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STATE ASSEMBLYMAN BUCHWALD ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$7 MILLION IN BRIDGE NY FUNDING

Program helps local governments pay for important infrastructure projects

State Assemblyman David Buchwald today announced nearly \$7 million has been awarded in his Assembly District to help two communities repair and modernize bridges.

In White Plains \$5 million was awarded to the County of Westchester for major repairs to its Main Street bridge over the Bronx River Parkway. In the Village of Mount Kisco, \$1.913 million in Bridge NY funds will pay for repairs to the Preston Way bridge over the Metro-North Railroad tracks.

“The state funding awarded to municipal governments accelerates efforts to renew and modernize important infrastructure and that’s good news for both motorists and local property taxpayers,” said Buchwald (D-Westchester). “These funds take the place of local property tax dollars that would have otherwise been needed to keep these important crossings safe and operational.”

“These much need dollars will allow us to advance our plans to modernize the Main Street Bridge over the Bronx River Parkway,” said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. “The improvements will be welcomed by motorists and pedestrians and improve the safety and look of the White Plains corridor. I want to thank Assemblyman Buchwald for securing these dollars.”

“The Village/Town of Mount Kisco is grateful to receive the Bridge NY grant,” said Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich. “Governor Cuomo, Assemblyman Buchwald, and the New York State Department of Transportation continue to demonstrate great leadership in improving the infrastructure of our communities, and this grant will ensure that one of Mount Kisco’s critical structures will be improved and revitalized to serve the Village well into the future.”

The Preston Way bridge has a New York State condition rating of 3.83 on a scale of 1 to 7. A deficient bridge is one with a condition rating of less than 5.0.

The Main Street (Route 119) bridge in White Plains is considered “functionally obsolete” and has a condition rating of 4.15.

The Bridge-NY Program was developed to help local communities maintain their transportation infrastructure while the construction work and transportation upgrades support economic growth in the community.

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