

# LICA'S Latest

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THE LATEST NEWS AND INFORMATION  
VITAL TO LICA'S MEMBERS

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## Are Nassau Local Governments Shovel-Ready? Attend LICA's Breakfast this Thursday and Find Out



In a stunning disclosure, a LICA analysis reveals that most public works awarded on Long Island don't come from the State of New York but originate from our local governments. Our region's towns and counties comprise the first and second largest "customers" for infrastructure repair, restoration and construction, literally putting their money where their mouths are, leaving Albany a distant third in dollars committed to the infrastructure serving 2.7 million people.

It is for this reason that it is crucial for you to attend LICA's Nassau County Local Governments Infrastructure Summit scheduled for this **Thursday, February 19th, 8:00 – 10:00 am**, at Bethpage State Golf Course's Carlyle on the Green Restaurant, 99 Quaker Meeting House Road, Farmingdale. Our

local elected leaders and public works officials will be on hand to discuss their efforts for the upcoming construction season. Attend and find out what to expect for your business. As you know, there is no event charge for LICA members to attend these informative sessions.

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## The Infrastructure Czar Is In

While LICA will have “resolve,” we will also continue to carry admiration and respect for our State partners, who truly work with us hand-in-hand. Governor Paterson has favorably responded to LICA’s call and appointed a “transportation czar.” He designated Tim Gilchrist, who had addressed our Association at the February 6th transportation summit.

Please [click here](#) for LIBN story on appointment.

LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst praised the appointment, calling Gilchrist “top-notch.” He said of Gilchrist, “He has longstanding institutional knowledge of our state’s transportation funding policy and is acutely aware of LICA’s needs and positions. This is no time for on-the-job training, and Tim will leave the starting blocks sprinting.”

LICA is also appreciative of New York State Transportation Commissioner Astrid Glynn and her senior staff. According to Herbst, “She has instituted a cooperative, supportive working relationship with transportation industry leaders. The Commissioner boldly issued a report that honestly details the transportation needs assessment of the state. That set the tone in earning our respect for her commitment to our causes.”



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## "State of Stimulus"

During the height of the campaign for the White House, Candidate Barack Obama proposed a \$60 billion "National Infrastructure Reinvestment Bank" as a method to jump-start a wobbling economy. This week, President Barack Obama signed what his idea morphed into, the \$787 billion "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act."




Depending on how items are defined determines whether the President reaches his \$60 billion goal for infrastructure projects, but of particular interest for our industry is that the total appropriation for the Highway Formula Funding is \$27.5 billion. Transit infrastructure is slated for \$7.65 billion. There is other significant funding for potable and waste water systems, railways, airport and building construction.

New York is designated to receive \$1.12 billion for highway funding. To view that figure in perspective, the current state budget is \$1.89 billion. Additionally, transit funds destined for New York are \$1.22 billion. The parity between monies for highway and transit are consistent with the state's practice of trying to keep these amounts nearly equal.

The state is now developing plans to designate these federal dollars for specific projects. LICA is working with our local officials to ensure that Long Island receives an equitable portion of the funds. A letter was dispatched to all Long Island state legislators urging them to fight for our region's traditional 23% allocation of funding. (Please [click here](#) to view letter.) LICA also assisted Congressman Tim Bishop in obtaining support from other officials so that this effort to obtain funds became truly bipartisan.

New York State Senator Chuck Fuschillo led a similar effort at our request.

*Newsday* has provided extensive coverage, including two articles and an editorial within the last week that sought the comments and opinions of LICA membership. Please click the links below to read the stories.

- [LI officials want federal stimulus funds for roads](#) 
- [Help is on the way](#) 
- [Lawmaker: LI share of stimulus fund for highway work paltry](#) 

Additionally, LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst testified on February 13th before a panel of State legislators at a hearing regarding the proposed state budget. He discussed the current financial issues facing our industry. LICA also lent its support to Congressman Bishop and participated in a press event this Monday along Route 112 regarding the stimulus package.

