



**Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0019-2024**

Sponsored by: **Kim Smith**, Councilmember At-Large | Co-Sponsored by: **Stanley Martin**, At-Large

To The Honorable  
Rochester City Council  
30 Church Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

***RE: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Pass Bill S1981A/A4120A***

Honorable Council Members:

I ask you to join us by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution urging the New York State Legislature to pass Bill S1981A/A4120A, Establishing clean energy goals of reducing the annual total of vehicle miles traveled within the state by 20% by the year 2050, and in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve:**

**WHEREAS**, We, the undersigned members of Rochester City Council, urge state lawmakers to pass Bill S1981A/A4120A, enhancing our State's clean energy goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill S1981A/A4120A establishes a new goal of reducing the annual total Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) traveled in New York State by 20% by the year 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, 11% of Monroe County households do not have a car and all New Yorkers deserve more options to get around within and among our state's communities; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing vehicle miles traveled will shift the focus of state transportation officials toward creating more safe, accessible, and reliable transportation options; and

**WHEREAS**, this goal would seek to significantly reduce carbon emissions in New York State, dovetailing with our state's existing climate goals; and

**WHEREAS**, most of New York State, including Rochester, is heavily car-dependent, leading to excess carbon emissions by drivers of privately owned automobiles; and

**WHEREAS**, this bill would establish a vehicle miles traveled assessment working group, aimed at capturing current VMT and best practices for reducing the total VMT in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, the working group would report its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner of Transportation, the Governor, the temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly for implementation; and

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**WHEREAS**, this goal will be a tangible and necessary addition to New York State's climate goals, encouraging New Yorkers to consider alternate modes of transportation and reduce the total Vehicle Miles Traveled in the state; and

**Now, Therefore, be it RESOLVED**, We, the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, support the passage of Bill S1981A/A4120A.

Sincerely,



**Kim Smith**  
At-Large

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The following members of Rochester City Council join their colleague(s) in supporting this resolution:



**Miguel A. Meléndez**, President  
At-Large Representative



**Willie Lightfoot**, Councilmember  
At-Large Representative



**Stanley Martin**, Councilmember  
At-Large Representative



**Mitch Gruber**, Councilmember  
At-Large Representative



**Bridget Monroe**, Councilmember  
Northwest District



**Mary Lupien**, Councilmember  
East District