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LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst is joined by hundreds of fellow Lighthouse supporters in labor, government and business. Pictured with Herbst in front are John Durso (LI Federation of Labor), Kevan Abrahams (Nassau County Legislator), James Castellane (Building & Construction Council of Nassau/Suffolk), Dominick Marrocco (Teamsters Local 282), and Mike Picker, President of the Lighthouse Project group.

Governor Publicly Supports Project

New York State Governor David Paterson recognizes that without Long Island at the forefront of economic recovery the State will never be able to recapture its own economic health. Accordingly, he invited LICA and others to participate in a press conference last week where he endorsed the Lighthouse. More important, he pledged that state agencies would thoroughly review and expedite any necessary approvals.

LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst echoed the Governor's support for the project. Herbst said, "The Lighthouse project is the perfect opportunity for a locally-driven stimulus for our regional economy. Our construction industry is suffering from 35-40 percent unemployment. Long Island should seize every opportunity to stimulate our economy, employ our workforce and deploy our skilled expertise to advance such locally important projects."

Bureaucrats need to hear and heed the Governor's message to ensure that the Lighthouse Project will get the expedited reviews this massive project requires to be "shovel ready" in time to meet the market.

Needed Nassau Hub Improvements

The Lighthouse Project is within the boundaries of the Nassau Hub concept being promoted by **Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi**. Any improvements within this central corridor will require significant investment as existing infrastructure was built decades ago. That is why LICA is urging all public officials to be proactive, rather than reactive, to the development plans now being proposed as progress must come with a coordinated intergovernmental response.

To put it plainly, even if there was no Lighthouse proposal, the infrastructure enhancements within the Nassau Hub are not only necessary, but critical.

LICA contends that many of the roadway mitigation plans for the Hub should take place now, and not lag behind the economic development plans for this crucial economic corridor. Below are some New York State projects needed, regardless of future commercial, retail and residential buildings.

- Meadowbrook Parkway Reconfiguration – Meadowbrook Parkway and Hempstead Turnpike Interchange Reconstruction of the existing cloverleaf interchange
- Meadowbrook Parkway between Hempstead Turnpike and the Southern State Parkway – Construction of a new full southbound travel lane on the Meadowbrook, between Hempstead Turnpike and Southern State Parkway
- Hempstead Turnpike – Earle Ovington Blvd/Uniondale Ave to Meadowbrook Parkway – add additional exclusive turn lanes and necessary travel lanes
- Meadowbrook Parkway and Charles Lindbergh Boulevard realignment and improvements of exit ramps to reduce weaving movements and improve flow of traffic

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- Hempstead Turnpike and Park Boulevard/East Meadow Avenue – extend existing southbound Park Boulevard double turn lanes and add fourth Hempstead Turnpike through lane at intersection
- Fulton Avenue and Peninsula Boulevard/Bennett Avenue – create a dual left turn lane from westbound Fulton Avenue

LICA's Newsday Viewpoints Essay Asks Probing Questions

In a recent Opinion section of *Newsday*, editors ran LICA's essay that compelled readers to question whether the Federal stimulus money allocated to New York is actually accomplishing the strategic objectives it was designed to achieve. Please [click here](#) to read LICA's op-ed piece.

The article was read by opinion leaders from here to Albany, creating an opportunity for vigorous debate, discussion and review of what has been accomplished to date with dollars meant to put people back to work and projects back in business. Our views clearly resonated with prominent leaders and stakeholders. Here are some of the unsolicited comments LICA received following the publication:

- "I appreciate the truth about how little our indebtedness is actually going to do this country any good."
- "...project list...mostly about crack sealing and painting, despite the rhetoric."
- "Well put, but sad for Long Island."
- "They should be fast-tracking a host of projects on Long Island with so many bad roads, trucks and cars. It's unthinkable that nothing more is being done."
- "Very true and well done."

LICA will continue to speak out on the stimulus program and work with others to ensure that the necessary funding flows to Long Island so that we can be assured of our fair share. In addition to *Newsday*, LICA has been assisting other major news outlets, including CNN and *The New York Times*, in providing information and background on the program.

It's Post Time at Saratoga Raceway

The 2009 racing season officially opened last week at the Saratoga Raceway in picturesque Saratoga Springs. A visit to this site is a must for all horse racing enthusiasts!

DID YOU KNOW...

When reading the LICA e-Gram with Adobe Reader, you can zoom in and out of the pages by holding ctrl (or apple) and pressing + (to zoom in) and - (to zoom out)?

