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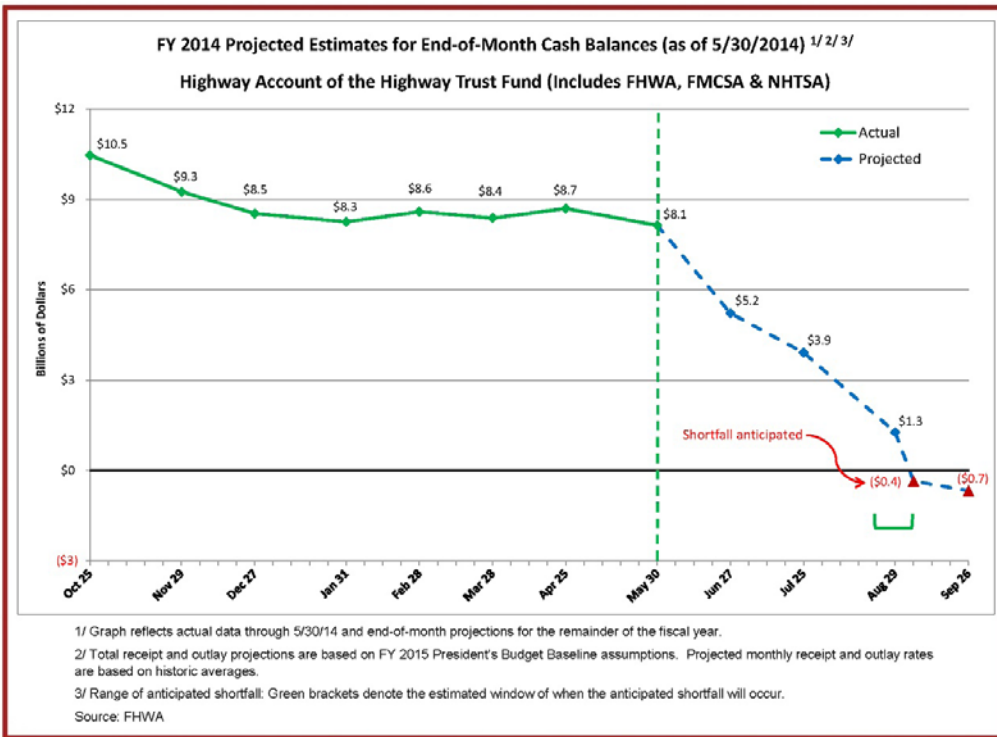
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Transportation Crisis Looming if Highway Trust Fund is Not Renewed

The Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) has issued an "all points bulletin" to state, county and town officials in the wake of a rapidly approaching deadline that would effectively shut down the Federal Highway Trust Fund by late August if Congress does not rework its financing and protect road and bridge construction here and throughout the country.

Close to 700,000 American jobs in road work, bridge building and transit maintenance could be lost if the fund is not renewed, as 112,000 highway and 5,600 transit projects underway will be forced to come to a halt. According to Washington officials, "on average, states will see a 28% drop in federal transportation dollars." Both Democrats and Republicans agree that they want to continue funding highway projects, but

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disagree on how to go about financing future spending, underscoring the dysfunction plaguing Washington.

“Investing, improving, and maintaining our roads, bridges and highways should never be made into a bipartisan issue,” stated **LICA's Executive Director Marc Herbst**. “We are sending an alert not only to our congressional leaders to put their differences aside and fix the Federal Highway Trust Fund but to those they work with back home. A shutdown of the trust fund will have immediate and dramatic political consequences for everyone in public office.”

The Federal Highway Trust Fund, which is funded through the federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon, is collecting less money than the government is spending. The gas tax hasn't been increased in over 20 years and the combination of inflation and advancements in fuel efficient cars has slowly chipped away at incoming revenues. The **Congressional Budget Office (CBO)** warns that the yawning gap between the amount of money paid from the fund and what it brings in is steadily increasing to an alarming shortfall of more than \$80 billion by 2022 if no solution is reached.

Efforts are underway to address the situation, including draft legislation developed by **Senators Chris Murphy** (D-Conn.) and **Bob Corker** (R-Tenn.) which calls for slowly raising the gasoline tax and offsetting this new revenue with an extension of unrelated tax cuts.

