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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

RE: Executive Budget - NYSDOT 2020-2022 Capital Program

Our organizations represent employers and businesses across the State that both build and rely upon New York’s statewide system of roads and bridges. We commend your commitment to investing in a transformational infrastructure program that has resulted in a new Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, Kosciusko Bridge, I-390/I-490/31 (Lyell Ave), Exit 3 on the Adirondack Northway, Nassau Expressway, BRIDGE NY, PAVE NY, and many other regionally significant projects across the state.

The FY 21 Executive Budget continues historic infrastructure investments to rebuild New York’s roads and bridges by including a two-year \$11.953 billion New York State Department of Transportation (2020-22) capital program which represents a \$3B increase over the current \$9.011B (2018-2020) program. The Executive Budget proposal also includes \$1.1 billion for the Van Wyck phases 2 and 3, Hunts Point, Bruckner Expressway, and \$900M to start the Interstate 81 project.

While we have made significant progress rebuilding roads and bridges under the expiring NYSDOT five-year capital program, a lot of work still needs to be done. To keep New York moving forward we need to build a resilient infrastructure adapted to climate change that is more eco-friendly to help continue creating jobs and economic opportunities for current and future generations of New Yorkers.

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There is wide spread agreement among elected officials and the public that New York needs to invest in its infrastructure if we are going to remain competitive and create strong middle-class jobs. Collectively, we support your proposed two-year \$11.953B New York State Department of Transportation (2020-22) capital program and are supporting additional funding for local projects through the CHIPS, Marchiselli, and PAVE NY programs; reauthorizing the successful BRIDGE NY program; and new funding for urban

roads which are the gateways to our cities. We urge you and the Legislature to make the following additions to the two-year NYSDOT capital plan:

- \$400M – for NYSDOT Core Projects;
- \$200M – CHIPs funding for local roads;
- \$100M – to enhance the successful PAVE-NY program;
- \$100M – to enhance the successful BRIDGE-NY program; and
- \$200M – to establish an Urban Roads Initiative to rebuild deteriorating city roads.

With the projected \$6.1 billion state budget deficit, tough choices lie ahead for New York and we stand with you to work with the Legislature to adopt the proposed 2020-22 NYSDOT capital program. It is fiscally and socially irresponsible to defer infrastructure investment because deferring needed repairs and construction simply means bigger and more expensive projects will be needed in the future. New York has a long history of overcoming significant fiscal challenges by making strategic infrastructure investments to keep us moving onward and upward. Together, we can make this a priority in 2020.

The unprecedented coalition of organizations signatory to this letter represent diverse industries and constituencies. On the matter of infrastructure, however, we are united because all of us recognize that our economy and communities cannot function without safe and reliable infrastructure. Simply put, New York cannot be open for business if our roads and bridges are closed. We are confident that your leadership can make that happen and look forward to working with you and your Administration to get it done.

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