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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Ramundo, Commissioner of Public Works

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FROM: Gopika Muddappa, Deputy Director, EDCAP

DATE: February 5, 2026

RE: New Karner Road from US 20 to Watervliet Shaker Road Corridor Improvements

SUBJECT: SEQR Compliance for DPW Project – Corridor Improvement of New Karner Road in Town of Colonie, Village of Colonie, City of Albany and Town of Guilderland

According to the information provided for the referenced project, Department of Public Works (DPW) proposes improvements to New Karner Road between US Route 20 to the South and Watervliet Shaker Road to the north. Anticipated project work will involve the construction of expansion joints for concrete slab expansion and installation of asphalt reinforcement fabric to address longitudinal joint separation, milling and paving the roadway to provide an improved riding surface for the 15 to 18-year design life, shoulder widening at the New Karner Road/Central Avenue intersection to improve vehicle turning, evaluation of the existing guide rail and modification, as necessary, sidewalk and curb construction and the reconstruction the New Karner Road/Washington Avenue Extension/Madison Avenue Extension intersection into a roundabout to address level of service and safety deficiencies.

The proposed project is a Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617 4(c)(10). The project consists of Remediation Site: 401026, NYS Heritage Areas: Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor as per the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) and the stormwater runoff will be directed to an on-site stormwater management facilities and adjacent existing drainage systems. Less than 0.1 acres of wetland disturbance is anticipated. A letter notifying the county's interest in acquiring lead agency status was sent to involved agencies on November 20th, 2023. With no objection received otherwise, the county is the lead agency on the project. Accordingly, all forms and reviews consistent with a Type I action under SEQR should be completed prior to commencement of this project. There will be no negative impact on the environment from the proposed corridor improvement. No procedural compliance beyond this determination is required at this time.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to reach me at Gopika.muddappa@albanycountyny.gov or (518)655-7932.