Forceful Advocates

“It is critical that Congress avoid the fast-approaching highway trust fund cliff, which falls right in the middle of construction season and could bring critical infrastructure work on Long Island's roads and bridges to a screeching halt,” stated **United States Senator Charles E. Schumer**. “The federal government has always funded this work, and jobs, public safety, and economic development are all at risk if Congressional gridlock prevents a common sense solution from moving forward.”

“The Highway Trust Fund helps to ensure our roadways and bridges are well-maintained. Further, it helps keep hundreds of thousands of Americans employed in well-paying jobs,” said **Congressman Tim Bishop**. “It is imperative that we craft a legislative solution to the impending depletion of the account. At a time when our economy is finally showing signs of recovery, it is deplorable that House leadership has yet to make this issue a priority. If we do not act now, we may find the consequences difficult to reverse.”

“USDOT Secretary Anthony Foxx's actions underscore the need for long-term, sustainable investment in our nation's highways and bridges,” **New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner (NYSDOT) Joan McDonald** said. “Unless additional resources are identified to support the federal Highway Trust Fund, the number of new federally funded transportation projects will be severely limited in federal fiscal year 2015, which starts Oct. 1. The New York State Department of Transportation is moving forward with our 2014 letting program. We will manage

LICA asks members to contact their local representatives and urge them to fix the Highway Trust fund:

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any shortfalls in federal funding so that localities continue to receive full funding for their federal-aid highway improvement projects. Long term, however, the impact of Congressional inaction could be significant. Our \$1.7 billion annual capital construction program is 70% federally funded. Until a successor to MAP-21 is enacted, there will be uncertainty in our capital program.”

“The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) welcomes the common sense, fiscally-sound and bipartisan proposal from Senators Murphy and Corker to provide a long-term sustainable funding solution to fix the Highway Trust Fund,” stated **ARTBA President & CEO Pete Ruane**. “Congress has patched the trust fund four times since 2008. Every short-term fix requires more money. The fund’s structural deficit now requires \$16 billion in additional revenue every year just to maintain current investment for highway and public transportation improvements. It is time to stop pretending this problem will solve itself. Senators Murphy and Corker have provided one potential path forward.”

LICA & Local 15D Agree to New Four Year Contract



LICA and the **Operating Engineers Local 15D** agreed on a new four year collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2014 and expiring on June 30, 2018.

The monetary total wage and benefit package increase, effective July 1 of each year, is 3.0%, not compounded, and based on the total package of wages and benefits in effect on June 30, 2014. Local 15D agrees to waive any paid sick leave or vacation leave pursuant to any legislation passed in New York City. The LICA and Local 15D agree to form a target committee to address non-union competition in heavy construction. The LICA and Local 15D will also form a committee that will develop and implement a standardized drug and alcohol testing program for all job sites. When two or more shifts are employed, single time will be paid for any of the shifts worked as long as a member of Local 15-15A or 15D is employed on any shift.

EEO Language Article 1, Section 2(g)- “Declaration of Principles” to be changed as follows:

The LICA, The Employer and the unions agree that they will not refuse to hire or employee any individual, nor will they bar or discharge from employment any individual, nor will they discriminate against any individual, in compensation or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of an individual’s race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, domestic violence victim status or citizenship status in all employment decisions, including but not limited to recruitment, hiring, compensation, training and apprenticeship, promotion, upgrading, demotion, downgrading, transfer, lay-off and termination, and all other terms and conditions of employment.

All provisions listed in this Memorandum of Agreement are subject to ratification by the Executive Committee of the **General Contractors Association of New York** and the members of Local 15D.

If you have any questions please contact LICA’s Executive Director Marc Herbst at mherbst@licanys.org.

NYS DOT Industry Partnering Meeting Set for Tomorrow



A strategic downstate partnering meeting with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) has been scheduled for tomorrow, **July 9th at 11 a.m.** at the offices of the General Contractors Association (GCA), 60 East 42nd Street (opposite Grand Central Terminal), Suite 3510, New York City. NYS DOT Commissioner Joan McDonald, **First Executive/Chief Engineer Phil Eng** and the regional directors of Regions 8, 10 and 11 will be in attendance.

The meeting is an unprecedented opportunity to learn about upcoming bidding opportunities in the region, engage the new regional directors, learn about policy changes and raise questions you have regarding doing business with DOT.

