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**NEW STUDY FINDS 82% OF LONG ISLAND ROADS TESTED IN “POOR” TO “FAIR”
CONDITION:
LONG ISLAND CONTRACTORS’ ASSOCIATION URGES TRAVELERS TO USE CAUTION
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Long Island, NY –Ahead of one of the busiest of driving holidays, the Long Island Contractors’ Association (LICA) released an alarming “Roadways and Pavement Condition” study revealing poor road conditions on Long Island.

“This holiday season, we encourage drivers to use extra caution when traveling locally. Long Islanders cannot be satisfied that a large majority of our roads are in “poor” to “fair” condition and it is inexcusable that only 1% of roads surveyed are considered “excellent.” This is a public safety issue and one that must be addressed with proper funding and rehabilitation.” said **LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst**.

Of the 379 lane miles analyzed, the report shows 82% were rated to be in “poor” or “fair” condition*. The independent study, performed by Advance Testing Company, was commissioned by LICA to help identify those roads in need of the most significant repair. The information will be shared with state legislators before they reconvene in Albany after the holidays to begin budget negotiations. One of the most significant issues before the legislature will be the formation of the next five-year transportation capital plan. Herbst noted “With this report in hand, they can knowledgeably and responsibly advocate for increased infrastructure funding needed for Long Island in 2020 and beyond.”

“No Long Islander would be surprised to hear that such a high percentage of our local roads are in poor condition, yet the staggering statistics in LICA’s new report are a wakeup call for officials at all levels of government,” said **Senator Anna M. Kaplan, a member of the Senate Transportation Committee**. “Long Islanders deserve better, and I’m committed to fighting for additional resources and innovative solutions, so that we can fix the roads each of us rely on every day.”

“The condition of our roads in Long Island are of great concern to our residents and have become a top priority for my office in the 18th Assembly District. The findings presented in this report are dismal and speak to the magnitude of work we must do. Living in Long Island is expensive, and many residents are experiencing financial insecurities, so hitting a pothole and

incurring an unforeseen cost can be financially devastating. I am committed to working with all stakeholders, including LICA, to ensure we are utilizing the most effective products and strategies to quills your and effectively improve the conditions of our roads. We pay for an excellent quality of life and that is what we deserve,” **said Assemblywoman Taylor Darling, District 18, Assembly Transportation Committee.**

“Suburbia is reliant on the automobile to move people and trucks to move goods,” **said Lawrence Levy, Executive Dean of The National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University.** “It is unthinkable to allow our roads to deteriorate to the point where they not only impede economic progress, but possibly pose a safety hazard. America’s oldest suburb cannot let its infrastructure age prematurely and expect to remain viable.”

The study found that:

- 147.2 miles of pavement (39% of those tested) **were rated in “poor” condition**
- 164.4 miles of pavement (43% of those tested) **were rated in “fair” condition**
- Only 17% **were rated “good”**
- A paltry 1% **were rated “excellent”**

The worst sections of highway were segments of:

- Meadowbrook State Parkway
- New York State Route 109
- Northern State Parkway
- Southern State Parkway

With more than 2 million motor vehicles registered in Nassau & Suffolk Counties alone (more than all 5 boroughs of NYC combined) the need for ongoing maintenance and improvement of Long Island’s infrastructure is obvious. In such an automobile-centric region, the roadway transportation network on Long Island is critical to both the economic success and quality of life for its nearly 3 million residents. This report illustrates why it is imperative that organizations such as the Long Island Contractors’ Association continue to raise awareness of the issue and advocate strongly for additional transportation infrastructure funding.

*The rating of pavement within the study used procedures outlined by the NYSDOT. Ratings were determined across the entire roadway when possible. Each lane within a roadway was rated individually.

About LICA

LICA represents Long Island's premier heavy construction general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and industry supporters. Focused primarily in the infrastructure construction industry, such as highways, bridges, sewers, parks, other public works and private site development, LICA's member companies play a significant role in sustaining the region's quality of life and economic engine that is Nassau and Suffolk Counties.