



2015 State of the County

Infrastructure Investment

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein outlined an unprecedented infrastructure development and investment plan in his 2015 State of the County address. This plan, including a historic \$10 million investment in infrastructure projects will begin to address the County's aging roads and bridges with a focus on pedestrian usage, structural repair and safety. In addition, the County Executive announced an overhaul of the County's bridge design and planning process to improve community involvement and reduce the negative impacts of bridge closures.

- **Historic Investment of \$10 Million in Infrastructure Development:** These funds will be used to more aggressively address the County's aging roads and bridges while also ensuring access to safe routes for motorists and pedestrians as well as improving bicycle access.
- **Geo-Stabilization Technology:** This technology will be used to reinforce vulnerable road foundations damaged by recent hurricanes and natural disasters to stop potential collapses.
- **Overhaul of the County's Bridge Design and Planning Process:** In high population areas with limited detour options, this process will invite community involvement in the planning and design phases of bridge construction to greatly reduce potential inconveniences for residents and businesses alike. Enhanced community dialogue, improved pedestrian access and innovative strategies like temporary co-located bridges will greatly reduce the potential negative impacts associated with bridge construction projects in congested locations.
- **Enhanced Focus on Pedestrian Usage, Structural Repair and System Safety:** County roads and bridges will be structurally repaired to accommodate increased load capacities; and shoulders will be widened to provide a safe route for pedestrians.