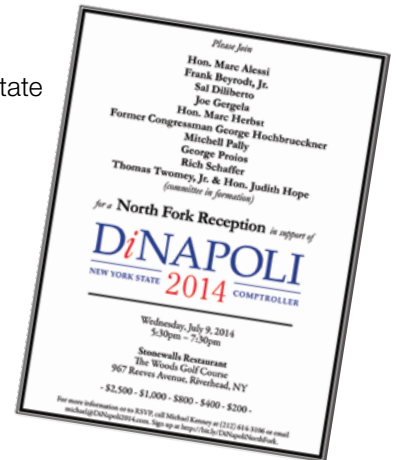
While meeting notification is short, attendance will bring significant insight. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to **Rosemarie Clendening** at RClendening@gcany.net. Please note any topics or concerns you would like included in the meeting agenda.

North Fork Reception in Support of Comptroller DiNapoli

LICA members have been invited to attend a North Fork Reception in support of New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli this **Wednesday, July 9th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at Stonewalls Restaurant in Riverhead, NY.

Sponsorship opportunities at the \$200, \$400, \$800, \$1,000, and \$2,500 level. Please make checks payable to DiNapoli 2014 and mail to: DiNapoli 2014, P.O. Box 1776, Mineola, NY 11501.

[Click here](#) for more information on this event. Please call **Michael Kenny** at 212.614.3106 or email michael@DiNapoli2013.com to RSVP.



Introducing LICA's Sleeker New Website Design

LICA is pleased to announce the launch of a new website design to ease your navigation through our presentation of news and information you can use. The site's simple and easy navigation panel allows visitors to access the information they need more quickly and efficiently.

The new design, which offers valuable information on our industry, provides our visitors with access to industry-related news articles and press releases, LICA's



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latest electronic members newsletter, photo and video galleries and upcoming events. Our "members only" section offers a wide variety of perks to our membership, including union wage rates and holiday schedules, up-to-date bid results, a full membership directory and union collective bargaining agreements, among other information assets.

We hope you will refer to our new website often and whenever you need information that can enhance your business. Visit our new site at www.licanys.org.

"Puff and Pull" for Contractors for Kids

Contractors for Kids (CFK) is hosting a Cigar Night and Texas Style BBQ event on **Wednesday, July 30th, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, NY and they are asking LICA members to attend!

Tickets for the event are \$125 per person and include two cigars, full open premium bar and Texas Style BBQ. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Advance ticket purchase is required. If you are interested in attending or require additional information, please [click here](#).

CFK is a not-for-profit organization founded for the purpose of providing assistance to families in our communities. Their goal is to assist children and their families to overcome obstacles that have unfortunately changed or impacted their lives through sickness, injury or death. Whether it is to pay a phone bill or mortgage payment, aiding in paying for medical bills deemed experimental or due to lack of insurance, arranging transportation or paying for a room to allow families to remain close during these tough times, or in heartbreaking cases when a child does not survive illness and a family needs financial help with burying a child, Contractors for Kids will be there.



Nassau-Suffolk Infrastructure Summit Scheduled for September 19th

Let's get down to business with the towns and counties that earmark dollars for infrastructure. At a time of financial stress and political angst, LICA is hosting a joint Nassau-Suffolk Infrastructure Summit **Friday, September 19, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** at the Hilton Long Island in Huntington, NY.

The gathering welcomes local municipal officials so that LICA members may hear, firsthand, plans for the upcoming public works construction season. Expected to attend are Nassau and Suffolk County officials, Town Supervisors, Highway Superintendents and DPW Commissioners.

Among those invited are **Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano** and **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone**; **Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos** and **Suffolk County Comptroller Joseph Sawicki, Jr.**; **Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice** and **Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas J. Spota**; **Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate**



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Murray; North Hempstead Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth; Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto; Town of Babylon Supervisor Richard Schaffer; Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine; Town of Islip Supervisor Tom Croci; Nassau County DPW Commissioner Shila Shah-Gavnoudias and Suffolk County DPW Commissioner Gilbert Anderson.

These individuals are the government leaders who understand the role of effective infrastructure in protecting the quality of life of their respective municipalities. They are being asked to offer their analyses of proposed public works projects under their jurisdiction and what our industry can expect in the coming year.

Independence Day Holiday Schedule

Please [click here](#) for the LICA/GCA holiday schedules.

