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## Senator O'Mara and Assemblyman Palmesano welcome local highway superintendents to Albany

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Albany, N.Y., March 5—With final negotiations over the 2014-15 New York State budget kicking into high gear over the next few weeks, a group of state legislators, led by Senator Tom O'Mara (R-C, Big Flats) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R-C, Corning), today joined county and town highway superintendents and other local leaders from across New York to call for increased state support for local roads and bridges.

In the photo above, Senator O'Mara and Assemblyman Palmesano join their colleagues and local highway superintendents from throughout New York on the historic "Million Dollar Staircase" in the State Capitol.

"We're seeing report after report deliver the message that the condition of local roads and bridges is critical, and getting worse," O'Mara and Palmesano said in a joint statement. "We need a stronger state commitment to our local transportation infrastructure. Local roads and bridges, in every region of New York State, are community and economic lifelines, but they're at risk from a severe lack of adequate, dedicated funding. State investment in the improvement and upkeep of local roads and bridges is a wise use of taxpayer dollars. It's an investment in economic growth, job creation, property tax relief and motorist safety."

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