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In the News – State



Governor Cuomo Outlines FY 2021 Budget: Making Progress Happen

Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled a \$178.6 billion executive budget this week, outlining a plan that closes a \$6 billion deficit through reducing the growth in Medicaid, limiting aid to local programs and expecting tax revenue to grow by \$2 billion.

The budget would increase school aid, legalize recreational marijuana, reduce business taxes and continue an already planned tax cut for the middle class.



"This budget is a roadmap for delivering progressive results for the people of this state and addressing the imminent challenges of our time by advancing social, racial and economic justice. We're proposing historic investments in climate change and infrastructure programs and fixing the school aid formula to ensure poorer schools get the funding they need," Governor Cuomo said.

To close the \$6.1 billion budget gap, Governor Cuomo's plan involves:

- \$2.5 billion by restructuring Medicaid based on recommendations from a Medicaid Redesign Team.
- \$2 billion in expected more tax receipts.
- \$1.8 billion in reduced spending to local assistance programs from "targeted actions and the continuation of prior-year cost containment."

With respect to the Medicaid savings, the Governor's proposal will reform the current Medicaid system with a new Medicaid Redesign Team co-chaired by Michael Dowling of Northwell Health and labor leader Dennis Rivera. The MRT II will work to reform the program and identify \$2.5 billion in savings this year by finding industry efficiencies or "additional industry revenue with zero impact to beneficiaries."

According to published reports, at a budget briefing, Budget Director Robert Mujica said it is possible that the \$2.5 billion in Medicaid savings could include increasing taxes on health insurance plans.

The state will commit to paying all Medicaid costs for local governments as long as the local governments stay within the 2 percent property tax cap and control Medicaid costs to 3 percent growth per year. A local government that does not stay within those limits will be required to pay the total spending growth.

Highlights of the Governor's 2021-2022 budget plan include:

\$33 Billion Five-Year Plan to Combat Climate Change: The FY 2021 Executive Budget includes a \$33 billion five-year plan to combat climate change that will include: \$3 billion Restore Mother Nature Bond Act supplemented by \$740 million in additional state funding; \$28 billion for green energy; and \$1.5 billion for carbon-free transportation.

New School Aid Funding Formula: The FY 2021 Budget will increase School Aid by \$826 million, bringing the total annual investment to a record \$28.5 billion, with 85 percent of the Foundation Aid increase going to the highest-need districts. To further prioritize poorer schools and ensure education equity, the Governor is proposing a new School Aid Funding Formula to properly distribute funds and build up underserved school districts.

DOT Capital Plan: The FY 2021 Budget will support \$11.9 billion for the two-year DOT Capital Plan that will transform New York's highways, bridges, rail, aviation infrastructure, non-MTA transit and DOT facilities. Compared to the final two years of the last DOT Capital Plan, this is an increase of \$3 billion, or 33 percent.

MTA Capital Plan Commitment: The FY 2021 Budget will continue to support the \$52 billion MTA Capital Plan. This investment includes \$3 billion to make up to 70 subway stations accessible.

Establishing Paid Sick Leave: Under the Governor's paid leave proposal, businesses with five to 99 employees will provide their employees at least five days of job-protected paid sick leave per year and businesses with 100 employees or more will provide at least seven days of paid sick leave per year. Smaller businesses, with four or fewer employees, will guarantee five days of job-protected unpaid sick leave to their employees every year. Small businesses already providing paid sick leave will be able to so.

Protecting Organizations Vulnerable to Hate Crimes: The FY 2021 Budget will invest an additional \$25 million for religious and non-religious not-for-profit organizations that are vulnerable to hate crimes.

Housing and Services for People who are Homeless, Including Those with Mental Illness: The FY 2021 Budget doubles funding from \$64 million to \$128 million for the Homeless Housing Assistance Program and invests \$5 million for projects for homeless veterans.

Empire State Child Tax Credit: The FY 2021 Budget is supporting \$2.9 billion for families with children under five years old, including \$157 million to expand the Empire State Child Tax Credit.

Banning Contributions from Foreign-Influenced Corporations: The FY 2021 Budget includes a proposal to ban corporations from contributing to political campaigns in New York, or from making independent expenditures to influence elections, if a single foreign entity controls 5 percent ownership.

Requiring Public Officials to Disclose Their Tax Returns: Governor Cuomo will propose the "Nothing to Hide" requiring that the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Comptroller, every state commissioner and every Assembly Member and Senator make their tax returns public. Further, any elected official in the State with a government salary over \$100,000 a year will have to do the same.

