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## LICA State Legislative Breakfast this Friday

In what is amounting to a meeting with historic implications, LICA's 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. With attendance expected to be heavy, we urge you to reserve your space today if you have not already done so. Please [click here](#) for more information.

In recognition of the crisis facing the State and region, Long Island Congressman Tim Bishop, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has asked to address the LICA legislative breakfast. He will be joined by two other featured keynoters, Governor David Paterson's Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Infrastructure Timothy Gilchrist and Assemblyman Robert Sweeney (D-Lindenhurst), the dean of the Long Island State Assembly delegation. The topics that will drive much of the session will be the federal stimulus package, Albany's funding priorities and its implication on state and regional policies.

In addition, members of the Long Island delegation who represent Assembly and Senate districts are also expected to attend.

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## **Stimulus Status Losing Its Foundation**

Congress began debating President Barack Obama's federal stimulus package as its first order of business for the New Year. While the House of Representatives approved the \$819 billion plan, it has already split along partisan lines. The Senate takes up its version this week with a joint conference committee likely to take up both plans shortly thereafter. Whatever the ultimate outcome, the process is not pretty to watch. As Otto von Bismarck famously remarked, "Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made."

Nevertheless, the program is dramatically shifting from its initial strategic intent – construction jobs putting people back to work. This proposal has ballooned into being an unwieldy attempt to address all ills of society. As worthy as many causes may be, such as education, health care and social services, LICA is deeply concerned that Congress is allowing those powerful special interests to distort the focused intent of the initial legislation, investing in our nation's infrastructure. By no means is this program a new version of the WPA.

While the final version is yet unclear, LICA notes that the House bill allocates less than a billion dollars for New York's transportation infrastructure out of a \$819 billion package. That amount is less than the total amount of state dollars Governor Paterson projects in his 2009-10 annual budget. If the State holds its 75% federal funding requirements for new projects and the state receives the similar amount from the federal stimulus plan, there is a strong possibility that our capital program for next year will essentially be nothing beyond what was originally planned.

Our Long Island congressional delegation and U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer have been working diligently to address this issue as they recognize that without a funding remedy this region could remain in a recession far longer than necessary. Working with State representatives, a unified public affairs strategy is the only solution to ensure Long Island and New York don't become distant afterthoughts in the race for federal dollars. Details this Friday at the LICA Legislative breakfast.

### **Capitol Hill – where good intentions go to die.**

LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst notes,

As Congress wrestles with the economic stimulus package, it is interesting to note that TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) bailed out the financial industry with \$700 billion. Yet, we see abuses such as AIG partying in the Caribbean and CitiBank proposing to buy a \$50 million corporate jet. Under the proposed stimulus plan, everything under the sun will be funded for over \$100 billion more. But, once the final plan is released, and any abuses revealed, public opinion will likely criticize the plan for diverting support of construction jobs. Let's hope the Senate's work this week focuses on the true purpose of the plan. Maybe we should remember what Senator Hubert Humphrey once said, "If the Senate is a place filled with goodwill and good intentions, and if the road to hell is paved with them, then (the Senate Chamber) a pretty good detour."

## **Reminder: Downstate Tech Conference this Thursday**

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.

## **LICA Members to Meet Privately with Governor Paterson. Register Now to Attend!**

LICA is co-sponsoring a "Reception for Governor Paterson," following the Downstate Tech Conference at the Javits Center from **4:30 to 6:00 pm**. There is no charge for LICA members and it is strongly suggested that LICA members attend this event, regardless of whether you can participate in the prior Tech Conference. There will be limited admission for this reception, and only the names of those on the pre-reception list will be admitted, so we ask that you notify the LICA office **today** if you plan to attend. Please call LICA at 631-231-LICA.

## **Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Venditto to Construction Industry: "Shove It"**

To date the most dramatic development project in the Town of Oyster Bay has been Supervisor John Venditto's demolition of a cracked and dangerous concrete parking deck owned by the Town. But after a decade of opposition to a proposed upscale mall on the former Cerro Wire site in Syosset, Supervisor Venditto has become the poster boy for the political paralysis that threatens the future of Long Island.

