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Legislator Al Krupski and the Suffolk County Legislature Oppose Connecticut Plan to Divert Heavy Truck Traffic to Long Island

Legislator Krupski rallied his colleagues in the Suffolk County Legislature to call on the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) to remove any reference to the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Cross Sound Enhancement Project from their Regional Freight Plan.

The Cross Sound Enhancement Plan calls for the improvement of ferry service from New London, CT to Orient, NY to accommodate an additional 3,000 large freight vehicles per year which would be diverted from I-95 in Connecticut to Long Island roadways.

A letter to NYMTC dated March 25, 2015 and signed by Suffolk County lawmakers stated the "proposal offers no substantive benefits to the residents of Long Island, but only adds to the congestion of our roads and the pollution of our air."

In addition, Legislator Krupski contacted the towns of Riverhead and Southold to alert them to the CT DOT plan. "The North Fork does not have the road infrastructure to handle such an increased burden. Many of the routes these additional trucks would travel through have narrow shoulders, and in some cases, no shoulders. These roadways are utilized by pedestrians, bicyclists and farm workers and adding more traffic puts these users at increased jeopardy" stated Legislator Krupski.

County Executive Steve Bellone, who is Co-Chair of NYMTC, stated in a letter to the Orient Association that the Cross Sound Enhancement Plan "may have been used as the basis for poor planning and poor public policy" and that he will not vote for the updated Regional Freight Plan unless the Cross Sound Enhancement Project is removed from the plan.