



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

APPROVAL #40
CHAPTER #690

December 8, 2023

MEMORANDUM filed with Assembly Bill 6412, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the highway law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing minimum maintenance roads in designated towns; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof”

A P P R O V E D

This bill will authorize a process by which the Town of Lorraine, in Jefferson County, may designate roads with low volumes of traffic as “minimum maintenance roads,” not requiring snow and ice removal or other maintenance.

I support the goals of this legislation, which would allow the Town of Lorraine to grant this designation to certain roads, helping farmland and forestland, encourage outdoor winter recreation, and help localities manage road maintenance budgets. However, changes to the legislation are necessary to make clear that this authorization for the Town of Lorraine shall not be read to limit, diminish or in any other way, impact the powers of any other locality.

I have reached an agreement with the Legislature to enact these changes. On the basis of this agreement, I am pleased to sign this bill.

This bill is approved.

Kathy Hochul