

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATORS MARINELLI, GRANT, MAZUR, MILLS,
HOGUES, HARDWICK, RATH, McCRACKEN, DIXON & LORIGO**

RE: Requesting that the New York State Department of Transportation Remediate the Slow Flow of Highway Funds Earmarked for Western New York in the 2012-2013 NYS Budget

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2013, the New York State Assembly and Senate held a joint legislative budget hearing with New York State Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald regarding the 2013-14 Tentative Executive Budget; and

WHEREAS, during this hearing, Commissioner McDonald acknowledged that of the \$166 million in highway funds earmarked for Western New York in the current (2012-13) State Budget, a full \$72 million has not yet been invested in our region's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, beyond the negative impact on the deteriorating condition of our roads and bridges, our region was not boosted by the positive economic impact of the wages that should have accrued to construction workers, as well as revenue to the construction industry and related businesses; and

WHEREAS, this inordinate delay – on top of a very lean highway infrastructure budget to begin with – is cause of great concern to the individuals, businesses and agencies that are putting forth great effort to grow the Western New York economy and put our residents to work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body request that the highway funds designated in the 2012-13 New York State Budget for Western New York be invested in infrastructure projects without delay; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be conveyed to the members of the WNY Delegation of the State Legislature, Governor Andrew Cuomo; Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver; Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos; County Executive Mark Poloncarz; Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation, Joan McDonald; Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Public Works, John Loffredo; and all others deemed necessary and proper.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.