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Ms. Maria Lehman, Interim Executive Director
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Re: South Nyack Shared-Use Path Concept

Dear Ms. Lehman:

I am writing to support the Village of South Nyack Board of Trustees' resolution on January 12, 2016 endorsing the South Nyack Tappan Zee Task Force (Task Force) recommendation for Concept F for the proposed Shared-Use Path (SUP). Concept F provides adequate parking for SUP users while substantially reducing the traffic load on local Village streets and keeping options open for future economic development.

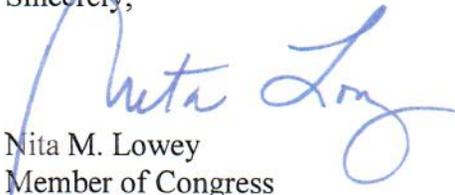
Before making its recommendation, the Task Force reviewed more than a dozen concepts for the SUP and evaluated the advantages and disadvantages of each concept. The Task Force and the Village Board of Trustees favor Concept F because it has room to expand parking capacity, has the parking lot adjacent to SUP's first point of access, and adds a pedestrian crossing from Shadyside Avenue to the SUP parking area. Concept F also removes the majority of morning commuter traffic from the Village, while adding more distance between Route 9W and the homes on the corner of Shadyside Avenue. Although Concept F does not provide a direct connection from the SUP parking lot to the Esposito Trail, requiring a "spur," and may increase traffic on Route 9W between Franklin Street and Shadyside Avenue, the Task Force concluded that its advantages far outweigh any downside.

Concept F was also selected because it does not close the northbound entrance to the Thruway, which several other concepts would require. Nor does it require the construction of overhead switchback ramps above South Broadway at Cornelison or the construction of an overpass at Franklin Street.

For all these reasons, I support the Village Board's resolution endorsing the Task Force recommendation for Concept F for the proposed SUP. If you have any questions or would like

additional information, please contact my District Representative Sara Levine in my Rockland District Office at 845-639-3485.

Sincerely,



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