

RESOLUTION NO. 588

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF
VOORHEESVILLE REGARDING SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS TO
RAILROAD CROSSINGS ON COUNTY ROADS**

Introduced: 12/5/13

By Messrs. Reilly, Mackey, Clenahan and Ms. Connolly:

WHEREAS, Two County roads with busy railroad crossings go through the Village of Voorheesville and the amount of train traffic has increased substantially due to the increased number of crude oil shipments to the Port of Albany from the Midwest as a result of increased production, and

WHEREAS, The current railroad crossings are insufficient to ensure that catastrophic accidents are not likely, but because of recent upgrades performed by the railroad to the crossing areas, there is an opportunity to install a system referred to as a quad gate system, and

WHEREAS, The quad gate system creates a barrier that prevents vehicles from “zig zagging” around the gates, thus restricting potential access when a train passes and because of the aforementioned improvements to the crossing areas, the anticipated cost of the quad gate system has been reduced, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Voorheesville is seeking a partnership with the County to enhance the public safety around these two crossings to the mutual benefit of the municipalities and the residents, and

WHEREAS, An initial step toward meeting this goal requires an engineering study to verify the reduced cost of installing the quad gate system, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Village of Voorheesville in the amount of \$27,500 to be paid out of the County Contingency Account A1990 for the purpose of assisting the Village in obtaining an engineering study to start moving forward with safety enhancements regarding the aforementioned railroad crossings, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

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

Adopted by unanimous vote. 12/5/13