

Does This Look like Infrastructure Investment?



The Governor Seems to Think So...

"Infrastructure is less about roads and bridges, in my opinion, and more about broadband."

-Governor Andrew Cuomo, 2015 Executive Budget Presentation

A Cuomo Administration spokesman recently offered comments in an AP story that suggest robust state investment in infrastructure. Simply put, this assertion is factually incorrect. Actual spending on NYS road and bridge infrastructure when adjusted for inflation shows that we are spending less than we were ten years ago. In fact, even if you ignore inflation, spending would be basically flat compared to a decade ago.



Rebuild NY Now

Our Economy, Future and Safety Depend on it.



As continued support for infrastructure investment grows, erroneous and misleading pieces of information about the state's current investment in our infrastructure needs have been released. This information, if gone unchecked, would appear to give the impression that New York has made significant investments in infrastructure, when in fact it has not and the conditions of our roads and bridges around New York State show it. The highlighted points below are recent statements which have been made, the bullet points thereafter reflect RBNYN's comments.

DOB STATEMENT: Federal funding in NY is up 2% over ten years.

FACT: At 2% in ten years, the average annual increase is **less than 0.2%**. This equates to a mere \$2 million per billion dollars of funding. This covers less than 5 miles of new paving or possibly replaces one very small bridge.

FACT: Actual spending on road and bridge infrastructure in NY has **decreased** over the same ten years when adjusted for inflation due to the lack of infrastructure investment.

FACT: The federal funding supports everything from **maintenance to administration** and design to actual capital construction.

DOB STATEMENT: CHIPs and Marchiselli – Funded at \$478 Million

FACT: The 2015-16 Executive Budget proposal **reduces CHIPs** and Marchiselli funding by \$40 million.

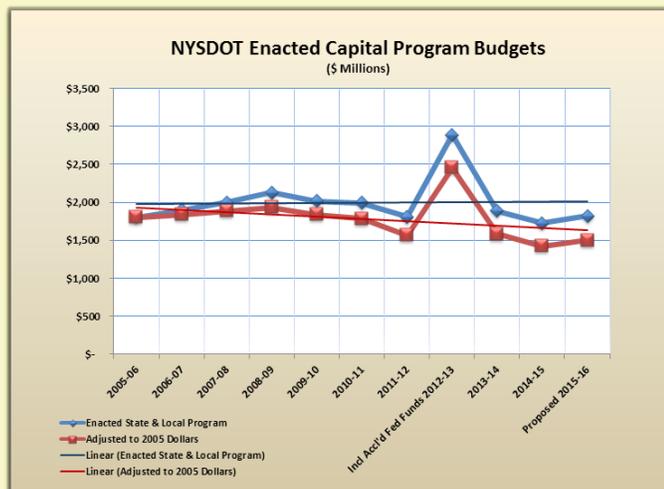
FACT: Our local roads and bridges are getting worse and flat spending will not keep up with continuing **deterioration**, costing an average driver \$1,500 annually.

DOB STATEMENT: Executive Budget Proposes \$750 million over five-years to address 100 bridges.

FACT: According to Governor Cuomo's 2015 Opportunity Agenda there are 6,000 bridges in need of repair. New York State also has enough roadways to circle the earth 1.5 times - 60 percent of which are in **need** of repair and maintenance.

FACT: At this rate it will take over 300 years to attend to the current **backlog** of bridges.

FACT: The 2015-16 Executive Budget proposal **reduces** NYSDOT capital program funding.



Stand with Rebuild NY Now and Fight for Real Infrastructure Investment