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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 (DPW) requests the Legislature's approval to enter into an agreement with the Capital Region Transportation Council (CRTC) for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, through the 2025 Transportation Planning Project Solicitation.

The Transportation Council has awarded Public Works \$22,000 for the Albany County ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure in the Transportation Council's 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program. Facilitating Transition Plans is a strategy in the Transportation Council's Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan for the Capital District, which is part of New Visions 2050, the long-range metropolitan transportation plan for the Capital Region. The contract will span one year, with an option to extend for one additional year, upon mutual agreement between the Transportation Council and Albany County. The Transportation Council will administer the \$20,000 to the hired consultant on behalf of Albany County and will serve as project manager.

It is a County priority to ensure ADA compliance on County owned pedestrian facilities. Award of this grant will assist us with developing a list of physical barriers on County owned pedestrian facilities, outline methods to be utilized to remove these barriers and develop a schedule for taking the necessary steps to achieve compliance with Title II of the ADA.

Albany County's commitment to the project is \$2,000. Your approval of this request will enable us to move forward with drafting the necessary MOUs and implementing the program.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Ramundo
Commissioner

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leaders
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