Bid Results

**Numbers in red represent the winning bid **Highlighted and bold companies represent LICA Members

Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount	
6/23/14	Construction of Water Mains in North Haven Area	Suffolk County Water Authority	Roadwork Construction	\$ 1,438,431	
			Elmore Associates Inc	1,497,365	
			Roy Wanser Inc.	1,551,420	
			Bancker Construction Corp	1,874,497	
			G & M Earth Moving Inc	2,370,332	
6/24/14	Phase 2 Redevelop Nassau Cty DPW Hempstead Rd Maint Facility	County of Nassau Office of Public Works	J Anthony Enterprises	\$ 13,407,000	
			Fortunato Sons Contracting Inc.	15,278,000	
			Scalamandre Organization	16,437,000	
6/26/14	Standby Generators @ Stormwater Pump Stations	Town Of Smithtown-Purchasing	Eldor Contracting	\$ 182,000	
			Facility Solutions Group	219,800	
			Commander Electric, Inc.	222,000	
			SJ Electric Inc.	244,000	
			Bancker Electric aka Baltray	244,000	
			Hinck Electrical Contracting, Inc.	269,900	
			JP Daly & Sons Inc.	289,060	
			Palace Electrical Contractors Inc.	292,000	
6/26/14	2013 Cap Reserve & 2014/15 Cap Improv @ Various Schools	Cold Spring Harbor Central School District	Thomas Novelli & Sons aka Novelli Group	\$ 46,435	
			Araz Industries	50,540	
			Rosemar Construction	51,000	
			D F Stone Contracting	59,444	
			PSL Industries, Inc.	60,905	
			Gatz Landscaping Inc.	76,836	
			Laser Industries Inc.	81,760	
			Contract #1 - Lloyd Harbor ES - Total BB + Alt.	Laser Industries Inc.	\$ 86,710
				D F Stone Contracting	87,444
				Thomas Novelli & Sons aka Novelli Group	99,745
				Araz Industries	100,260
				PSL Industries, Inc.	114,407
				Rosemar Construction	119,000
				Gatz Landscaping Inc.	125,061
			Contract #1 - Cold Spring Harbor HS - Base Bid	Thomas Novelli & Sons aka Novelli Group	\$ 144,387
	D F Stone Contracting	145,000			
	Laser Industries Inc.	162,100			
	PSL Industries, Inc.	175,306			
	Araz Industries	218,920			
	Gatz Landscaping Inc.	243,928			
	Rosemar Construction	244,000			
Contract #1 - Both Schools - Total Base Bid	Thomas Novelli & Sons aka Novelli Group	\$ 190,822			
	D F Stone Contracting	204,444			
	PSL Industries, Inc.	236,211			
	Laser Industries Inc.	243,860			
	Araz Industries	269,460			
	Gatz Landscaping Inc.	318,000			
Contract #1 - Both Schools - Total Base Bid + Alt.	D F Stone Contracting	\$ 232,444			
	Thomas Novelli & Sons aka Novelli Group	244,132			
	Laser Industries Inc.	248,210			
	PSL Industries, Inc.	289,713			
	Araz Industries	319,180			
	Gatz Landscaping Inc.	366,225			
Contract #2 - Goosehill Primary	Louis Barbato Landscaping	\$ 67,819			
	PSL Industries, Inc.	110,955			
	Lighthouse Designs, Inc.	134,000			
	Laser Industries Inc.	183,000			
Contract #3 - Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr HS	Laser Industries Inc.	\$ 235,000			
6/27/14	Curb, Sidewalk & Road Improvements 2014	Incorporated Village Of Garden City	Pratt Brothers Inc.	\$ 1,988,919	
			Valente Contracting	2,126,947	
			Tri State Paving LLC	2,185,531	
			Laser industries Inc.	2,472,825	
7/1/14	Installation of Streetlights	Incorporated Village of Hempstead	Welsbach Electric of Long Island	\$ 212,106	
			Eldor Traffic Signal Contracting Corp.	212,106	
			Hinck Electrical Contracting, Inc.	\$ 307,779	
			Ankers Electrical Service Inc.	367,032	
	Palace Electrical Contractors Inc.	522,000			
7/3/14	Maintenance Dredging of Centerport Harbor	County of Suffolk, Dept. of Public Works	Gibson & Cushman Contracting	\$ 962,500	
			Alt. B	Gibson & Cushman Contracting	\$ 1,053,000
			Alt. C	Gibson & Cushman Contracting	\$ 1,206,000
7/3/14	Maintenance Dredging of Napeague Harbor	County of Suffolk, Dept. of Public Works	Gibson & Cushman Contracting	\$ 689,000	