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OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

At the July 10, 2024 Planning Committee meeting of the Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council), comments were made by some members that were dismissive of our valued community partners and the public, and wholly unprofessional. While no policy or funding decisions were made at the meeting connected to these remarks, the Transportation Council's executive committee decided that action needed to be taken and a statement issued.

As a result, the Albany Port District Commission has chosen to select a new representative to serve on the Transportation Council, and the Port's Chief Executive Officer expressed that the comments made by their former appointee did not reflect the Port's views.

The comments made at the July Planning Committee do not reflect the views of the Transportation Council's Policy Board, nor its staff. In addition, the Transportation Council's staff will work with the Planning Committee Chair to ensure discussion items remain on topic.

The Transportation Council has a 60 year history of providing an environment that supports a comprehensive, collaborative, and cooperative transportation planning process based on mutual trust and respect. We deeply regret that trust was broken and will work with our member agencies to ensure discussion of transportation topics remains constructive and contributes to the important work of the Transportation Council.

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