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Speaker of the Assembly

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VIA FACSIMILE

Astrid C. Glynn
Commissioner
NYS Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
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Dear Commissioner Glynn:

Chapter 384 of the Laws of 2007, which created a Commission on Congestion Mitigation, requires the submission of a five-year capital program for state and local highways and bridges, rail and ports, aviation and non-Metropolitan Transportation Authority transit needs through March 31, 2014. As of today, we have not yet received it, nor have we even been briefed on its parameters. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which was also required to submit a five-year capital plan, submitted a proposed program for public and legislative review over a week ago.

Just as the MTA's plan has raised serious questions about its scope and proposed funding, we have grave concerns that the same issues will be raised with the Department's Road and Bridge Plan.

Time for a responsible and thorough review of the plan is rapidly running out. Therefore, we are requesting that you immediately submit your plan for Legislative and public review so that there is the opportunity to fully analyze and review the needs in the context of all the capital needs across the state. We also want to stress that we fully expect to see a balanced, complete and fully-funded plan.

We look forward to seeing a thoughtful, well-considered proposal which meets the needs of all New Yorkers before this week ends.

Sincerely,

SHELDON SILVER
Speaker

DAVID F. GANTT
Chair Assembly Standing Committee on
Transportation

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