



October 27, 2025

Marie Therese Dominguez
Commissioner
New York State Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Dear Commissioner Dominguez,

Re: Immediate Need for Repaving of Route 117 in the Town of Bedford

We write to express our urgent concern regarding the severely deteriorated condition of Route 117 between Harris Road and the Bedford Hills Fire Station in the Town of Bedford, Westchester County. This critical stretch of state roadway has been evaluated by your own department as having the *lowest possible grade* for road conditions - a designation that accurately reflects the unacceptable and hazardous state of this vital thoroughfare.

The current condition of this section of Route 117 has become not just an issue of inconvenience, but of safety and public welfare. Vehicles are subject to sustaining thousands of dollars in damage due to rough pavement and deep potholes, which can no longer be addressed by patching.

In addition to the physical damage, the deteriorated roadway can cause significant delays in emergency response times. Fire trucks, ambulances, and police vehicles are forced to slow down to navigate the degraded pavement safely, losing valuable seconds - if not minutes - in situations where every moment counts. We cannot

overstate the risk this poses to residents during medical emergencies, fires, and public safety incidents.

This stretch of Route 117 is a heavily trafficked artery not only for local drivers but also for school buses, delivery vehicles, and commercial traffic.

We urge the New York State Department of Transportation to take immediate and decisive action to prioritize and fund the full repaving of Route 117 between Harris Road and the Bedford Hills fire station. The condition of this road has reached a crisis point, and inaction will only compound the safety, financial, and legal risks already present.

We are prepared to work in full cooperation with your office to expedite this project in any way possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Pete Harckham
New York State Senator
40th District

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Chris Burdick
New York State Assemblymember
93rd District

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