## annual meeting/dinner slated at stonebridge CC

In what may be one of the most important sessions in recent LICA history, official notification has been mailed to voting members of LICA informing them of the 2009 Annual LICA meeting and dinner. This year, the event will be held at the Stonebridge Golf Links and Country Club, 2000 Raynors Way (off Veterans Highway next to Blydenburgh Park), Smithtown, on Thursday, March 12th.

Cocktails will be served beginning at 6:00 pm, with the program and buffet dinner beginning about 7:15 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. The cost of the event is included in members' annual dues.

LICA is awaiting confirmation of the evening's featured speaker. In recognition of the tremendous effort in fighting for the allocation of federal stimulus dollars for Long Island, LICA will present the 2009 LICA Partnership Award to the Long Island Regional Planning Council, and the 2009 LICA Leadership Award to U. S. Congressman Tim Bishop.

## LICA's website refocused and remodeled visit [www.licanys.org](http://www.licanys.org)

Check out LICA's website. It has a completely new theme and look. These changes reflect the use of the Internet to allow LICA to better inform, educate and advocate on behalf of our industry. And more improvements are coming.

What will become evident is the fact that LICA has made a deliberate effort to change the purpose and use of the website. Originally designed as a recruitment tool for potential new members, we have now focused on the strengthening of our industry. These are difficult economic times and in order to succeed, LICA must increase its advocacy and education for the general public, media, and our clients – namely our public markets.

LICA will be aggressive in drawing attention to proposed and potential projects in our region. If we generate interest and support, and are positioned to demonstrate the presence of that support, then LICA can lobby more successfully for dollars that will ultimately put our firms to work. One tool will be an interactive map on our webpage, [www.fixthislroad.com](http://www.fixthislroad.com), where visitors will be able to register their support of projects. This map will include state and local projects now in the planning stages. It is presently under development and will be added soon. [Click here](#) to view a sample.

The site will provide more information that will be of interest to the general public. In addition, LICA is adding a "members only" section that you will be able to access with a password (your e-mail address). This page will bring you to some information that was previously available on the public pages as well as more useful information for your daily business operations, such as bid results and labor collective bargaining agreements.

Please let LICA know if you have any suggestions or ideas as we continue to enhance our Internet services.

## Bid Results

Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
2/5/09	Rebid-Mallow beach bridge repair	Hewlett Harbor V.	Amma Construction	\$ 79,500
2/5/09	Guiderail rehab & replacement @ var. locations	NYS DOT	no results	\$10-20 million
2/5/09	Storm water drain road improvemebt & grade raise	Town of Hempstead	Intercounty Paving	\$ 991,800
			Adjo Contracting	\$ 1,071,100
			Araz Industries	\$ 1,085,400
2/9/09	Republic Airport taxiway B relocation, Phase IV	NYS DOT	Newborn Construction	\$ 1,747,000
			Intercounty Paving	\$ 1,974,790
			Posillico Civil	\$ 2,229,568
			ALAC Contracting	\$ 2,626,262
2/10/09	Gill Ave and Summers PI water main replacement	Freeport Village	G&M Earth Moving	\$ 158,331
			Bancker Construction	\$ 158,383
			Roy Wasner	\$ 180,550
			Merrick Utility	\$ 220,614
			Alessio Pipe	\$ 221,667
			Elmore Associates	\$ 225,829
2/10/09	2009 annual contract-permanent pavement resto.	Manhasset-Lakeville	DeRosa Paving	n/a
2/12/09	Install water mains/appurt extention #85 Mastro Realty	Riverhead TH	Roy Wasner	\$ 219,850
			Alessio Pipe	\$ 225,350
			Elmore Associates	\$ 247,265
			Excav Services	\$ 249,860
			Merrick Utility	\$ 269,750
			Roadwork Construction	\$ 274,992
			G&M Earth Moving	\$ 309,033
			Bancker Construction	\$ 339,350
2/13/09	Restoration of Water Utility Trenches	Town of Hempstead	Bancker Construction	\$ 63,514
			Stasi Brothers Asphalt	\$ 144,181

[Click here](#) to view the General Contractors Association February Holiday Schedule 2009.