Despite an economy that has crashed through the floor, Venditto celebrated the latest court ordered delay that continues to put road blocks in front of the half-a-billion dollar mall proposal. If there is any hope to put men and women back to work in Oyster Bay it won't come from this administration. The Supervisor will probably have to join the lines of the unemployed before rational thought and the offer of genuine compromise brings economic progress back to Oyster Bay.

Note to LICA members: When Supervisor Venditto sends you a fund raiser notice, send him back the latest unemployment statistics. While most of our elected officials are rallying around the cry of "Shovel ready," Oyster Bay simply says "shove it."

## "Communicate Construction"

The Road to Recovery Begins on Long Island. LICA said that loud and clear with our successful mile-long construction equipment convoy held a few weeks ago on the Long Island Expressway. The public and our elected officials heard our message. It is now up to us to make sure that our words and actions do not fade away.

LICA is part of a broad-based coalition of contractors, engineers, environmentalists, labor groups and other civic leaders promoting infrastructure jobs. "Keep New York Working" held a press event last Tuesday, January 27th, at the New York State Legislative Office Building in Albany, that received extensive media coverage. Other events are planned throughout the state. LICA has been asked to arrange an event on Long Island during the week of February 16th. We ask that you be ready to once again assist as you did with the convoy. Please stay tuned for further details.

## Important Upcoming LICA Events

LICA has several important events that are scheduled to be held during the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to participate:

- **Thursday, February 19th, 8-10am, Nassau Local Governments Breakfast**  
Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage Golf Course, Farmingdale
- **Thursday, March 12th, 6-10pm, LICA Annual Reception and Dinner**  
Stonebridge Golf Links & Country Club, Hauppauge
- **Thursday, April 2nd, 8-10am, Suffolk Local Governments Breakfast**  
New York Institute of Technology Culinary Institute, Central Islip
- **Monday, April 20th, LICA Annual Golf Outing**  
Nassau Country Club, Glen Cove, and Meadow Brook Club, Jericho

## Holiday Schedules

For payroll processing, LICA provides the holiday schedules from the labor collective bargaining agreements. Please [click here](#) to view the February holiday schedule.

## Bid Results

Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
1/22/09	Bridge when & where contract	NYSDOT	El Sol Contracting	\$ 3,426,200
			Bove Industries	\$ 3,496,760
			Newborn Construction	\$ 3,546,127
			Posillico Civil	\$ 3,767,700
			Bi County Construction	\$ 3,831,200
			ALAC Contracting	\$ 3,838,383
			RML Construction	\$ 3,977,700
			Conti Enterprises	\$ 4,558,900
1/22/09	Aircraft apron pavement rehabilitation	Montauk Airport	CAC Industries	\$ 56,734
			Parkline Asphalt	\$ 139,765
			Delalio Southfork Asph.	\$ 198,900
1/27/09	2009 Annual curb & sidewalk program	Village of Freeport	Armond Cement	\$ 68,470
			H & A Landscape	\$ 74,625
			Saracino Construction	\$ 80,750
1/27/09	2009 Asphalt paving contract	Village of Freeport	Stasi Brothers Asphalt	\$ 150,650
			Carlo Lizza & Sons	\$ 176,650
			Pratt Brothers	\$ 196,325
1/27/09	Resurfacing various county roads	Nassau Co. DPW	Carlo Lizza & Sons	\$ 3,074,991
			Pioneer Asphalt	\$ 3,373,233
			Newborn Construction	\$ 3,587,246
			Posillico Civil	\$ 3,770,952
			Pratt Brothers	\$ 3,864,210
			Intercounty Paving	\$ 3,988,887
1/27/09	Permanent road restoration-var water trench loc.	Massapequa WD	Stasi Brothers Asphalt	\$ 37,855
			Bancker Construction	\$ 46,505
			Brett Landscaping	\$ 69,866
			ALAC Contracting	\$ 117,777



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