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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATOR FABIANO ANNOUNCES MOVEMENT TO REHABILITATE THE SAUER BRIDGE ON GLASCO TURNPIKE

(Glasco, NY) - Ulster County Legislator Dean Fabiano stood on County Highway Bridge #70 to view firsthand what he has known for years, the Sauer Bridge that carries Glasco Turnpike over the Esopus Creek is in poor condition and in dire need of repairs.

In 2012, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reported the deck of this bridge is in poor condition and the transitions and approaching guardrails “do not meet currently acceptable standards”. The structural evaluation from the FHWA states this bridge is “somewhat better than minimum adequacy to tolerate being left in place as is.”

“Minimum adequacy is unacceptable in my book,” stated Legislator Fabiano, “After years of use and too many years of neglect, this bridge is in need of a major overhaul.”

The Ulster County Department of Public Works reported, in the Ulster County Capital Improvement Projects Plan for 2013-2018, “the project proposes to rehabilitate the existing abutments and replace the existing deteriorated superstructure of the Sauer Bridge...with new steel and concrete highway structure.”

In 2011, the average daily traffic reported for the Sauer Bridge was 3,950.

“This is a major transportation connection for the people of Mount Marion, High Woods, and West Saugerties and I thank my fellow Ulster County Legislators in taking the initiative to replace the structure in a planned and proactive approach.” concluded Legislator Fabiano.

The Capital Project Resolution passed the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee tonight and will be voted on by the Ways and Means Committee, and also the full Legislature on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

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