



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE
May 16, 2025

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Authorization to Accept Going Places Transportation Training Funding

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Department of Senior Services seeking legislative authorization to accept \$20,200 from the New York State Department of Transportation to conduct a training seminar for approximately seventy Going Places transportation staffers, employed by the Department, its contract agencies and municipal partners. Also, we are requesting approval to contract with Beacon Mobility Intermediate, Corp. dba TransAction Associates, Inc., the entity selected through a Department RFP, process to conduct the training on defensive driving and best practices for transporting those with disabilities and older adults.

Due to the recent freeze on Federal funds, the passage of this resolution does not guarantee its execution. I have directed the Office of Budget and Management to closely monitor and place holds on certain Federal contracts so that no significant cost is accrued by Erie County while the freeze by the Trump administration is resolved.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Randall Hoak. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mrc
Enclosure

cc: Randall Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Authorization to Accept Going Places Transportation Training Funding
Date: May 16, 2025

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to allow the Department of Senior Services to accept \$20,200 from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to conduct a training seminar for approximately seventy Going Places transportation staffers (dispatchers, drivers, managers, and support staff), employed by the Department, its contract agencies, and municipal partners. Also, requesting legislative approval to contract with Beacon Mobility Intermediate, Corp. dba TransAction Associates, Inc., the entity selected through a Department RFP process to conduct the training.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required. NYSDOT has awarded grant Federal funding for this purpose.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Going Places is the transportation program for older adults, operated by the Department of Senior Services, its contract agencies, and municipal partners. In 2024, Going Places provided 42,387 rides to 1,620 Erie County residents. The Department applied for, and was awarded, these NYSDOT Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) training funds.

The Department's RFP process, selected as the sole provider Beacon Mobility Intermediate, Corp. dba TransAction Associates, Inc., administrators of the RTAP program in Massachusetts with over 34 years of experience providing transportation, consultation, and training services throughout Massachusetts and New England.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to utilize available grant funds to provide Going Places transportation training.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will accept the NYSDOT funds and contract with Beacon Mobility Intermediate, Corp. dba TransAction Associates, Inc. to conduct the training for Going Places staffers and provide other costs associated with this training including catered food and beverages.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Authorization to Accept Going Places Transportation Training Funding

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services operates the Going Places transportation program, with its contract agencies and municipal partners, to provide van rides for older adults in Erie County to medical appointments, congregate dining sites, grocery stores, and for necessary personal business and social activities. In 2024, the Going Places Transportation Program provided 42,387 rides to 1,620 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services applied for and was awarded \$20,200 of funding by the New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT) Rural Transportation Assistance Program to hold a network-wide training for Going Places transportation program drivers and staff, addressing defensive driving, Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and proper techniques for transporting clients who use wheelchairs; and

WHEREAS, a Department of Senior Services RFP process selected Beacon Mobility Intermediate, Corp. dba TransAction Associates, Inc., a regional Rural Transit Assistance Program administrator in Massachusetts, and an expert in the field to conduct the training at a cost of \$18,200 and provide other costs associated with this training including catered food and beverages; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required for this training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$20,200 in funding from NYSDOT to be budgeted within the Erie County Department of Senior Services 2025 Operating Budget (Fund 110 Funds Center 1632020) for Going Places training as follows:

Department of Senior Services
Transportation Unit
Fund 110, Funds Center 1632020

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| REVENUES | CHANGE |
| 414000 Federal Aid | <u>\$20,200</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$20,200</u> |
| APPROPRIATIONS | CHANGE |
| 516020 Professional Services, Contracts & Fees | <u>\$20,200</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$20,200</u> |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County executive to contract with Beacon Mobility Intermediate, Corp. dba TransAction Associates, Inc. to provide the Going Places training during the period of June 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$18,200; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust appropriations and revenues including those required to comply with the grantor funding changes provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchasing and the Department of Senior Services.



Department of Senior Services

Recommendation for RFP : 2025-030VF

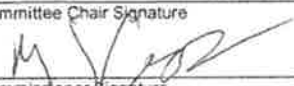
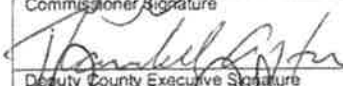

Date: 5/1/2025

The review panel has completed its task of evaluating the proposals for the above-named RFP. The proposals were graded individually by each panel member as well by Administration as to compliance with the RFP requirements and fiscal compliance/soundness.

| Agency | TOTAL SCORE | RANKING by Score | Current Funding Amount | Requested Amount | Recommended Award |
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| TransAction Associates & Corporate Shuttle | 87.667 | 1 | \$18,200 | \$18,200 | \$18,200 |

It is recommended that TransAction Associates and Corporate Shuttle render Transportation Training Services in Erie County in 2025. Supporting documentation is included in this packet.

The Department of Senior Services has complied with all applicable provisions of Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

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| Committee Chair Signature  | Printed Name Ryan Gadzo | Date 5/1/2025 |
| Commissioner Signature  | Printed Name Randall Hoak | Date |
| Deputy County Executive Signature  | Printed Name Lisa Chimera | Date 5/5/25 |

Once reviewed and approved, please return to Ryan Gadzo at Ryan.Gadzo@erie.gov or Room # 1344 for processing. Thank you.