

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Joan McDonald
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FR: U.S. Representative Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18)

Unfunded Priority Transportation Projects New York's 18th Congressional District

Route 17/Future I-86, Orange County

- The single most important transportation project in NY-18. Phase 1 of the total project is \$40M. It is mission critical that Phase 1 start in 2014. The interchange must be upgraded to advance Route 17 into I-86.
- This project would greatly improve the existing system, significantly contribute to the economic competitiveness of the region and State as it serves Woodbury Common, is currently listed on the 2011-2015 Orange County Transportation Council Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and was submitted by NYSDOT Region 8 for consideration under the Strategic Transportation Enhancements Program (STEP).
- The Exit 131 project is vital and is ready to move. The State has pushed its start back to 2018 due to lack of funding. It sits at the intersection of SR 17 / Future I-86 and SR 32, and is adjacent to the Harriman Toll Barrier to the New York State Thruway System. Exit 131 was included in the Route 17 Transportation Corridor Study undertaken by NYSDOT and experiences the heaviest current traffic volumes along Route 17 and the volumes are expected to increase in the future.
- The Exit 131 project would not only accommodate this increased traffic volume, but also the proposed renovation of Woodbury Common. The proposed renovation of Woodbury Common, which includes the construction of an additional 60,000 square feet of retail space, is expected to generate 300 to 500 construction jobs, create 400 new retail jobs, generate approximately \$5.5 million in additional sales tax, and an additional \$700,000 in property tax. Clearly, these renovations and the jobs and increased revenue will have a positive economic impact throughout the region. Project Specifics
 - Exit 130A to Exit 131 Upgrade & Enhancement, Phase 1, \$42,000,000
 - Exit 130A to Exit 131 Upgrade & Enhancement, Phase 2, \$40,000,000
 - Exit 122 Interchange Upgrade & Enhancement Phase 2, \$40,000,000

I-684, Resurfacing, Westchester County

- I-684 handles significant daily commuter volume and is the main north/south connection between I-84 and I-287 east of the Hudson River. It carries average daily traffic volumes of approximately 65,000 to 70,000 vehicles. These sections are original surface and are roughly 40 years old. The first segments of I-684 were built in 1968 and the road was completed in its current form by the end of 1974.
 - Hardscrabble Road to I-84, \$29,000,000
 - Harris Road to Route 35, \$18,200,000

Taconic State Parkway, Pudding Street Intersection, Putnam County, \$18,000,000

Project will redesign the existing intersection to significantly improve safety at this intersection that has become increasingly dangerous with increased traffic volumes.

I-84, Route 9D Interchange, Dutchess County, \$25,000,000

Project will significantly improve safety and traffic flow at this critical interchange located immediately east of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge spanning the Hudson River.

State Roads

The following roads have fallen into such a state of disrepair due to lack of funding that these roads cannot simply be resurfaced, but will require significant repair:

Orange County:

- Rte 302: Rte 17M to CR Thompson Ridge Rd, \$5,400,000
- Rte 17: Rte 17A to Arden Rd, \$4,100,000
- Rte 9W: Rte 293 to Angola Rd, \$7,000,000
- Rte 980T (River Rd/Marine Dr Arterial) \$3,000,000
- Rte 32: Gardnertown Rd to Rte 300 \$1,500,000

Putnam County:

- Rte 22: I-84 to Rte 164 \$4,500,000

Westchester County:

- Rte 116: Rte 22 to Rte 121 \$2,900,000
- Rte 22: Rte 121 to Rte 35 \$3,000,000
- Rte 138: Rte 22 to Rte 121 \$2,100,000