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Honorable Frank Commisso
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Honorable Mary Lou Connolly
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Re: Albany Corridor Study

Dear Legislators Commisso and Connolly:

Thank you for your February 20, 2004 letter regarding the Albany Corridor Study.

Additional analysis of all practical alternatives for improving the traffic flow at Interchange 24, including the Northbound Flyover concept, is necessary prior to the evaluation and selection of a preferred alternative. This analysis will be conducted through an environmental review process pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). As required by law, the environmental review will have an extensive public involvement program.

Be advised that the draft document you received is not the final report of the study. A much more comprehensive report is expected to be published in May 2004. The report will address comments received at both the Project Advisory Committee Meeting and the public meeting held on Tuesday, February 24th.

The opinions of the public and their elected officials regarding this process are important to the Authority. Your input is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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