

Many of those participating stressed the importance of improving mobility and safety in the vital Route 110 corridor. More than 88,000 motorists pass through the interchange on a daily basis. While the improvements will clearly improve safety and traffic flow, LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst focused his comments on the economic value that this project will bring to our struggling economy. He reminded the other officials that our industry pumps more than \$3.8 billion annually into Long Island's economy and that the current 35-plus percent unemployment levels of our construction trades will not permit us to turn around the financial doldrums.

History instructs

Herbst said, "Over seventy years ago it was demonstrated clearly and conclusively that spending public money on infrastructure projects would reinvigorate an economy, put people back to work and forge a strong and dynamic society. In the teeth of a grinding recession we are learning that lesson once more. We look forward to the NY110/LIE project going forward so that the full effects of this core project and the federal stimulus dollars can be felt throughout Long Island."

Herbst also praised the project's awarded prime contractor, LICA member **The Posillico Group**. He observed that as one of Long Island's premier contractors, working in concert with their dedicated and talented subcontractors and suppliers, the region will be well served once more by Posillico's work ethic, performance and project execution.

LICA Welcomes Acting DOT Commissioner Gee

As LICA continues to play a leadership role in the public discussion of how, when and where public infrastructure dollars are spent, the group recently received an invitation from the Acting Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation Stanley Gee to sit down and discuss priority issues facing the industry. LICA welcomed the opportunity and presented an agenda of crucial importance to its membership, the industry as a whole and to every member of the commuting public.

Joining the session was LICA Chairman James Pratt and the other board members who underscored the issues and concerns shared with the Long Island state legislators at last month's Albany-based summit. The conversation focused on three areas of concern:

Federal Stimulus Program: The frustration regarding the processing of ARRA stimulus projects was shared by both DOT and LICA. Gee was forthcoming in explaining the challenges the Department faces in meeting various levels of requirements and regulations.

Program Balancing: Commissioner Gee acknowledged the long-standing industry call for balancing the capital program projects in each quarter of the fiscal cycle. He indicated DOT has made program balancing a goal for the Department. DOT provided charts to display the historical practices for project awards within Region 10. Statewide charts were also provided (please contact the LICA office if you would like a copy).

Please [click here](#) to view the graphs.

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Delayed Payments for Orders on Contract: LICA strongly objected to delays in State payments for orders on contract, many of which extend beyond 180 days. Contractors are compelled to make adjustments in the field, but they are denied payments in a reasonable time period. Commissioner Gee reported that industry leaders, including LICA's Executive Director Marc Herbst, met with him and his senior department members and the Office of the State Budget on June 26th to discuss this concern. At his initiation, all involved State agencies are now reviewing procedures collaboratively in an effort to minimize finger-pointing, and more importantly, expedite the payment process.

Ignored Infrastructure Can Be Lethal

A national study reporting that more than half of the highway fatalities nationwide are related to deficient roadway conditions was issued last week, less than a fortnight since the Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) presented three skeletons draped on unused construction equipment at the Albany State Capitol, as an iconic symbol of an industry that can't wait any longer for the State's bureaucratic machinery to produce approvals.

PIRE (Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation), a non-profit public health research organization, demonstrated in its landmark study that deficient roadway conditions are a substantially more lethal factor than drunk driving, speeding or non-use of safety belts.

"This study clearly drives home the message that road conditions are significant factors in highway safety and that failure to maintain roads and highways is a reliable predictor of loss of life and economic impact." reacted LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst. "When we know that road maintenance, upgrades, and traffic safety features can prevent crashes and reduce injury severity," Herbst continued, "it is unconscionable that so many of Long Island's highway improvement projects remain stalled in Albany's bureaucratic morass."

The PIRE study ranked New York in the top ten states in two major considerations, the highest total cost of crashes involving deficient road conditions, and highest road-related crash costs per mile of road.

In New York State, annual costs associated with crashes where road conditions contributed to either crash frequency or severity include \$938 million in medical costs, \$2,094 million in productivity loss, \$5,068 million in quality of life loss, \$2,505 million in other costs and \$10,605 million in comprehensive costs.

All Aboard! LICA Evening Cruise Sets Sail July 23rd

Don't miss the boat! Last year's event was extremely popular. Based on early returns, it appears that large group purchases by LICA member firms will prove this event to be a success once again. If you have not made reservations yet, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to ensure you can participate.

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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)?

LICA will be boarding the Nautical Cruise Lines in Freeport on **Thursday, July 23rd** at 7:00pm. For more information, please [click here](#).

MMBE Conference This Thursday at Hofstra University Club

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) are co-sponsoring a Disadvantaged and Minority and Women Business Enterprise Outreach Event (D/M/WBE) at the Hofstra University Club (225 Hofstra University, Hempstead) on **Thursday, July 9th**, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. All LICA members are encouraged to participate.

The objectives of this event are many but most importantly to provide networking opportunities between prime contractors/consultants and certified D/M/WBE. Featured speakers for this event include Tim Gilchrist, Senior Advisor for Infrastructure and Transportation, and Stanley Gee, Acting DOT Commissioner.

