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Subject: Amending the 2021 Monroe County Budget to Transfer Funds and Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Mendon for Paving Services at a County Owned Parking Lot in Lehigh Valley Trail Park

Honorable Legislators:

In the dark days after bankruptcy, and abandonment of its rights-of-way, few could see any future for the Lehigh Valley, other than a rapid slide into obscurity. Fortunately for the generations to come, Monroe County took a forward-looking view, and after the demise of the main line in 1976, sought and acquired the old Lehigh Valley right-of-way.

Late in 1993, the Mendon Foundation approached Monroe County with a proposal to develop and maintain the Lehigh Valley rail trail. A formal agreement was signed in February 1995. In the subsequent years, with the County and the Foundation working together, \$1,300,000 of Federal, County and Private funds were secured.

The Trail reached substantial completion in the fall of 2004. In fact, it is an unusual dual trail system, consisting of a 10'+ wide, multi-use trail with a stone dust surface, and a parallel 5' wide equestrian trail. This approximately 15-mile trail is an outstanding facility for walking, hiking, jogging, biking, cross-country skiing, and equestrian use. It is also a vital link in the area's expanding regional trail network, connecting the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail to the west with Victor's Auburn Trail to the east.

The Town of Mendon has several points of access to the Lehigh Valley Trail, but none more popular than the trailhead alongside intersected by Route 251 featuring a parking lot able to serve approximately 100 cars. The lot is approximately 36,900-square feet. And extends 484-feet to the south of Route 251. It is currently a gravel lot and receives heavy season use from patrons of the Lehigh Valley Trail and HFL-Mendon Youth Baseball League, which is adjacent to the trailhead and parking lot. The lot is deteriorating and has not received any attention from the County. Recently, the Town of Mendon delivered and laid millings at the parking lot entrance/exit to Route 251 because several vehicles were "bottoming out" when entering and exiting the parking lot.

The Town of Mendon Highway Superintendent recently surveyed the parking lot and estimated the total cost of paving to be \$57,870. That include the following costs:

- 19mm of Binder (691 Ton): \$48,370
- Labor & Equipment from the Town of Mendon: \$6,000
- Equipment Rental: \$3,500

An additional \$5,130 in contingency funds has been budgeted in this proposal for potential changes in material and equipment costs, bring the total project cost to \$61,000.

This parking lot is used not just by residents of the Town of Mendon, but residents across Monroe County and through the region. It is imperative that we invest in our parks and natural resources, which serve as a gateway to our community for so many residents and visitors.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2021 operating budget to transfer \$63,000 from general fund 9001, fund center 1001020000, Community Contingency Fund to the Department of Parks, general fund 9001, funds center 8802000000, Parks - Operations, to make available sufficient appropriations to pave a County owned parking lot in Lehigh Valley Trail park, adjacent to Route 251, having an approximate address of or near 3865 Rush Mendon Road, Mendon, NY 14506.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Mendon, in an amount not to exceed \$63,000, to perform paving services on a County owned parking lot in Lehigh Valley Trail park, adjacent to Route 251, having an approximate address of or near 3865 Rush Mendon Road, Mendon, NY 14506, for the period of September 1, 2021 through June 1, 2022.

The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to the undertaking, funding, or approving the action authorized in this referral.

Funding for this agreement will be made available through the above listed legislative action. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,


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