Continuing Middle Class Tax Cuts: In 2020, the third year of the multi-year tax cuts enacted in 2016, income tax rates have been lowered from 6.85 percent to 6.09 percent for taxpayers in the \$43,000-\$161,550 income bracket, and to 6.41 percent in the \$161,550-\$323,200 income bracket.

Lowering Tax Rates by 40 Percent for Small Businesses: Governor Cuomo will enact comprehensive tax relief for small businesses, including reducing the corporate tax rate for small businesses from 6.5 percent to 4 percent.

Expanding Free College Tuition to More Middle Class Families: Governor Cuomo is proposing to raise the Excelsior eligibility threshold from \$125,000 to \$150,000 of adjusted gross family income.

Banning Single Use and Packaging Styrofoam Products: The Governor is proposing new legislation to prohibit the distribution and use of expanded polystyrene, commonly known as Styrofoam, single-use food containers and packaging materials by January 1, 2022.

Enacting Comprehensive E-Bike and E-Scooter Legislation: The Governor is proposing comprehensive legislation to legalize and expand the e-bike and e-scooter network.

Making the Fracking Ban Permanent: The Governor will introduce a bill to permanently ban fracking by amending environmental conservation law to restrict the Department of Environmental Conservation from approving permits that would authorize an applicant to drill, deepen, plug back or convert wells that use high-volume hydraulic fracturing to complete or recomplete natural gas resources.

Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition Round 2: The FY 2021 Budget will invest up to \$100 million to continue transforming upstate airports with Round 2 of the Upstate Airport and Economic Development Revitalization Competition.

Empire Station: In his 2020 State of the State, Governor Cuomo announced a proposal to expand Penn Station southward to create the Empire Station District. The plan creates new, larger terminals, and will increase track and train capacity by 40 percent, addressing the underlying and most critical problem at the busiest transit hub in the Western Hemisphere.

Transferring Pier 76 Tow Pound to Hudson River Park for Reuse: Governor Cuomo is proposing that the Hudson River Park Trust develop a plan to effectuate the long deferred transfer of Pier 76 from its use as a tow pound for the NYPD. As part of the proposal, the NYPD must vacate within one year and the Hudson River Park Trust should also develop an improvement plan for Pier 40.

Vital Brooklyn Initiative: The FY 2021 Executive Budget will continue to invest in the \$1.4 billion Vital Brooklyn Initiative. The funding will help build 32 healthcare centers, 4,000 new affordable homes and over 400 acres of newly opened green and recreational space.

South Bronx Transformation: The Budget will support \$1.8 billion for the South Bronx transformation. Projects include the Sheridan Boulevard, Hunts Point Market and four new Metro-North stations in Bronx transit deserts.

Banning Repeat and High-Risk Sexual Offenders from MTA Transit Systems: The Governor will advance legislation to authorize the MTA to issue orders prohibiting individuals who commit repeat sex-related violations of the MTA code of conduct, those who are high-risk sex offenders (Level 3) or those who assault or harass MTA employees from using MTA transportation services for a period of three years.

Passing the Hate Crime Anti-Terrorism Act: The Governor is proposing a domestic terrorism law to include mass violence motivated by hate, creating a new A-1 class felony punishable by up to life in prison without parole. The Governor is also proposing New York schools add a diversity curriculum. The Battery Park City Authority will develop a plan to expand the Museum of Jewish Heritage on the Holocaust to be a learning destination for school children across the state.

Requiring Automatic Manual Recounts in Close Elections: Governor Cuomo will introduce legislation establishing statewide standards for when automatic ballot recounts are triggered and the process for how such recounts will be carried out. The legislation will require automatic, manual recounts in all statewide elections in which the margin of victory for a candidate or ballot proposition is 0.2 percent of all votes cast in the contest. It will also require an automatic manual recount in all other elections in which the margin of victory for a candidate or ballot proposition is 0.5 percent of all votes cast.

Stopping Underage Vaping: The Governor will introduce a legislative package to: ban the sale of flavored vaping products; ban all vaping-related ads targeted to youth; ban the sale of vaping carrier oils that include chemicals or ingredients that when inhaled through a vaping device are deemed to be dangerous and a significant public health risk; restrict the online, phone and mail order sale of e-liquids and e-cigarettes only to licensed vaping product retailers; end the sale of tobacco and e-cigarette products in pharmacies; and legislation to define indoor space and limit second hand smoke exposure.

