

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3218

March 29, 2016

The Honorable Matthew J. Driscoll
Commissioner
New York State Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Dear Commissioner Driscoll:

I write to you today regarding our discussion about the need to move forward with plans to rehabilitate the Woodbury I-87 Interchange (Exit 131). The inclusion of the Exit 131 upgrades in the New York State budget would be a major step forward and I look forward to its adoption.

I also appreciated your willingness to work with my office to advance this important project as well as your dedication to investing in critical infrastructure projects in the Hudson Valley.

As you move forward with the 2016 Thruway Agenda, I hope you will focus on the Woodbury Interchange when addressing the growing transportation needs of the Hudson Valley. The interchange is located adjacent to the Harriman Toll Barrier and is the route most travelers take to access the many commercial and residential properties throughout the region. This multitude of destinations includes, but is not limited to, the international shopping destination Woodbury Common Premium Outlets, West Point Military Academy, as well as the most recently approved \$1 Billion development of Montreign Resort Casino which will open its doors in 2017. As a result, this interchange has the heaviest traffic volume in the region.

As you are aware, Woodbury Common Premium Outlets is renovating and expanding their entire project. The proposed growth and revitalization is critical for the economic development of Orange County, and will generate an estimated \$5.5 million in additional sales tax. The popularity of this center, coupled with the multitudes of other businesses on the constantly growing Route 32 corridor, makes this road system one of the most plagued in Orange County. It is my belief that this road project is critical to the functionality and the future growth of the entire surrounding region and it is our obligation to the residents and many businesses to make this long awaited improvement.

If we are to head off these additional traffic issues, NYSDOT must join with local stakeholders and move this project forward immediately. The Exit 131 project is currently listed on the Orange County Transportation Council's Transportation Improvement Program and was submitted to NYSDOT Region 8 for consideration under the Strategic Transportation Enhancement Program. This project is long overdue and progress must be made for the Hudson Valley to continue to grow and flourish.

I invite you to join me to tour the site and meet with the many businesses and community members who support this project. Below is a list of businesses, local leaders and members of the community who have expressed their support for the Woodbury interchange project.

Simon Properties, Owner and Operator of
Woodbury Premium Outlets
NYS Senator William Larkin
NYS Assemblyman James Skoufis
Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus
Orange County Association of Towns,
Villages and Cities:
City of Middletown
City of Newburgh
City of Port Jervis
Town of Blooming Grove
Town of Chester
Town of Cornwall
Town of Crawford
Town of Deerpark
Town of Goshen
Town of Greenville
Town of Hamptonburgh
Town of Highlands
Town of Minisink
Town of Monroe
Town of Montgomery
Town of Mount Hope
Town of New Windsor

Town of Newburgh
Town of Tuxedo
Town of Wallkill
Town of Warwick
Town of Wawayanda
Town of Woodbury
Village of Chester
Village of Cornwall on Hudson
Village of Florida
Village of Goshen
Village of Greenwood Lake
Village of Highland Falls
Village of Maybrook
Village of Monroe
Village of Montgomery
Village of Otisville
Village of South Blooming Grove
Village of Tuxedo Park
Village of Unionville
Village of Walden
Village of Warwick
Village of Washingtonville
Village of Woodbury

I urge your attention to this request and ask that the project be addressed at your earliest convenience. Together, our efforts to resolve this issue will mean less congestion and a solid economic foundation for the future I-86. I appreciate your national leadership on transportation investments, and thank you in advance for your efforts to resolve this critical transportation need. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress