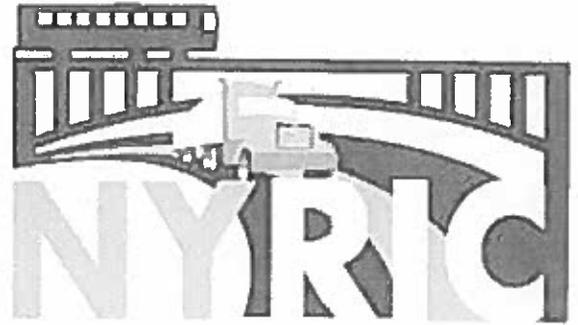


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Joint Legislative Public Hearing on 2020-2021 Executive Budget Proposal
Topic: Transportation

Tuesday, January, 28 2020, 9:30am
Hamilton Hearing Room B
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY

Chairman Kennedy, Chairman Magnarelli and members of the Senate and Assembly Transportation Committees, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding the two-year Capital Program included in the 2020-2021 Executive Budget Proposal.

The New York Roadway and Infrastructure Coalition (NYRIC) is a statewide organization of industry, labor, business and community support groups advocating for increased capital funding of New York State's vast transportation needs. For decades NYRIC has promoted long-term, reliable capital improvement programs to adequately and equally provide for the needs of safe, productive and efficient roads, bridges and mass transit systems throughout New York State.

NYRIC commends the Governor's proposal to provide \$11.9 billion for a new two-year DOT Capital Plan. This is a significant commitment that will improve highways, bridges and rail infrastructure across the state.

NYRIC looks forward to a continued partnership with the legislature, Executive and NYSDOT to help deliver transformative projects that will vastly improve our infrastructure and the safety and well-being of New Yorkers across the state.

While the Executive Budget proposal is a significant step towards rebuilding and modernizing New York State and local transportation infrastructure, creating jobs and sustaining economic growth, the entire system of roads and bridges requires a long term commitment to ensure that crucial system wide needs are met. NYRIC urges the legislature to build upon the Executive Budget Proposal by including an additional \$1 billion to support key NYSDOT programs.

Specifically, we request the additional \$1 billion investment to support the following programs annually over the two-year period:

- \$200 million for the Core Program
- \$100 million for the CHIPS Program
- \$50 million for the PAVE NY Program
- \$50 million for the BRIDGE NY Program
- \$100 million for the City Routes Program/Urban Roads Initiative

As you deliberate and prepare your respective one-house budgets we urge you to prioritize infrastructure investment and consider our suggestions to ensure a robust, fully funded Capital Plan.

We look forward to working closely with you to make certain the capital needs of our roads and bridges is met. Again, thank you for the opportunity.

Very truly yours,



President
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