LICA is planning its next social event for its members with a "Day at the Races" on **Friday afternoon, August 21st**, the eve of the famous Travers Festival (which runs August 22nd through 30th). While the thoroughbreds are magnificent, these events are excellent networking opportunities for LICA general contractor, subcontractor, supplier, associate and

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disadvantaged minority/women owned business members to chat with each other in a social setting. Strengthening and developing personal relationships with business colleagues is essential, especially during these challenging economic times.

If you wish to participate in the August 21st LICA Saratoga Raceway gathering, please contact LICA at 631-231-LICA (5422) for more information.

A word for our Sponsors ...

The summer's premier social event, the annual LICA Evening Cruise out of Freeport on Nautical Cruise Lines, proved to be another successful event despite the summer storms that kept the celebrants company for most of the cruise.

The dampness, however, did not deter an entertaining evening that included all decks being transformed into dance floors, and places of wonderful conversation, food and drink.

LICA expresses its appreciation to our generous sponsors who helped offset the evening's costs so that the Association could keep the individual boarding pass tickets at affordable levels. A word for our sponsors below: Thanks!

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InterCounty Paving Associates
Operating Engineers Local No. 138
Kings Park Industries

DoT Encourages Electronic Bidding

The New York State Department of Transportation is encouraging contractors to take advantage of the new electronic bidding system offered through their website. It is a powerful tool that improves your bottom line in these challenging times. One of its vendors, Bid Express, offers several reasons why many contractors have still not signed up. Are any of these your explanations?

- "I'm too busy to learn something new."
- "I don't mind monthly road trips to the capital."
- "I'm just not very computer savvy."
- "I like bidding on paper/with a spreadsheet."
- "I enjoy playing the guessing game with prices."
- "I don't bid enough for it to matter."

Electronic bidding likely will become a standard practice. LICA suggests its members review this process. For more information and downloads please [click here](#). You may also [click here](#) for the Bid Express website.

Bid Results

Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
7/20/09	Water Main Improvements	Great Neck North Water Authority	Bancker Construction Corp.	\$218,782
			Merrick Utility Associates, Inc.	\$229,804
			Roy Wanser Inc.	\$303,880
7/23/09	Remedial Construction - Alsy Manf. Site	NYS DEC	Horizon Environmental	\$1,329,686
			Peter Scalamandre & Sons, Inc.	\$1,657,000
			Posillico Civil, Inc.	\$1,760,769
7/23/09	Sanitation Disposal Complex	Town of Hempstead	Superior Sitework Inc./Diversified	\$468,380
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	\$489,489
			D F Stone Contracting	\$498,657
			Allen Industries, Inc.	\$541,700
			Adjo Contracting Corp.	\$592,700
			Araz Industries	\$636,360
7/23/09	Full Depth Reclamation of Various Town Roads	Town of Islip	Bimasco, Inc.	\$3,565,108
			Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC	\$4,084,420
			E.W. Howell	\$4,146,850
			Suffolk Asphalt	\$4,525,825
			Kings Park Industries, Inc.	\$5,098,825
			Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving Inc.	\$6,976,775
7/24/09	Reconstruction of Roads & Drainage Improvements	Town of North Hempstead	Adjo Contracting Corp.	\$2,574,199
			Reet Construction, Corp.	\$2,774,835
			Araz Industries	\$2,936,936
			Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC	\$3,096,255
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	\$3,131,313
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	\$3,145,267
			Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$3,221,877
			Peter Scalamandre & Sons, Inc.	\$3,526,577
			Bi County Construction Corp.	\$3,586,755
			Superior Sitework Inc./Diversified	\$3,612,170
7/24/09	2009 Roadway & Drainage Improvements Program	Village of Roslyn Estates	Carlo Lizza & Sons Paving	\$494,760
			Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation	\$574,046
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	\$586,347
			John McGowan & Son	\$614,480
			ALAC Contracting, Corp.	\$654,321
7/27/09	Nassau Bridge Painting - 7 Bridges	LIRR	Nuco Painting Corp.	\$1,767,000
			RML Construction Inc.	\$2,143,500
			Allied Painting Inc.	\$2,275,000
7/30/09	Reconstruction of CR 94, Nugent Dr Culvert	Suffolk County DPW	Base Bid:	
			Chesterfield Associates	\$569,472
			Bi County Construction Corp.	\$681,010
			Add Alt. A	
			Chesterfield Associates	\$670,672
			Bi County Construction Corp.	\$840,031
			Add Alt. B	
			Chesterfield Associates	\$696,672
			Bi County Construction Corp.	\$857,570
			Add Alt. C	
Chesterfield Associates	\$700,972			
Bi County Construction Corp.	\$862,174			



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