statewide Financial System (SFS)

For contract reimbursements, invoices with supporting documentation must be submitted to and processed by the New York State Business Services Center (BSC). Please copy your NYSDOT System Specialist when submitting your request to BSC.

For your convenience, general information about how to use the SFS system may be found here: Notice to Vendors.

Contact your NYSDOT System Specialist for current payment forms.

Project Completion

NYSDOT reserves the right to conduct a final inspection of the work completed or acquisition made prior to final payment.

If ATC funds are reimbursed and the project is subsequently discontinued or abandoned for reasons other than unforeseeable legal or environmental prohibitions, such funds must be repaid to NYSDOT. Repayment may be made by check to New York State or by written agreement between the applicant and NYSDOT to reduce the eligible state reimbursement, in the amount to be repaid, against a future project.

Application Deadline

Completed applications are due no later than **December 4, 2026**. Questions regarding this Application may be directed to the NYSDOT System Specialist (see next page) or emailed to NYSDOT at: PublicTransportation@dot.ny.gov.