

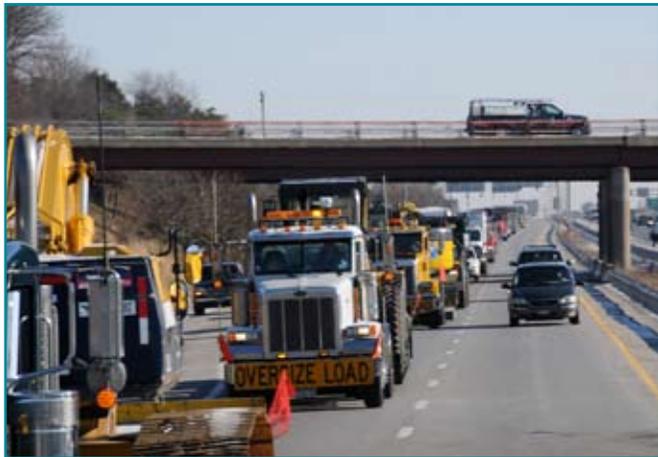
# LICA'S Latest

BIWEEKLY E-GRAM THAT CONTAINS  
THE LATEST NEWS AND INFORMATION  
VITAL TO LICA'S MEMBERS

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## LICA's Mile Long Convoy Creates Public Affairs History in Sending a Powerful Message

History is being made no matter where you look during the month of January 2009. Not only is the United States swearing in a new President in Washington, D.C., but the Long Island Contractors' Association sent an unprecedented mile long convoy of idled construction equipment onto the Long Island Expressway



to send a message that its members want to work.

The creation and execution of this historic convoy brought words of support from New York Governor David Paterson, his Secretary and the

Governor's transportation bureaucracy while demonstrating LICA has the will and the skill to carry off an unprecedented rolling public policy "statement." At the heart of the effort is LICA's call for the State to prioritize its requests for federal economic stimulus dollars with additional dollars going to Long Island's infrastructure.

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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)?

The convoy has also energized media, and specifically, many editorial writers. *Newsday* has written not one but two editorials on this issue and their political  
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cartoonist created a message that underscores why the planning paralysis found among local municipalities must be addressed – a key point in LICA’s recent meeting with *Newsday’s* editorial staff.

LICA invested time, effort and resources to change the nature of the discussion of State funding priorities and how New York State will relate to an industry association that builds Long Island. It was an historic moment in time as over 80 vehicles took the Long Island Expressway as camera crews and news helicopters caught it all for the evening news.

The challenge now is how best to sustain the political momentum that has been created by this convoy for the purpose of meeting the region’s strategic public policy goals, strengthening media awareness of the issue and ensuring government support in the weeks and months to come.

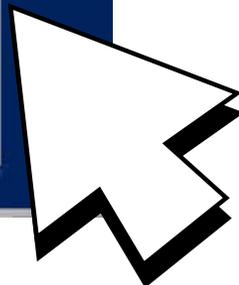
Congratulations to each and every LICA member whose participation made the convoy happen. It was a new page in the history of the construction industry on Long Island and sent a powerful message to those who need to hear what LICA has to say.

## DOT Diligent in Response

Following LICA’s construction convoy along the L.I.E., the New York Department of Transportation has reported to LICA that they wish to “ramp up” work in the Long Island region. Long Island Regional Director Subi Chakraborti joined Tim Gilchrist, the State’s Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Infrastructure at the press event kicking off the convoy. Both Director Chakraborti and Mr. Gilchrist underscored the Governor’s support for expanding the list of potential infrastructure projects. Further, both State officials assured LICA that New York would dramatically increase the projects requested through the federal stimulus package. (Some 11 of the 17 transportation projects submitted for Long Island out of a statewide list of 1900 had previously been planned but halted in the current fiscal budget.)



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## Actions Being Jump Started by the Convoy

Since the convoy rolled to a stop, LICA has attended several meetings in Albany with top department officials, including DOT Commissioner Astrid Glynn and Chief Engineer Bob Dennison. Mr. Dennison detailed internal department efforts to fast-track various types of work in the region. Though preliminary, plans for additional projects, above those already submitted, include:

Pavement Rehabilitation	\$57.0 million
Bridge Deck Repair	\$13.0 million
Concrete Arch Bridge Repair	\$ 8.0 million
Steel Bridge Repair	\$20.0 million

Also, the Department will try to accelerate a drainage repair project for Route 110 (\$17.0 million).

