



Dear Constituent,

Below is my latest e-news, containing a legislative update, a roads and infrastructure update, and news from around the district.

### **Summer Intern Application Closed - Now Recruiting School Year Interns**

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged interns to apply for summer positions in my office! Our summer intern roster is full and we are now accepting applications for the fall. [Click here to access the form to apply and/or share with the students in your life.](#)

### **First Round Last Call - Old Traditions, New Beginnings**

The "Old Traditions, New Beginnings" project aims to give seniors the opportunity to connect with others by sharing their stories, memories, recipes, or whatever legacy they would like to impart to the generations that follow. The contributions will be collected for sharing online and possible print publication in an anthology (all not for profit). The deadline for inclusion in the first volume of the project is **this Sunday, June 30**. If you are interested in contributing your own writing (250-1000 words) or volunteering to help others share their contributions, please email [district95@nyassembly.gov](mailto:district95@nyassembly.gov).

Best,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

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**Legislative Update**



*With Governor Hochul and colleagues during the SAFE For Kids & New York Child Data Protection Act signing*

The 2024 legislative session ended earlier this month. I am happy to report that four more of my prime-sponsored bills passed both houses. These bills will improve public understanding of environmental radiation trends & impact ([A.6292](#)), broaden the pool of potential police recruits ([A.6845](#)), and support economic priorities in the towns of Cortlandt ([A.8330](#)) and Ossining ([A.10405](#)).

Eighty-three bills that I co-sponsored also passed both houses. Some highlights:

- A. 3351: Establishes the **Climate Change Superfund Act** to make industry polluters pay for the damage they do to the environment, rather than taxpayers
- A. 6026: Enacts “**Melanie’s Law,**” which will enable the immediate family and household members of victims of intimate partner violence to be included in orders of protection against abusers, regardless of their ages
- A. 8866: **Prohibits carbon dioxide fracking**
- A. 5631E: Enacts the **New York State Fashion Workers Act,**



providing much needed protections for workers in a notoriously unregulated industry

- A. 3132: Authorizes **direct shipment of alcoholic beverages** to support our state's craft brewers and cider distilleries
- A. 5906A: **Expands the food donation and food scraps recycling** program
- A. 6583A: Establishes November 26th of each year as **Sojourner Truth Day**
- A. 9205: **Expands eligibility for the veterans tuition awards program** to all New York resident veterans, regardless of combat status



- A. 8947C, Establishes the **Retail Worker Safety Act**
- A. 8148A: Establishes the **Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) for Kids Act**, prohibiting the provision of addictive feeds to minors
- A. 8149A: Establishes the **New York Child Data Protection Act**, protecting kids' data from being collected and used without appropriate consent
- A. 7243: Authorizes boards of elections to establish **absentee ballot drop-off locations**



The Governor has already signed several of these bills into law, most notably the legislation that will protect children and teens from some of the hazards of social media. She has until the end of the year to sign the rest. My colleagues and I are actively advocating for each one to become law.

I am still pushing for many other important pieces of legislation, particularly the New York HEAT Act, that did not pass during this session. There is a chance that we will



return to Albany for a special session to address unfinished business, and if so, I will advocate for this legislation to be among the bills considered.

## Infrastructure Update



*Ossining Mayor Rika Levin with Peekskill Mayor Vivian McKenzie at the Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund announcement*

### **AD95 Wins Big in Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund Competition**

The [Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund](#) was established by New York State last year to invest in mixed-use housing and infrastructure projects throughout the mid-Hudson region. Last month, Governor Hochul announced that two municipalities in Assembly District 95, Ossining and Peekskill, are among the first group of Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund grantees! Ossining will receive \$10 million to upgrade the Indian Brook Water Treatment Plant, and Peekskill will receive \$10 million to complete essential infrastructure improvements that will encourage new, affordable, transit-oriented development in the downtown and waterfront areas. My office supported both municipalities' applications, and I am so excited that they were successful. These projects will enable the winning communities to better support their growing populations and downtowns.

## Roads Survey Results & Next Steps

Thank you to those who participated in my office's road survey. There were 255 unique respondents in Assembly District 95, as well as a handful of others from outside of the district. The table below summarizes your assessments of the six roads my office receives complaints about most frequently.