Lowering Prescription Drug Prices for All New Yorkers: The Governor will create the Prescription Importation Commission to identify any potential consumer savings from importing drugs from Canada and to compile a list of drugs that could be imported through the program; and proposing that Pharmacy Benefit Managers will be required to immediately register with the State and be subject to regulations requiring disclosure of financial incentives or benefits for promoting the use of certain drugs, as well as other financial arrangements affecting customers.

Increasing Transparency in Healthcare Costs to Empower Patients: Governor Cuomo will direct the Department of Health, the Department of Financial Services and the New York State Digital and Media Services Center to create a consumer-friendly, one-stop website, called NYHealthcareCompare, where New Yorkers can compare the cost and quality of healthcare procedures at hospitals around the state.

SUNY and CUNY Projects Funding: The FY 2021 Executive Budget includes \$1.5 billion in new appropriations for capital projects on SUNY and CUNY campuses.

Prevailing Wage: Governor Cuomo proposes legislation requiring that workers on projects with a significant public subsidy would be paid a prevailing wage.

Protecting Gig Economy Workers: Governor Cuomo will propose a task force of stakeholders to solve this before May 1, 2020. If it is not resolved, and the Department of Labor will be authorized to enact regulations to protect workers.

Wage Theft: Governor Cuomo will advance legislation to ensure that in cases where a claim would not be collected, that a judge could authorize the placement of a lien to ensure that victims can be made whole.

Protections Against Union Busting: The FY 2021 Budget proposes safeguards for public sector unions following the United States Supreme Court's decision in Janus v. AFSCME. The proposal requires employers to provide employee organizations access to new employee orientations if the public employer conducts such orientations and provides technical corrections to strengthen union protections passed in the FY 2020 Budget.

Making the "New York Buy American" Act Permanent: Governor Cuomo proposes making the Buy American Act, which is set to expire in April 2020 permanent.

Banning the "Pink Tax": Governor Cuomo will advance legislation to prohibit gender-based pricing discrimination for substantially similar or like kind goods and services. The legislation would require certain service providers to post price lists for standard services and notice that gender-based price discrimination is prohibited under state law. Businesses that violate the law would be subject to civil penalties.

2020-2021 Budget Legislation

2020-21 Appropriation Bills

State Operations (S 7500 /A 9500)

Legislature and Judiciary (S 7501/A 9501)

State Debt Service (S 7502/A 9502)

Aid to Localities (S 7503 / A 9503)

Capital Projects (S 7504/A 9504)

2020-21 Article VII Bill

Public Protection and General Government (S 7505/ A 9505)

Education, Labor and Family Assistance (S 7506 / A 9506)

Health and Mental Hygiene (S 7507 / A 9507)

Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (S 7508 / A 9508)

Revenue (S 7509 / A 9509)

2020 Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule

Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger and Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chair Helene E. Weinstein released the Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule on the 2020-2021 Executive Budget Proposal. Hearings to be held in Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, Albany.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	
January 27	Monday	11:00 am	Environmental Conservation
January 28	Tuesday	9:30 am	Transportation
January 29	Wednesday	9:30 am	Health
January 30	Thursday	9:30 am	Human Services
February 3	Monday	11:00 am	Mental Hygiene
February 4	Tuesday	9:30 am	Higher Education
February 5	Wednesday	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Workforce Housing
February 10	Monday	11:00 am	Local Government
February 11	Tuesday	9:30 am	Elementary Education
February 12	Wednesday	9:30 am	Public Protection
February 13	Thursday	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Economic Development Taxes

In the News – City



Comptroller Stringer: City's Housing Plan Too Expensive for NYC's Lowest-Income Households

New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer this week released a new analysis of the City's Housing New York plan, finding that the "affordable" housing created by the plan is too expensive for at least 435,000 of the city's lowest-income households.

The analysis also details that just one third of the newly-constructed housing units through the end of FY 2019 were within the reach of extremely low and very low- income households (defined as households making 30 percent and 50 percent respectively of HUD-defined Area Median Income, or \$28,830 and \$48,050 respectively for a family of three).

“We cannot call a housing plan ‘affordable’ when it ignores 435,000 New Yorkers who are just a paycheck away from losing their homes,” said Comptroller Stringer. “We cannot call the City’s plan a ‘housing’ plan when it leaves behind homeless and unsheltered New Yorkers. New York City is battling a full-blown affordability crisis, and the time for half-measures is long-past.”

