

RESOLUTION NO. 303-a

REQUESTING THE HUMAN RESOURCES AND GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS TO DEVISE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REWARDING EMPLOYEES WHO CONSERVE FUEL COMMUTING TO WORK

Introduced: 10/14/08

By Public Works Committee, Messrs. Gordon, Aylward, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clouse, Cotrofeld, Horstmyer, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Reilly, Zeilman, Mendick, Bullock, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Carman, Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Higgins, Hoblock, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Tunny, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Albany County has rewarded employees who ride the bus to work with reduced-rate CDTA Swiper cards as a means to ease the parking problem in downtown Albany, and

WHEREAS, Today that concern has been overridden by the high cost of gasoline and need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and the combination calls for the County to take a fresh approach to encourage employees to conserve fuel, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body believes that it is incumbent upon the County to devise a comprehensive plan offering incentives to employees who practice fuel conservation measures to get to and from work, and

WHEREAS, The plan should take into account ways to reward employees who purchase fuel-efficient cars, whether hybrid or alternative fuel cars, those with high mile-per-gallon ratings or smaller engines, and to offer incentives to those who car pool, walk, bike or drive motorcycles to work, and

WHEREAS, The incentives could vary from reduced parking fees at County lots, cash, chances to participate in a lottery drawing or other forms of financial incentives for those who park for free or use other means to commute to work, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature requests the Departments of Human Resources and General Services to devise a comprehensive plan to reward employees who drive fuel efficient cars or practice fuel-conservation measures commuting to and from work, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature requests the departments to present final plan recommendations within 90 days of passage of this resolution, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 10/14/08