



**NEWS FROM:  
NEW YORK STATE JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

For Further Information Contact: (518) 408-3976

**DANIEL J. HORWITZ**  
CHAIR

**LETIZIA TAGLIAFIERRO**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**JCOPE.NY.GOV**

---

**FORMER DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER FINED FOR  
VIOLATING STATE ETHICS LAW THROUGH ABUSE OF POWER**

*DOT Engineer-in-Charge Larry Selan sought free driveway and sidewalk for his home from  
contractors he oversaw*

ALBANY (Feb. 6, 2014) -- The Joint Commission on Public Ethics today announced that a former State Department of Transportation (DOT) engineer based in Syracuse violated State ethics laws by abusing his authority to obtain improper personal privileges from contractors that he oversaw on road and bridge projects in Cortland County, among other things. Those personal privileges included free sidewalk installation work, the misappropriation of State construction materials, and asking State contractors to resurface the driveway at his personal residence for free.

Former DOT Engineer-in-charge Larry Selan admitted to the violation of State ethics law in a settlement agreement with the Joint Commission. As part of the settlement, Selan paid the State a \$2,000 fine for the ethics violation. The settlement is separate from the disciplinary action taken by his former agency, which included his mandatory resignation.

“This State official abused his position for personal gain,” said Joint Commission Executive Director Letizia Tagliafierro. “Public servants who violate the public trust will be held accountable.”

Selan resigned from State service subsequent to a July 2012 investigative report from the State Inspector General. The report alleged, among other things, that: Selan had contractors from the Hoxie Gorge Bridge project on State Route 81, which he oversaw from 2005-2008, provide free labor to build a sidewalk in front of his home; he tried to have contractors from the 2008-2009 \$3.9 million rebuild of Main Street in the Village of Marathon resurface his home’s driveway for

free; and, he pocketed \$533 in proceeds from the unauthorized sale of highway guide rail that belonged to the State.

A copy of the Inspector General's investigative report may be obtained by clicking [here](#). A copy of the settlement with the Joint Commission is available by clicking [here](#).