



**Onondaga County Department of Transportation
Single Audit of the NYS Consolidated Local Street and
Highway Improvement Program**

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SECTION I

BACKGROUND & EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) annually awards funds to municipalities for local street and highway capital improvements. This program collectively called CHIPS (Consolidated Local and Highway Improvement Program) includes Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR), PAVE-NY, and Pave-Our-Potholes (POP) programs.

The Onondaga County Department of Transportation (OCDOT) is responsible for selecting eligible project activities for CHIPS and must certify the project is expected to have a useful service life of at least 10 years.

The basic project types that are eligible for ALL programs include:

- Placement or replacement of a pavement course(s) to enable the existing pavement to achieve its design life, to provide additional strength or improve serviceability while not degrading safety.
- Major improvement to the existing roadway structure (including drainage and shoulders) which could include realignment, construction on new alignment, and major widening such as adding one or more lanes.

The audit of NYSDOT State Funded Programs is to provide reasonable assurance funds are expended only for allowable activities and costs of goods and services defined in each State Award and are in accordance with the applicable principles.

Total State Transportation Assistance expended in 2025 was in excess of \$16.6 million:

NYSDOT State Funded Programs 2025	
Program Name	2025 Expenditures
Highway Planning & Construction State Match to Federal Funding - Marchiselli Program	\$ 370,698.00
Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Prg	\$ 6,576,235.00
Extreme Winter Recovery Appropriation	\$ 1,167,993.00
PAVE_NY	\$ 1,924,712.00
Pave Our Potholes	\$ 1,283,141.00
New York State Snow & Ice Control	\$ 5,360,379.00
Total State Transportation Expenditures	<u>\$ 16,683,158.00</u>

SECTION II

SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

Scope and Objectives:

Our scope was limited to testing a sample of CHIPS expenditures to gain an understanding of their current processes for the audit period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Our objectives for the audit were to:

- Determine if expenditures claimed for reimbursement were expended for allowable activities.
- Determine if expenditures were charged to the proper CHIPS program award.
- Provide OCDOT's management with information and recommendations on the internal controls and operating effectiveness as it pertains to allowable expenditures for NYSDOT funded programs taken as a whole.

Methodology:

In order to achieve our objectives we:

- Reviewed the NYSDOT State Single Audit Guidelines to determine audit testing and reporting requirements.
- Reviewed applicable laws, policies, procedures and regulations to attain an understanding of the NYSDOT Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Programs (CHIPS).
- Interviewed staff and management responsible for oversight and implementation of the aforementioned laws, policies, procedures and regulations.
- Selected and tested a sample of expenditures.
- Finalized our findings and recommendations and included them in this report.

SECTION III

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During the course of our sample testing no issues came to our attention which would indicate unallowable expenditures were inappropriately charged to NYSDOT funded programs.