The Department also plans to recommend that the federal funding clearing agency for transportation funding, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), authorize block categories on its Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in addition to specific projects, so that more federal stimulus dollars may flow to Long Island. Here are some suggested block categories and recommended amounts:

ADA Compliance for localities	\$4.5 million
Drainage projects – Nassau	\$4.0 million
Drainage projects – Suffolk	\$6.0 million
Signs	\$20.0 million
LED Traffic Lights	\$4.0 million
Variable Message Signs	\$4.0 million
Diamond Grinding Sagtikos Pkwy.	\$4.0 million

Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi and Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy both serve as voting members of NYMTC, the agency empowered to make this categorical change. LICA will be asking for their advocacy and support.

Within hours of its introduction, DOT reviewed and analyzed the first draft of federal legislation for the stimulus package. This proposal is called the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill." Please [click here](#) to review the department's review of the proposal. LICA federal partner, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), has also reviewed the legislative bill, which may be viewed by [clicking here](#). If you want to read the full text from the House Appropriations Committee, [click here](#).

## State Legislative Breakfast Changed to Feb. 6th

Please mark your calendars.

LICA's annual State issues breakfast, originally planned for this Thursday, January 22nd, is being rescheduled due to the State's legislative session being subsequently set for that day. Our annual State legislative breakfast will be held on **Friday, February 6th, 8:00 – 10:00 am**, at the Huntington Hilton Hotel, 598 Broadhollow Road, Melville.

The featured speakers will be Timothy Gilchrist, Governor David Paterson's Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Infrastructure, and Assemblyman Robert Sweeney (D-Lindenhurst), Chair of the Assembly's Committee on Environmental Conservation. Additionally, all Long Island members of the Assembly and Senate delegation have been invited to participate.

We have asked the speakers to share with LICA the State's expectations regarding a possible federal stimulus package for transportation and infrastructure projects as well as the overall plans for the upcoming State capital program.

### **Decision Makers at LICA session**

As Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Infrastructure, Mr. Gilchrist oversees the major economic development, infrastructure and transportation agencies and authorities in the State. He has extensive policy background in transportation policy, having served in various senior management positions with the State Department of Transportation for over 25 years. Serving as the Department's Chief of Transportation Strategies, he holds institutional knowledge and experience with the funding, planning and development of projects in the Long Island region.

In addition to chairing the Assembly's Environmental Conservation Committee, Assemblyman Sweeney is the dean of the Long Island Assembly majority delegation. Last year he commissioned a study on statewide wastewater infrastructure needs, many of which may be eligible for funding through a federal stimulus package. Assemblyman Sweeney, the former chair of the legislature's Long Island Commission on Critical Transportation Choices, also has expert knowledge of our regional transportation issues.

This will be a very important and informative meeting. We encourage you to participate. Please [click here](#) for more information. You may R.S.V.P. to the LICA office at 631-231-LICA.

## Share in the NYS Vision for a Green Route 347

NYS DOT has developed a vision plan to green Route 347 from the Northern State Parkway to Route 25A in Suffolk County. NYS DOT encourages you to attend a public Open House from 4-9 pm with a formal presentation at 6 pm on January 29, 2009, at the State Office Building at 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge. [Click here](#) for details.

## **LICA to Co-Sponsor Reception for Governor following Feb. 4th Downstate Tech Conference**

The New York State Department of Transportation, Port Authority of NY/NJ, and the Empire State Development Corporation are co-sponsoring the "Downstate Construction Industry Conference" to be held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City on **February 4th, 2009, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm**. The conference will include workshops and networking sessions to foster business relationships between Prime and D/M/WBE Contractors of the Transportation Industry and help to clarify the Federal DBE and State M/WBE programs. Presentations will also include the Integrated Letting Schedule of the major Downstate Agencies, highlights of the Federal Economic Stimulus, and a speech by Governor Paterson. Please [click here](#) to visit the conference website.

The "Reception for Governor Paterson," from **4:30 to 6:00 pm** will focus on how to best access federal economic stimulus dollars for New York State. This reception is being co-sponsored by LICA, and the organization strongly encourages you to attend this event. There will be limited admission for this reception, and it is by invitation only. Due to security regulations, only the names of those on the invitation list will be admitted, so we ask that you notify the LICA office as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Please call LICA at 631-231-LICA.

