

1 **2025 Legislative Conference**  
2 **Standing Committee on Transportation and Public Works**  
3 **Resolution # 2**

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5 **Resolution Urging the Governor and State Lawmakers to Add Counties as**  
6 **Eligible for Funding Under the New York State Touring Routes Program**  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the New York State Touring Route Program provides \$140 million in State  
9 funds to cities, towns and villages based on the total number of signed touring route  
10 miles for which such municipality has capital maintenance responsibility to support the  
11 construction and repair of highways, bridges, highway-railroad crossings, and other  
12 transportation facilities; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) guidance directs that  
15 preference be given to roads located on a State highway where the State arterial is  
16 maintained by a municipality and designated as a Touring Route, however, funds may  
17 be used on an eligible roadway listed on the Local Highway Inventory; and  
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19 **WHEREAS**, unlike the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program  
20 (CHIPS), Extreme Winter Recovery, PAVE NY, BRIDGE NY, and Pave Our Potholes  
21 programs, for which all municipalities qualify, the State Touring Route Program  
22 excludes counties; and  
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24 **WHEREAS**, several counties throughout the state have roads or segments of roads and  
25 other transportation infrastructure that would otherwise qualify for the additional  
26 allocation of funding enjoyed by all other levels of local government; and  
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28 **WHEREAS**, there appears to be no identifiable reason for counties that have several  
29 miles of such touring routes as defined by NYSDOT guidance within their jurisdiction to  
30 be excluded from the program; an inequality that needs to be corrected in the next  
31 budget to prevent otherwise eligible counties from further loss of funding; and  
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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of  
34 Counties (NYSAC) hereby calls on the Governor and State Lawmakers to provide in the  
35 final state budget the necessary change to the touring route budget language to include  
36 counties; and  
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties  
39 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and  
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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
42 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Legislature and all others deemed necessary and  
43 proper.