Road	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Route 9A In Croton-on-Hudson, Ossining And Briarcliff	0%	1%	12%	87%
Route 9 In Ossining And Briarcliff Manor	0%	3%	22%	75%
Route 133 In Ossining	0%	2%	28%	70%
Bear Mountain State Parkway From Annsville Bridge To Route 6 In Cortlandt	0%	16%	44%	40%
Route 134 In Ossining	0%	8%	27%	64%
Route 129 In Croton-on-Hudson And Cortlandt	0%	14%	46%	40%

I have already been in communication with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) about these six roads. In the open-ended spaces, commenters most often added Route 100, the Taconic State Parkway, the Sprain Brook Parkway, Route 9D, U.S. 202, U.S 6, and the Saw Mill Parkway as routes in the district and the surrounding area that need attention for a variety of reasons. In addition to potholes, frequently cited issues included litter, overgrowth, poorly repaired road joints, signage issues, poor traffic management, and more. I will be sharing all of your comments in follow up communications with NYSDOT Region 8 director.

### Route 9A Modernization, Repaving

By now, you have probably already heard that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has confirmed that \$20 million from this year's state budget will be allocated to the next phase of engineering for the modernization of Route 9A in Ossining and Briarcliff. Senator Harckham and I, along with Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky whose district also includes a portion of Briarcliff Manor, pushed hard during budget negotiations for this funding. I am particularly grateful to Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for her strong support of this project, along with Governor Kathy Hochul.

Route 9A has been neglected for too long. That era of neglect is coming to an end now, with repaving scheduled to start soon and the new commitment of funding to address the wide-ranging issues that plague the Ossining and Briarcliff sections of this roadway. Finding funding to fix this road has been among my top priorities since taking office last year, and I am so pleased to see our collective efforts bearing fruit.

Engineering activities for the modernization project funded by the budget appropriation will include preliminary engineering, detailed/final design, and tasks related to environmental review. I will keep the community apprised of opportunities for public

comment via this email list. In the meantime, you can [click here to review the report created during the 9A corridor study to better understand the recommendations being made to improve the roadway for contemporary use](#), along with options for enacting those recommendations.

## Additional Money for AD95

My office has also secured funding for \$1.5 million in capital grants for municipalities and organizations serving AD95, along with more than \$300,000 in funding to support services and activities that benefit the public. The grant recipients are:

- The **Village of Croton Fire Department** for a new tower ladder truck (\$250,000)
- The **Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps** for a new ambulance (\$200,000)
- The **Yorktown Heights Fire Department** for a new fire training center (\$125,000)
- The **Village of Ossining** for a new roof for the community center (\$125,000)
- The **Town of Ossining** for the construction of a new stage at Louis Engel Park (\$125,000)
- **Historic Hudson Valley** for accessibility site improvements (\$125,000)
- The **Peekskill Youth Bureau** for renovations to their building (\$125,000)
- **Teatown Lake Reservation** for accessibility site improvements to their walkable campus (\$125,000)
- **Boscobel** to construct a nature-based playscape (\$125,000)
- The **Garrison School District** for a roof reconstruction (\$125,000)
- The **Village of Cold Spring** for a pump for the Cedar Street culvert (\$55,000)
- **ArtsWestchester** for capital improvements (\$50,000)
- **New Era Creative Space** for their pathways to careers program (\$35,000)
- The **Peekskill City School District** for performing arts programming (\$30,000)
- **Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES** for a greenhouse expansion & community empowerment initiative (\$25,000)
- The **Ossining School District** for its community schools project (\$25,000)
- The **Ossining Youth Bureau** for its environmental, visual arts, and civilian youth academy projects (\$25,000)
- The **Hudson River Museum** for its planetarium programs (\$25,000)
- The **Desmond Fish Library** for expanding and modernizing technology access (\$22,000)
- The **Harris Project** for its CODA (Co-Occurring Disorder Awareness) Power Through Sports program (\$22,000)
- **Buchanan Fire Company No. 1** for extrication and auto accident equipment (\$20,000)

- **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County** for development of a diagnostic service to protect human health and the environment (\$13,000)
- The **Sing Sing Prison Museum** for interpretation, volunteer and membership programs (\$10,000)

Congratulations to all of the recipients! I look forward to seeing the results of these investments.

## Foundation Aid Hearings



*Asking questions at a budget hearing in Albany*

Among our big budget wins this year was the restoration of funding for schools and a study of the Foundation Aid formula, which is woefully out of date. The Rockefeller Institute of Government has been commissioned to conduct the study, and they will be holding five public hearings around the state this summer as part of their efforts to gather feedback about the formula. The hearing for our region will take place in New York City on July 16, visit the Rockefeller Institute of Government Web site to read more and request a time slot during the hearing. For those who are unable to obtain a time slot during the public hearing or would rather submit a written comment, you may also do so by visiting the Foundation Aid Study public comment page and submitting a comment using the form.

## In the District





*Attending Memorial Day observations around the district*

It has been great to be back in the district full-time, attending events and catching up with constituents. If you're not already following me on social media, I encourage you to do so. I am @AMDanaLevenberg on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter/X](#).



