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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department of Public Works is requesting the Legislature's approval to enter into a Reverse Betterment Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), for drainage and paving work along State Route 85 (New Scotland Rd.), to be completed in conjunction with the replacement of the Albany County Rail Trail Bridge (ACRTB) over State Route 85.

NYSDOT designed plans to upgrade roadway drainage below the ACRTB. This work would best be accomplished while the existing rail trail bridge is removed. To facilitate construction, the County is proposing to add the State's drainage plans to our bridge replacement plans and let the project as one.

The reverse betterment agreement would allow the County to be reimbursed for the costs associated with construction and construction inspection for the State's portion of the work. The total amount of the reverse betterment agreement is \$320,000.00, \$300,000.00 for construction and \$20,000.00 for construction inspection.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Ramundo
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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