Comptroller Stringer’s analysis found:

- Nearly 565,000 New York households pay over half of their income for rent, are severely overcrowded, or have been in homeless shelter for over a year.
- The current housing plan leaves 435,000 of the lowest income New Yorkers living a paycheck away from homelessness.
- Just one-third of the Mayor’s Housing New York plan New Construction units through the end of FY 2019 were for extremely and very low-income households.
- Sixty-five percent of extremely low-income households are severely rent burdened (i.e., pay more than half their monthly income toward rent) and nearly one-third of very low-income households are severely rent burdened.
- While housing production through the City’s Housing New York Plan in Fiscal Year 2019 provided more units for extremely and very low-income households than in previous years, overall, production remains skewed toward low-income households making \$76,880 for a family of three, while housing for very low-income and extremely low-income households was achieved primarily through preservation.



Bills Approved by the Council

Introduction No. 873-A, sponsored by Council Member Margaret S. Chin, would require schools under Department of Education jurisdiction to conduct regular surveys and inspections for lead-based paint hazards, the results of which will be made publicly available and delivered to parents and guardians.

Introduction No. 891-A, sponsored by Council Member Stephen T. Levin, would expand the meaning of “multiple dwelling” for the purposes of lead laws to also include private dwellings where at least one unit is not owner-occupied. As currently drafted, the requirements to investigate and remediate lead hazards in dwellings only apply to multiple dwellings, excluding certain smaller buildings where residents may still be at risk of lead exposure.

Introduction No. 919-A, sponsored by Council Member Ritchie J. Torres, would require that, within five years of the bill's effective date or one year of a child moving in, a thorough inspection of a dwelling unit be conducted by an EPA-certified inspector and include a specified inspection protocol. It would also require home improvement contractors to show that they are EPA-certified to ensure that they are prepared to follow lead-based paint related safety standards.

Introduction No. 904-A, sponsored by Council Member Carlina Rivera, targets the issue of lead in pregnant persons. For persons who test positive for elevated blood levels, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) would be required to identify the potential sources. The bill would require the agency to monitor the child after birth for elevated blood lead levels and to assess whether the apartment where such child resides contains any lead-based paint hazards or unsafe lead paint conditions.

Introduction No. 420-B, sponsored by Council Member Costa Constantinides, would require the Parks Department (DPR) to test for lead concentration levels in areas of parks under DPR jurisdiction that contain exposed soil and are used for active play or passive recreation whenever a capital project occurs in the area.

Introduction No. 1408-B, sponsored by Council Member Rafael L. Espinal Jr., would require that where the City provides substantial funding for a development project, a neighborhood retail needs assessment must be performed to determine whether the project will provide commercial space at below market rents. The needs assessment would include considerations related to the commercial diversity of the neighborhood, as well as commercial vacancy rates and retail needs in the community. .

Introduction No. 1281-A, sponsored by Council Member Ritchie J. Torres, would prohibit food and retail establishments from refusing to accept cash from customers. This bill would also prohibit establishments from charging cash-paying customers a higher price than those using credit. The prohibition on cash-less practices would not apply where the food or retail establishment has on its premises, a machine that converts cash into a prepaid card that can be used to make unlimited purchases on any priced item, at no additional cost to the consumer. Additionally, food and retail establishments do not have to accept bills in denominations of greater than \$20 and transactions taking place completely online, by phone or mail are excluded. The bill provides for penalties of not more than \$1000 for a first violation, and of not more than \$1500 for each succeeding violation.

Introduction No. 991, sponsored by Council Member Fernando Cabrera, would authorize the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) to dismiss a violation enforced by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission pertaining to a defective vehicle lights. OATH may dismiss the violation as long as the driver or owner has fixed the light no later one day after being issued a violation and provided proof of correction, such as a statement of correction issued by a state inspection authority or auto repair shop, along with the TLC summons, to the TLC.

Introduction No. 1785, sponsored by Council Member I. Daneek Miller, would extend health insurance coverage benefits to surviving family members of deceased municipal employees who died as a natural and proximate result of an accident or injury sustained while performing duties for the City or who died because of a condition as related to the World Trade Center.

Preconsidered Resolution No. 1225, sponsored by Chaim Deutsch, would recognizing January 27, 2020 as Holocaust Remembrance Day and the week beginning on January 27, 2020 as a citywide week of Holocaust education in New York City.

