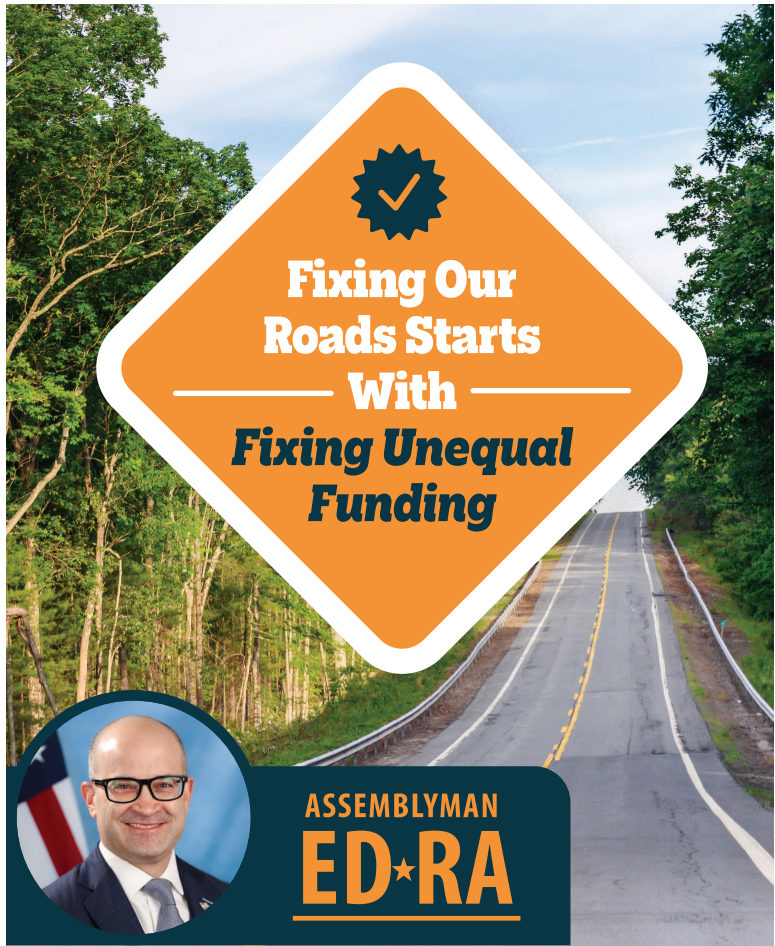




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Nearly everyone on Long Island relies on our roads every day.

Our infrastructure has been allowed to deteriorate, creating serious public safety hazards. The frustration I hear from residents is both understandable and warranted. Every year, my colleagues and I call for greater investment in our roads, but it remains an uphill battle. Our region simply isn't getting its fair share.

— Assemblyman Ed Ra



The Problem

The deck is stacked against suburban neighborhoods like ours due to:

- ✗ Outdated and flawed state funding formulas based on decades-old data;
- ✗ Disproportionate state funding,² with Long Island receiving only 8% of DOT Capital Plan funding this year;
- ✗ Inflation in highway construction costs.

Long Islanders pay some of the highest taxes in the state, yet drive on some of its worst roads.

42% of local roads are rated in "poor" or "fair" condition, compared to 35% statewide.¹

My Solution

I have a plan to modernize how New York funds local roads by directing the DOT to review regional fairness in transportation funding and determine whether to reinstate the Long Island Suburban Highway Improvement Program (SHIPS), which once provided targeted aid to suburban communities. Updating these formulas is essential to get the funding we're owed.³



The Cost of Inaction

A 2024 report by TRIP, a transportation research nonprofit, estimated total extra vehicle costs at almost \$3,700 per year per driver, factoring repairs, wasted gas, and accelerated vehicle wear due to poor roads and congestion.⁴

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