

Administration Announces Astounding 8-Fold Increase Annually in Available Funding for National High Speed Rail Projects

Later Today Slaughter to Address National High Speed Rail Association in Washington

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today praised the Obama Administration's commitment to high speed rail investments saying that the \$53.6 billion investment announced today is a clear indication that high speed rail will move forward in New York.

“Today the Obama Administration announced they were increasing their investment in high speed rail 8-fold annually and I couldn't be more pleased by the news because it makes clear our commitment to a 21

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century rail system that will spark commerce, create jobs and trigger revitalization in our region for years to come

. It also enhances our national security by

servicing as a modern network to move both civilian and military personnel at times of emergency.

President Obama has said he wants 80 percent of Americans to have access to high speed rail in the next 25 years and to him I say, Mr. President, let's start in New York.”

Today in Philadelphia, Vice President Joe Biden and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood again reiterated this Administration's commitment to high speed rail [announcing an astounding \\$53.6 billion over the next 6 years](#)

to upgrade and build intercity passenger rail networks. The announcement continues the Administration's commitment expressed in the President's State of the Union address where he announced, “Within 25 years, our goal is to give 80 percent of Americans access to high speed rail.”

This afternoon, Slaughter will be a featured speaker at the U.S. High Speed Rail Association's Summit in Washington.

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