

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today praised the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act which gives almost \$4.6 million in rail funding to Upstate New York, and provides more than \$4 million to the Rochester area to expand electronic medical record systems, increase certification efforts for future K-12 educators and reduce a 4 ½ year criminal justice DNA backlog to 30 days and more than \$1.55 million to the Buffalo area for the Buffalo Police Department, Teddy Roosevelt Inaugural Site, ECMC, Kaleida Health, and the Buffalo City Mission..

The combined appropriations bill gives New York almost \$4.6 million in funding for necessary improvements which will bring us one step closer to establishing high-speed rail across the Empire Corridor. That's in addition to the \$2.5 billion that will be allocated to the Federal Rail Administration to use in their nationwide efforts for high-speed rail development.

"I'm particularly happy to see the beginning of what I expect to be much more federal money for high-speed rail," said Slaughter. "We know that high-speed rail will be a major economic engine across Upstate New York."

Also receiving federal money is the Monroe County Regional Crime Laboratory's DNA unit which will purchase new examination areas, workstations and necessary equipment to analyze DNA faster. Currently DNA evidence has a backlog of 4 ½ years. The purchase of this equipment will bring the turnaround time to 30 days.

The City of Rochester will receive \$200,000 that will fund an after school jobs program for at-risk youth while Nazareth College will put \$300,000 to work to increase K-12 math and science certification programs.

And Unity Health System will expand their use of electronic medical records with \$800,000 that will install a state-of-the-art computerized provider order entry system.

"This appropriations bill provides necessary funding for projects vitally important to area residents," said Slaughter. "I'm pleased to see that federal dollars will be used to bring medical records into the 21st century, process DNA evidence 54 times faster, and help the teachers of tomorrow."

"This appropriations bill also provides necessary funding to many of Buffalo's prized institutions that help all area residents," said Slaughter. "I'm pleased that the Police Department, ECMC, Kaleida Health and the City Mission all of whom serve our community so nobly, will benefit from

federal money, as will the Teddy Roosevelt Inaugural Site.”

The Consolidated Appropriations Act builds on the promise to provide short-term help for the hardest hit Americans during this economic crisis and long-term solutions to grow our economy for years to come.

Now that the conference report has passed the House, it requires final Senate passage and a signature from the President which is expected next week.

High-Speed Rail Funding

Project Name

Funding Awarded

Project Location

Description

Empire Corridor West High Speed Rail Improvements

\$1,245,000

Monroe Co.

Funds will be used to improve grade crossing safety and to facilitate high speed rail in Monroe County

Empire Corridor West High Speed Rail Improvements

\$750,000

Genesee Co.

Funds will be used to improve grade crossing safety and to facilitate high speed rail in Genesee County

Empire Corridor West High Speed Rail Improvements

\$600,000

Montgomery Co.

Funds will be used to improve grade crossing safety and to facilitate high speed rail in Montgomery C

Empire Corridor West High Speed Rail Improvements

\$1,000,000

Oneida Co.

Funds will be used to improve grade crossing safety and to facilitate high speed rail in Oneida County

Empire Corridor West High Speed Rail Improvements

\$1,000,000

Wayne Co.

Funds will be used to improve grade crossing safety and to facilitate high speed rail in Wayne County

Total Rail Funding for NY

\$4,595,000

* This is in addition to the \$2.5 billion this bill allocated to the Federal Rail Administration for nationwide high-speed rail projects.

Other Rochester Area Funding

Project Name

Funding Awarded

Project Location

Description

Empire Corridor West High Speed Rail Improvements

\$1,245,000

Rochester

Funds will be used to improve grade crossing safety and to facilitate high speed rail in Monroe County

High Street Reconstruction

\$525,000

Fairport

Funds will be used for the reconstruction of all or parts of the street and other right-of-way improvements

Mt. Hope Station Transit Center

\$800,000

Rochester

Funds will be used to construct a new satellite transit center facility that will serve the University of Ro

Monroe County Regional Crime Laboratory, Biology/DNA Module

\$200,000

Rochester

Funds will be used to purchase new examination areas, workstations, hoods, and equipment to proce

City of Rochester, After School Jobs Program for At-Risk Youth

\$200,000

Rochester

Funds will go towards after school jobs training and employment for 200 Rochester teenagers for empl

Unity Health System

Other Buffalo Funding

Project Name

Funding Awarded

Project Location

Description

City of Buffalo Police Department

\$600,000

Buffalo

Funds will be used to purchase "TraCS" equipment for the Police Department to replace an outdated

Buffalo City Mission, Cornerstone Manor Program Expansion

\$200,000

Buffalo

Funds will to be used to expand programs for women and children including drug treatment and prevention

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site

\$150,000

Buffalo

Funds will be used for a new "Transforming the Visitor Experience" interactive displays, docent training

Erie County Medical Center

\$300,000

Buffalo

Funds will to towards the creation of a Women's Bone Health Center which will provide superior musculoskeletal

Kaleida Health

\$300,000

Buffalo

Funds will bring badly needed restructuring to the hospital and nursing home system and create the C

Total

Buffalo Funding

\$1,550,000