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January 17, 2017

Sagtikos/Sunken Meadow State Parkway Project Team
New York State Department of Transportation
Region 10 Planning, Room 5A-16
Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, New York 11788

Re: Support for Sagtikos Sunken Meadow State Parkway
Renovation/Project Identification No. 0339.09

Project Team:

The mission of the LIRPC is to educate Long Island's officials, stakeholders and residents on key issues affecting the quality of life on Long Island, and to serve as a catalyst for action by proposing immediate and long-term implemental solutions for these issues of regional concern.

We would therefore like to express our support for the New York State Department of Transportation's proposal to make improvements to the Sagtikos/Sunken Meadow State Parkway. The current conditions include narrow medians and shoulders, short access ramps and acceleration lanes, tight loop ramps, reduced driver visibility at access ramps, and low vertical clearance. These conditions need to be addressed in order to ameliorate the resulting safety hazards, decrease congestion, and accommodate the growing infrastructure needs of the region.

We support the early action and long-term alternatives that are being considered, namely the safety improvements that have been proposed and the additional travel lanes and reconfigured interchanges, which we feel, are necessary to meet the needs of future travel forecasts and operations. These improvements will also maintain parkway nature, environment and minimize

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disturbance to the National Register Eligible character and defining features of this historic parkway corridor. The proposed improvements will benefit both residents and visitors of the Long Island region who utilize this State road each day.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard V. Guardino, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard V. Guardino, Jr.
Executive Director