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County Executive Neuhaus issues statement on Governor Andrew Cuomo's State of the State address in Westchester County

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus issued the following statement after attending Governor Andrew Cuomo's State of the State address in Purchase on Tuesday.

“The announcement for \$150 million in improvements to the Route 17/32 corridor is great news,” Neuhaus said. “Orange County is a model for attracting economic development in New York. Our momentum is only limited by the lack of sufficient infrastructure needed to facilitate that growth. Improvements to this vital corridor have been discussed for decades. I look forward to seeing some tangible results of today's announcement and the physical work beginning this year.”

Other highlights in Governor Cuomo's address that Neuhaus pointed out included:

Free college tuition for families with income less than \$125,000: “The cost of higher education in New York and across the United States is outrageous,” Neuhaus said. “I know this personally, as I continue to pay for my own higher education loans. At a minimum, student loans should be interest free. Governor Cuomo has started an important dialogue on college affordability. The better educated our population, the stronger New York state and our country will be.”

Government Efficiency/Shared Services: “There is always room for improvement and fiscal savings in government,” Neuhaus said. “In Orange County, we have made government more efficient with sharing services and government consolidation. These improvements include taking over assessing

services for local governments to consolidating bids for equipment, thereby increasing buying power. We can and should continue to do more together to reduce the size and cost of government.”

Drinking Water Funding: “I applaud the initiative to improve drinking water quality,” Neuhaus said. “Safe, clean water for our citizens is non-negotiable. I look forward to securing as much State funding as possible for Orange County and our local communities from the sources discussed by the Governor.”

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