Briefs

Speaker Heastie Announces Staff Appointments

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie this week announced that the following individuals have taken on new roles in the Assembly:

LouAnn Ciccone has been appointed Secretary to the Speaker/Senior Policy Advisor. A veteran of the Assembly and longtime member of the Speaker's senior staff, she previously served as Secretary for Program and Policy.

Julia Mallalieu has been appointed First Deputy Secretary to the Speaker for Program and Policy. She has served in the Assembly since 1995, first as Associate Counsel, and later as Assistant Secretary for Program and Policy. She has been a senior member of Program and Policy staff for several years, most recently serving as Deputy Secretary.

Jennifer Best has been appointed Deputy Secretary to the Speaker for Policy and Legislative Affairs. She began with the Assembly in 2005 as a committee assistant, and has since served as a legislative analyst for various committees and as Assistant Secretary for Program and Policy for the Labor, Governmental Employees, Insurance, Racing and Wagering, and Health Committees and the Taskforce on Women's Issues.

Isa Puello has been appointed Interim Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs. She has served in the Speaker's office most recently as Executive Administrator to the Speaker, and prior to his election as speaker, as Scheduler.

Amy Metcalfe has been appointed Director of Administration. She has worked for the Assembly since 1999, most recently as Deputy Counsel to the Assembly Majority. She began as an intern and research associate, and has since served as Counsel to the Judiciary Committee and Administrative Counsel.

Edward J. Harris III has been appointed Deputy Director of Administration and continues to serve as Director of Operations. He has been with the Assembly since 2002, beginning as Events Coordinator.

Daniel Salvin has been appointed Commissioner of the New York State Legislative Bill Drafting Commission. He previously served in the Assembly as Assistant Secretary for Program and Policy, overseeing the Codes, Judiciary, Corrections and Elections Committees. Prior to coming to the Assembly in 2006, he was the Deputy Director of the Center for Law and Justice in Albany.

Governor Proposes Legislation to Further Protect Public Sector Unions Following the US Supreme Court's Decision in Janus v. AFSCME

Governor Andrew Cuomo's 2021 Executive Budget includes a proposal to further protect public sector unions by providing employee organizations access to new employee orientations. In addition, the initiative includes technical changes to protections passed in the FY 2020 Budget.

Specifically, the budget language amends the Civil Service Law to require public employers to provide employee organizations access to new employee orientations if the public employer conducts such orientations. Current law provides unions the opportunity to meet with members for a reasonable amount of time during work time without charge of leave accruals.

"Technical" changes included in the budget would add an existing exception to the prohibition against a public employer disclosing the personal information of public employees. This will allow public employers to provide the personal information of new hires, and of employees who have been transferred or promoted, to an employee organization without this action being classified as an improper practice. The budget bill also makes a technical correction relating to the indemnification of public employers, employee organizations and the Comptroller from liability for deducting, receiving or retaining dues or agency shop fees prior to the Janus decision (prior to June 27, 2018).

Executive Budget Proposal to Legalize Cannabis

Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled his proposal to develop a comprehensive regulatory approach to legalize cannabis, creating a new Office of Cannabis Management to specialize in cannabis regulation - overseeing the medical, adult-use and hemp programs.

The proposal will administer licensing opportunities, develop an adult-use market structure, and facilitate market entry through access to capital, technical assistance and incubation of equity entrepreneurs. The proposal also aims to correct past harms to individuals and communities that have disproportionately been impacted by prohibition.

To safeguard public health, the proposal limits the sale of cannabis products to adults 21 and over and establishes stringent quality and safety controls including oversight over the packaging, labeling, advertising and testing of all cannabis products. These efforts will be done in coordination with neighboring states Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Governor will also propose creating a first of its kind Global Cannabis and Hemp Center for Science, Research and Education with SUNY and other expert partners.

DEC and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Announce First-Ever State-Tribal Partnership for Area of Concern on U.S. Side of Great Lakes

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) this week announced the signing of a cooperative agreement that will help accelerate restoration of natural resources and traditional Native American uses within the St. Lawrence River Area of Concern (AOC) near Massena, New York, and the Akwesasne Territory.

AOCs are geographic areas around the Great Lakes that are environmentally degraded. The Massena area of the St. Lawrence River was originally listed as an AOC because of elevated levels of heavy metals and PCBs in sediments, wildlife, and water samples collected in the lower Grasse, Raquette, and St. Regis rivers.

