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Rep. Slaughter Announces \$1.2 Million to Rehabilitate Fillmore Avenue in Buffalo

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the

House Committee on Rules, today applauded House passage of H.R. 1195, a technical corrections bill that provides \$1.2 million in federal funds to restore a section of Fillmore Avenue in Buffalo, NY. The bill passed by a vote of 358-51.

Over the years, Fillmore Avenue, a major north-south throughway in Buffalo, has fallen into a state of disrepair. H.R. 1195 designates federal funds to reconstruction efforts on the section of Fillmore Avenue between William Street and Sycamore Avenue.

“Rebuilding and repairing this section of Fillmore Avenue is the first step in transforming it into a vibrant center of economic activity,” said Rep. Slaughter. **“I am so pleased that funds have been made available so that we can move forward with revitalization efforts.”**

The funding will be used to repair the existing pavement and sidewalks, install new curbs, handicapped ramps, and drainage structures, and improve street lighting.

“This reconstruction effort is about much more than repairing sidewalks and installing street lamps,” Slaughter continued. **“It is about ensuring that Fillmore Avenue is a safe and attractive community asset that Buffalo’s residents can be proud of.”**

The project will be overseen by the City of Buffalo and is supported by the New York State Department of Transportation, the Buffalo Common Council, the Erie County Legislature, local businesses and the surrounding community.

BACKGROUND

In March 2007, H.R. 1195, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Technical Corrections Act (SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act) passed in the House of Representatives by a voice vote.

In April 2008, the Senate passed the bill with amendments. Today, the House accepted those changes and cleared H.R. 1195 for the President's signature.

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