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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman Albany County Legislature 112 State Street, Rm. 710 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham

The Department of Public Works is requesting the Legislature's approval for a Budget Amendment to support the purchase of equipment that is currently out to bid.

The request to amend 2025 Budget includes decreasing Bridge and Road Repair (D95112.44075) by \$350,000 and increasing the Specialty Equipment account (D95112.22080) by \$350,000 for the future purchase of an excavator, a loader and a boom mower.

The Excavator and Loader are used during our snow removal season to load salt/sand and to push back snow on County and State Roads. This equipment is also used for loading materials and grading roadways. This purchase will allow the department to replace a loader and an excavator in its fleet that have exceeded their useful life.

The tractor boom mower is used to reach and cut vegetation in hard-to-access areas that a standard tractor cannot reach, such as steep slopes, ditches, behind guardrails, and around ponds and fences. These mowers are versatile attachments that can handle tasks like cutting tall grass, heavy brush, hedges, and overhanging tree limbs, making them ideal for roadside maintenance, right-of-way management, and clearing challenging terrain

If there are any questions or further information is needed, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely.

Lisa M. Ramundo Commissioner

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel James Curran, Minority Counsel