Key features of the cooperative agreement include:

- Having representatives of both DEC and the SRMT serve as co-coordinators for implementation of the AOC's Remedial Action Plan.
- Developing resource restoration plans to include both natural and cultural resources within the AOC.
- Enhanced outreach and education of surrounding communities to improve the understanding and support of the agencies' efforts.

Executive Budget Strengthens Design Build for State Projects

Governor Andrew Cuomo submitted legislation with the Executive Budget that would make the Infrastructure Investment Act permanent, expand design-build authorization to other alternative project delivery methods, and expand the current list of authorized entities that may utilize design-build contracts.

Currently, the Act applies to projects undertaken by New York state thruway authority, the department of transportation, the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, the department of environmental conservation and the New York state bridge authority. The budget expands the Act to include the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), the New York State Urban Development Corporation (UDC), New York State Office of General Services (OGS), the State University Construction Fund, the Battery Park City Authority, and the New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA).

The bill would expand the types of contract that may be utilized under the Infrastructure Investment Act to also include construction manager build and construction manager at risk. The Act is currently set to expire in 2021; this bill would extend its authorization until July 1, 2023.

City Fleet Vehicles to Begin Mobile Testing of Local Air Quality

The DeBlasio administration this week announced the launch of *CityScanner*, a pilot program that will use city fleet vehicles to test local air quality.

Using a new technology developed by the *Senseable City Lab* at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), five vehicles that service the South Bronx will be equipped with sensors that collect air quality data. Air quality data is often used by city government to identify problem areas, determine causes of poor air quality, and make policy decisions to improve air quality. The existing municipal fixed-sensor network – the New York City Community Air Survey – tracks six different kinds of air pollution and how levels vary by neighborhood across the city. Mobile sensors have the potential to augment this existing air quality surveillance by collecting hyper-local data on fine particulates – street by street – at low cost.

NYC Transit President Andy Byford Resigns

Andy Byford this week announced his resignation as President of the New York City Transit Authority. In his resignation letter, Byford indicated his last day of service will be Friday, February 21. He was appointed president of the agency in January 2018.

“I’m very proud of what we have achieved as a team over the past two years and I believe New York City Transit is well-placed to continue its forward progress now that the MTA has a record breaking \$51.5 billion Capital Program in place,” Byford, who was appointed president of the agency in January 2018, said in a statement. “I’m very grateful to Governor Cuomo, Chairman Foye and members of the Board for giving me the opportunity to serve New York and to head up North America’s largest transit system.”

Coming Up

New York State

*The Legislature is in session Monday January 27th through
Wednesday January 29th*

Monday January 27th

**Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule on the 2020-2021 Executive Budget Proposal
Environmental Conservation**

Hamilton Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, 11 a.m.

Tuesday January 28th

**Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule on the 2020-2021 Executive Budget Proposal
Transportation**

Hamilton Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, 9:30 a.m.

To examine the effectiveness of current flooding emergency and mitigation efforts, and to discuss the need for future assistance due to the increase in extreme weather events

Legislative Commission on Rural Resources

Van Buren Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, 10 a.m.

Wednesday January 29th

**Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule on the 2020-2021 Executive Budget Proposal
Health**

Hamilton Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, 11 a.m.

Thursday January 30th

**Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule on the 2020-2021 Executive Budget Proposal
Human Services**

Hamilton Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor, Albany, 9:30 a.m.

New York City

Monday January 27th

Committee on Housing and Buildings, Council Chambers – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Committee on Environmental Protection, Council Chambers – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Committee on Parks and Recreation, Committee Room – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Tuesday January 28th

Committee on Health, Committee Room – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Committee on Governmental Operations, Council Chambers – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Committee on Civil Service and Labor, Council Chambers – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Committee on Fire and Emergency Management, Committee Room – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Wednesday January 8th

Committee on Contracts, Council Chambers – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Task Force on MWBE, Council Chambers – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor, 10 a.m.

Committee on Transportation, Committee Room – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Committee on Justice System, Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor, 1 p.m.

Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Committee Room – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Committee on Governmental Operations, Committee Room – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Committee on Education, Council Chambers – City Hall, 1 p.m.

Thursday January 30th

Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises, Committee Room – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Committee on Higher Education, Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor, 10 a.m.

Subcommittee on Capital Budget, Council Chambers – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Committee on Resiliency and Waterfront, Council Chambers – City Hall, 10 a.m.

Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and Dispositions, Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor, 1 p.m.

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