



February 14, 2018

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
 Senator John J. Flanagan
 Speaker Carl Heastie
 c/o New York State Capitol
 Albany, New York

Dear Governor Cuomo, Senator Flanagan and Speaker Heastie:

More than 70,000 drivers who take Route 347 daily are now indefinitely “stalled” – stuck in the void between state promises and state funding that never materialized to complete this critical corridor.

In August 2010, after more than a decade of study and exhaustive engagement with stakeholders, the New York State Department of Transportation finally broke ground on the “Greener NY Route 347” project. This event was nothing less than historic as it has long been recognized that viable and safe roads ensure the future of a region.


Since the initial contract was awarded for the project’s first phase, the state has awarded successive projects so that this transformation could progress toward completion. However, the most recent phase (Phase 4) was completed in December 2017 and since then, this project has come to a halt. It is particularly chilling to realize that the state’s current five-year capital program does not even suggest any funding to support the remainder of the project.

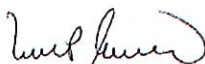
As a result, only about 4.3 miles of the approximate 15-mile corridor has been reconstructed and it appears it may remain this way for the foreseeable future unless action is taken. Typical of the loss of transportation efficiency for this road, is the fact that while the posted speed limit for its length is 55 mph, average speeds are roughly half of that during peak travel times. That reduction has a direct and adverse impact on every driver, their productivity, fuel consumption and more.

Given this untenable situation, the Long Island Contractors’ Association (LICA) and supporting organizations listed below, are urging that funds be appropriated to restart the reconstruction of Route 347, a road which has not only cars and trucks riding on it, but the region’s economic future.

Sincerely,


 Long Island Contractors’ Association
 Marc Herbst, Executive Director

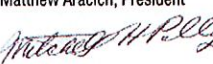

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 Building and Construction Trades Council
 of Nassau & Suffolk Counties, AFL-CIO
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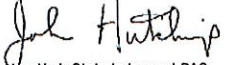

 AAA New York State
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 Laborers Local 1298
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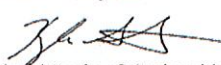

 Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters
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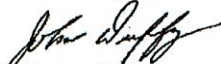

 Long Island Metro Business Action
 Ernest Fazio, Chairman


 New York State Laborers’ PAC
 John Hutchings, Executive Director

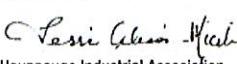

 Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters
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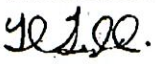

 Association for a Better Long Island
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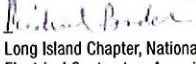

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