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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of the Albany County Executive's Office is requesting retroactive authorization to apply for a Capital District Transportation Committee Linkage Study Program Grant. The Linkage Program is an integrated land use and transportation planning program created to implement the regional transportation plan known as New Visions 2040. The program provides financial and technical assistance to local communities for planning, with particular emphasis on projects that support implementation of innovative transportation and land use concepts.

The County's submission requests technical assistance funding to evaluate possible extensions and connections from the Albany County Rail Trail. The study would explore the feasibility of three extensions of the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail into the Town of Guilderland:

1. Continuation along the rail bed to the Village of Altamont
2. A path along Route 155 (State Farm Road) running to New Karner Road (Albany Loop)
3. A potential connection to a proposed development near Albany Country Club

The proposed project aligns with several Linkage Program Strategies and New Vision 2040 principles including: "Create a connected and integrated multi-modal transportation network"; "Develop bicycle and pedestrian-friendly community and site design standards"; "Investing in a quality region"; and "Economic Development".

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel P. McCoy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel