

Senator Jen Metzger Applauds over \$30 Million Investment in Local Projects to Improve Roadways

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Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) applauded the announcement by the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) of four projects to resurface important roadways in Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, and Delaware Counties—a total of over \$30 million in funding for road improvements. The work will be undertaken in the spring.

"These projects are important to the local economy, tourism, and safety of residents and commuters in our communities, and are the right kinds of investments we should be making as we look to build our community back stronger," said Senator Jen Metzger. "It is worth noting that these resurfacing projects will employ construction techniques to minimize the environmental impact, consistent with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act we passed last year. We need to look for every opportunity to make improvements to our communities and our infrastructure in ways that are sustainable and responsible."

The infrastructure renewal projects will support the following roadway upgrades in the 42nd Senate District:

- \$19.6 million to resurface I-84 from the Route 6/Route 15 interchange in the Town of Greenville to the Route 17M interchange in the Town of Wawayanda, Orange County. The project is one of the largest pavement renewal awards announced by the state this year.
- \$1.8 million to resurface Route 42 from Concord Road, one mile north of the village of Monticello, to Griff Court, in the hamlet of South Fallsburg in Sullivan County.
- \$4.8 million to resurface Route 299 from Ohioville Road to Route 9W in the Towns of New Paltz and Lloyd, Ulster County.
- \$4.5 million to resurface Route 206 from Route 27 in the Hamlet of Trout Creek to the Village of Walton Line, Delaware County.

Many Orange County residents and local officials have contacted Senator Metzger's office expressing frustration with the poor condition of this particular stretch of I-84. "I've been pushing DOT to prioritize resurfacing of this roadway since coming into office, and I'm thrilled that this needed work will finally get done," said Senator Metzger. The other infrastructure renewal projects announced in Ulster, Sullivan, and Delaware Counties are all of great importance to Senator Metzger's constituents who frequently travel these state roads, and she has routinely relayed constituent complaints about them to DOT.

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. Senator Metzger serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Local Government, Women's Issues, Domestic Animal Welfare, and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Committees.

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