To facilitate successful networking for attendees, we will conduct an afternoon networking session from 2:30 to 5:00pm, which will provide an opportunity for primes and D/M/WBE to network with each other as well as with the staff from DOT, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC).

To register, please send an email to: [wbeforum@comto-ny.org](mailto:wbeforeum@comto-ny.org). For more information, you may contact Sherri Richards at 518-457-1590.

Labor Dept. Seeks Prevailing Wage Trucking Clarification

The New York State Department of Labor's (DOL) Bureau of Public Work held discussions with LICA and Teamsters Local No. 282 regarding the State's annual review process in setting prevailing wage rates, which became effective July 1st, as they do every year.

The Department requested clarification of project classifications contained within the existing labor/management collective bargaining agreement. **Tom Gesualdi**, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 282, and LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst provided DOL a joint memorandum of agreement which clarified the contract's definitions of types of construction work.

"Heavy Construction Work" shall include the construction, improvement, modification and demolition of all or any part of streets, highways, bridges, tunnels, railroads, canals, dams, airports, schools, power generation plants, and utilities in connection therewith.

"Light Construction Work" shall include all residential work, including, but not limited to the construction, improvement, modification and demolition of single family, multi-family, town houses and apartment buildings, including driveways, streets and curbs within those residential projects, and utilities in connection therewith. Light Construction shall also include the construction, improvement, modification and demolition of parking lots and garages, gas stations, and utilities in connection therewith. Light Construction Work shall include the construction, improvement, modification and

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demolition of retail, industrial and commercial office buildings, and utilities in connection therewith.

DOL advised both LICA and Local 282 that the information provided would help them establish appropriate prevailing wage rates for the new schedule.

new Labor Wage Rates now Posted on LICA Website

For your convenience, LICA has posted the new labor wage rates, as of July 1st, for the various industry trades on our website, www.licanys.org. As you know, unions may have adjusted their wage allocations for members. In order to make sure funds are accurately disbursed, you may wish to review the postings. To do so, simply log on to the "Members Only" page by entering your email address. Then, go to the "Document Room" and scroll down to "LICA Labor Wage Rates 2009."



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Bid Results

Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
6/18/09	2009 Road Improvement Program	Village of Rockville Centre	Richard W. Grim, Inc.	\$1,624,803
			Araz Industries, Inc.	\$1,836,900
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	\$1,967,000
6/18/09	Reconstruction of CR 58, Old Country Road	Suffolk County	E.W. Howell	\$11,782,000
			Pratt Brothers, Inc.	\$12,531,172
			Rosemar Construction	\$13,091,922
			Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC	\$13,185,725
6/18/09	Water Main Replacement for Burns Ave	City of Glen Cove	Bancker Construction Corp.	\$106,316
			Roy Wanser Inc.	\$109,179
			Merrick Utility Associates, Inc.	\$121,125
6/18/09	Improvements of Burns Ave	City of Glen Cove	Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp.	\$365,285
			Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$388,883
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	\$423,156
			John McGowan & Son	\$427,397
6/18/09	Storm Water Drain & Road Improvement, Part 1	Town of Hempstead	Araz Industries	\$918,360
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	\$923,456
			Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC	\$928,605
			Richard W. Grim, Inc.	\$941,998
			J Anthony Enterprises	\$967,718
			Allen Industries, Inc.	\$986,215
			Valente Contracting	\$994,027
			Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp.	\$1,012,971
			A Uliano & Sons, Ltd.	\$1,076,463
6/23/09	Rehab of Existing Large Diameter Sanitary Sewers	Nassau County	All State Power Vac Inc.	\$673,399
			En-Tech Corp	\$857,071
			Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC	\$874,144
6/23/09	Req Contract Maint/Repair of Water Mains	Nassau County	Bancker Construction Corp.	\$176,584
6/24/09	2009 Road Improvement Program - Base Bid	Village of Lynbrook	ALAC Contracting Corp	\$2,121,212
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	\$2,345,678
6/25/09	Drainage Treatments at Various Locations	NYS DOT	Annex General Contracting Inc.	\$366,071
			Bi County Construction Corp	\$693,872
			Chesterfield Associates	\$695,879
			Terry Contracting	\$878,146
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	\$954,678
			ALAC Contracting Corp	\$998,877
			Anjac Enterprises Inc.	\$1,176,162
			Pratt Brothers, Inc.	\$1,392,745
			G & M Earth Moving, Inc.	\$1,466,768
6/26/09	St. James LIRR Parking Lot Improvements	Town of Smithtown	Kings Park Industries Inc.	\$223,857
			Fasco Asphalt Paving	\$268,056
			Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$279,340
			Saracino Construction	\$284,969
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	\$285,285
			J Anthony Enterprises	\$318,085
			Corazzini Asphalt	\$322,292
			Eagle Asphalt Maintenance	\$388,375
Suffolk Asphalt	\$571,257			
6/26/09	Smithtown LIRR Parking Lot Improvements	Town of Smithtown	Fasco Asphalt Paving	\$437,855
			Kings Park Industries Inc.	\$513,139
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	\$582,582
			Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$597,122
			Corazzini Asphalt	\$614,257
			J Anthony Enterprises	\$644,691
Suffolk Asphalt	\$1,248,679			