



## **Supporting Suffolk County Legislature's Call to Fix Roads**

May 19, 2021

Hon. Andrew Cuomo  
NYS Governor  
NYS Capital Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Hon. Marie Therese Dominguez  
Commissioner, NYS Department of Transportation  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12232

Dear Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Dominguez,

We write today in support of the letter sent by members of the Suffolk County Legislature, organized by Legislator Nick Caraccappa, regarding the condition of New York State Roadways on behalf of our shared constituencies. Major state roadways running through our communities are in dire need of immediate repair to keep our motorists and pedestrians safe.

Most notably, roads such as the Long Island Expressway, Sunrise Highway, Montauk Highway and Middle Country Road are in a condition that at the very least causes flat tires and minor damage to vehicles or at the very worst major accidents that could result in severe injury or even death. There are too many stories of motorists with a flat tire that are involved in a subsequent collision on the side of the road.

The fear of a flat tire or minor damage causes many drivers to make a split-second decision to swerve and avoid these crater-sized potholes and other instances of disrepair, which can cause a chain reaction across a roadway and result in a major accident. The significant financial ramifications of a flat tire or minor accident could be best-case-scenario in many of these situations.

We are all well aware of the high taxes and overall cost of living that our residents must endure in order to live on Long Island. Their hard-earned tax dollars should solidify high quality of life standards, including safe and smooth roadways.

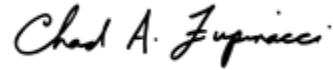
With a robust public transportation system still lacking on Long Island, our residents have no choice but to drive most places. If we truly want to foster smart development in Suffolk County, we must have the infrastructure in place to support it. Please make every effort to rectify these deplorable driving conditions before any more damage is inflicted or more tragedies occur.

Suffolk County  
Supervisors  
Association

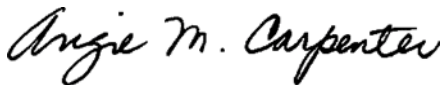
Sincerely,



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