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Majority Leader John Flanagan  
Room 332 - CAP  
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Re: Funding for Pedestrian/Bicycling Infrastructure

Dear Majority Leader Flanagan:

I write to request that within the \$22.1 billion proposed for the NYSDOT Capital Plan, a minimum of \$20 million in increased spending, each year for the five years of the Plan, be included to supplement the federal dedicated dollars for pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure (formerly known as the Transportation Alternatives Program).

The two most recent federal transportation laws (MAP-21 and the FAST Act) have dedicated money to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, but over the years, these funds have been reduced by more than 30%. These declining resources inhibit the ability to implement the NYS Complete Streets law.

By making this additional \$20 million annual investment in bicycling and walking infrastructure, we will improve safety, help stimulate local economies, address challenges posed by climate change, and give New Yorkers access to healthy, low-cost transportation options to improve quality of life for the residents of our state. As New York State makes significant overall investments in our transportation system, please assure we are building a national model for a truly multi-modal transportation system that improves the health, safety, environment, local economies, and overall quality of life for all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Golden  
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