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## New Budget Boosts Transportation Funding to Record Level

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**Albany, NY-** State Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer has announced today that the new budget will help to jump-start more infrastructure improvement projects throughout Western New York. The 2017-18 State Budget allocates \$29 billion for transportation funding, representing a nearly \$2 billion year-over-year increase.

"The new budget delivers Upstate New York's fair share of state transportation dollars and commits a record level of funding for critical projects. This funding boost will help to improve the condition of our infrastructure and strengthen our economy," said Ranzenhofer.

The new budget increases funding by:

- \$1.5 billion to accelerate statewide road and bridge projects;
- \$65 million for local infrastructure repair projects; and
- \$50 million for the local Bridge NY program.

A total of \$603 million in funding will help municipalities with additional infrastructure improvement projects. The budget allocates \$438 million for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement program (CHIPS), \$100 million for the Pave NY program and \$65 million for the Extreme Winter Recovery program.

"A record level of state funding will be going directly to local governments to help with repairs to improve Western New York's highways, roads and bridges. Our crumbling infrastructure has been rated poor in the past. This funding is desperately needed," said Ranzenhofer.

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