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Subject: Valley View Road Bridge

To: Jeanne Mettler <copakesupervisor@townofcopake.org>

Good morning,

I received good news from the NYSDOT that I thought I could share with the Town Board and residents at your town Board meeting.

The NYSDOT has issued their Authorization to Proceed, allowing the County to place the project out to bid for construction.

We have published the notice to bidders and will receive construction bids in early March with the intent of awarding the bid at the March County Board of Supervisors Full Board meeting. If all goes well the construction would begin in the June timeframe.

In the meantime, in order to comply with NYSDEC tree clearing restrictions that limits the time of year when trees can be removed at the site (Nov. 1 - March 31), the County will be clearing trees in the construction area.

Just a reminder the project will be completed as a phased project, that will allow one lane of the bridge to remain in service during the construction.

Once the contract has been signed and a preconstruction meeting is held with the contractor, the County will be able to provide a better anticipated construction schedule.

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