## **LICA to Participate in LI Economic Summit**

LICA member Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Co., P.C. will release the results of the 2008/09 Long Island Economic Study & Opinion Poll at an economic summit scheduled for Thursday, January 29th, 8:00 – 10:00 am, at the Sheraton LI Hotel, Hauppauge. This event is being hosted by the Hauppauge Industrial Association (HIA), of which LICA belongs. As part of the summit's program, LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst will serve as a panelist discussing what the future looks like for Long Island businesses.

If you wish to attend this summit, please [click here](#) for more information.

## **Safety Seminar PDH Certificates in the Mail**

LICA thanks all members who participated in the annual safety seminar, held on January 8th at the Long Island Sheraton in Hauppauge. LICA is awaiting receipt of certificates for those who requested professional development hour credits. Once received, the Association will forward the documents as well as Certificates of Participation to all who attended.

## **Ruttura Recognized**

LICA member Ruttura and Sons was the featured topic in the recent edition of the industry publication "Concrete Contractor." Tommy Ruttura was interviewed regarding his firm's transition from a contractor to a concrete business and its leadership role in this demanding industry. Please [click here](#) to read the article.

LICA offers its congratulations to Ruttura and Sons.

## Bid Results

Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
1/5/09	Water main installations on Beach rd & Crampton ave	Great Neck N. WA	G&M Earth	\$ 267,423
			Merrick Utility	\$ 468,480
			Bancker Construction	\$ 473,800
			Roy Wasner	\$ 614,460
1/7/08	F/D Asphalt paving mixture for cold patching	Suffolk Co. WA	no results available	
1/8/08	2.4 Kilometers of asphalt concrete milling	NYS DOT	Posillico Civil	\$ 1,682,240
			Intercounty Paving	\$ 1,717,777
			Newborn Construction	\$ 1,987,000
			ALAC Contracting	\$ 1,987,654
			Rosemar Construction	\$ 2,574,095
1/8/09	Painting various bridges on LIE	NYS DOT	Ahern Painting	\$20-40 million
			Atlas Painting	
			Corcon Inc.	
			El Sol Contracting	
			Kiska Construction	
			L & L Painting	
			Liberty Maintenance	
			Matsos Contracting	
			Nuco Painting Corp.	
			Steed General Contractors	
1/8/09	East Island storm water retrofits	City of Glen Cove	Ferran Development	\$ 72,250
			John McGowan	\$ 93,130
			Stasi Brothers Asphalt	\$ 93,345
			D F Stone Contracting	\$ 96,425
			G & M Earth Moving	\$ 102,013
			Araz Industries	\$ 116,360
			Intercounty Paving	\$ 118,235
			ALAC Contracting	\$ 121,212
			Bancker Construction	\$ 125,600
			PSL Industries	\$ 132,740
			Fasco Asphalt	\$ 207,722
			1/9/09	Sidewalk & parking lot improvements
Ferran Development	\$ 43,400			
Delalio Asphalt	\$ 46,995			
Palmero Paving	\$ 48,875			
Patrick Bistran	\$ 53,900			
Guillo Contracting	\$ 58,000			
Corazzini Asphalt	\$ 59,900			
S.J. Hoerning	\$ 72,000			
Eagle Area GC Corp	\$ 93,226			
Carter-Melence	\$ 94,000			
1/13/09	Septic & Storm water drainage system maint.	Southampton SD	Excav Services	
			PSL Industries	
1/15/09	Improvements to CR 80, Montauk Hwy	Suffolk Co. DPW	Base Bid	
			ALAC Contracting	\$ 5,647,665
			Intercounty Paving	\$ 5,708,610
			Kings Park Industries	\$ 5,772,357
			Bove Industries	\$ 5,949,789
			Rosemar Construction	\$ 6,052,197
			Araz Industries	\$ 6,113,636
			Bi-County Construction	\$ 6,487,892
			Posillico Civil	\$ 6,780,577
			Base Bid + Alt. A	
			ALAC Contracting	\$ 6,162,454
			Bove Industries	\$ 6,265,321
			Intercounty Paving	\$ 6,287,770
			Kings Park Industries	\$ 6,498,884
			Rosemar Construction	\$ 6,776,776
Araz Industries	\$ 6,963,636			
Bi-County Construction	\$ 7,364,206			
Posillico Civil	\$ 7,428,178			