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May 19, 2011

The Honorable Daniel Dwyer
Mayor, City of Rensselaer
Rensselaer City Hall
62 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

RE: Commencement of Construction
Rehabilitation of the Dunn Memorial Bridge and
Ramp from Rensselaer to the Dunn Bridge
NYS DOT PIN 1043.46
City of Albany, City of Rensselaer
Albany County, Rensselaer County

Dear Mayor Dwyer:

I am writing to inform you that the \$12 million contract to rehabilitate the Dunn Memorial Bridge and ramp from Rensselaer to the Dunn Bridge was awarded this week, and work will be starting as soon as possible. The contractor, Harrison and Burrowes Bridge Constructors, will begin placing temporary concrete barrier during the week of June 6th, establishing the first traffic pattern. Construction is expected to run into the fall this year and then resume next spring.

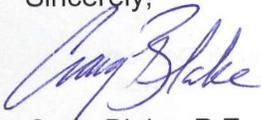
DOT is notifying the public and elected officials through a number of venues. Among these, a press release is currently being drafted, variable message boards being installed, the Albany/Colonie and Rensselaer Chambers of Commerce are disseminating information to their members, and State office workers are being notified through OGS tenant bulletins and other methods. Additional information will be made available through www.nysdot.gov/dunnbridge

While we recognize that the downtown bridge maintenance is an inconvenience to the residents and workers in this community, it is essential that this infrastructure receives timely attention. There is over 2.2 million square feet of bridge in the downtown Albany viaducts, and it provides essential links through the community. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated, as is the assistance we've received from your City Engineer on this project.

Should you have any questions or comments, I can be reached by phone at 388-0208 or at the following address:

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Sincerely,



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The Honorable Daniel Dwyer
Mayor, City of Rensselaer
Rensselaer City Hall
83 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12141

Dear Mayor Dwyer:

I am writing to inform you that the design and construction of the new ramp from Rensselaer to the mainline will be starting as soon as possible. The construction will begin in the next few weeks.

DOT is notifying the public and the media of the project. Among these, a press release is currently being prepared. The press release will provide information to the public and the media regarding the project. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

While we recognize that the project will cause some inconvenience to the residents and workers in the community, we believe that the benefits of the project are far greater. There is over 2.5 million vehicles that travel through the area each day. It is essential that the project be completed as quickly as possible. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.