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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO NAMES JAMES R. POND AS DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Rochester, New York – Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the appointment of James R. Pond, P.E., PTOE, as Director of the Monroe County Department of Transportation. Pond, who was named Acting Director of Transportation after the retirement of Timothy Frelier, brings over 20 years of prior experience with the Department of Transportation.

“Jim Pond is a veteran of the Monroe County Department of Transportation, with more than 20 years in the department, and over 30 years of experience in the field of civil engineering alone,” said County Executive Bello. “We are truly lucky to have professionals like Jim serving Monroe County. I am pleased to see him continue in his efforts to ensure that people and goods can efficiently move throughout our community.”

Before beginning his career with Monroe County, Pond served in multiple positions with the United States Navy Civil Engineer Corps, including spending time in Keflavik, Iceland, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Upon receiving his master’s degree in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Pond migrated to Monroe County and joined the Sear-Brown Group as a Senior Transportation Engineer and Project Engineer. Mr. Pond has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Douglas C. Zefting Award by the APWA Monroe County/Genesee Valley Branch and the first place award in the National Synchro Modeling Submission Contest.

“I am excited to continue my time with Monroe County, now in a more elevated role,” said Jim Pond. “I am thankful to County Executive Bello for allowing me to continue serving Monroe County constituents, working to provide them with a transportation system that enhances community growth, economic well-being, and quality of life.”

In his role as Director of Transportation, Mr. Pond will be responsible for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a safe and efficient highway, bridge and traffic network throughout the County. The Department of Transportation oversees the operation of approximately 1,500 lane miles of county-owned highways, 180 bridges, and 275 major culverts on the Monroe County highway system, and 785 traffic signals and flashers. The department is divided into five divisions, including highway engineering and operations, bridge engineering and operations, traffic

operations and permits, traffic signal engineering and operations, and project planning and administration.

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