

Rochester, NY – Today Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28), Founder and Chairwoman of the Upstate Congressional Caucus, spoke with U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary John Porcari and told him that New York State would like to receive a portion of the high-speed rail funding that was previously awarded to Wisconsin and Ohio.

Governor's-elect Scott Walker of Wisconsin and John Kasich of Ohio made clear during their campaigns that they would not accept federal funding for the development of high-speed rail in their states.

“If other states don’t want their high-speed rail money, New York will take it because we understand that high-speed rail is an essential element to our transportation system and a good rail system is an important element of our national security,” said Slaughter, New York’s high-speed rail champion. **“I’m asking the Department of Transportation and Secretary Ray LaHood that as much as possible of the funding be allocated to New York.”**

For more on Slaughter’s work to bring high-speed rail to New York, click [here](#).