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WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced that over \$2 million has been awarded to the City of Rochester for Midtown Plaza site infrastructure improvements which will lay the groundwork for future development and the creation of hundreds of jobs.

Infrastructure improvements on the eight acre site, including the construction of new streets, sidewalks, lighting, and utilities, are designed to attract companies to the downtown area and create opportunities for business development, expansion and retention.

"This is great news for the City of Rochester," said Slaughter who has long fought for economic development in downtown Rochester. "We know that Rochester is a world class city that has inspired world class companies to thrive and the Midtown site has the potential to be yet another hub of economic pride for our city. Thanks to this federal funding, the City of Rochester is closer to realizing the full development potential of this site. A shovel-ready site at Midtown will speed development which I am convinced will lead to new jobs and millions of dollars in private investment in the center city."

This comes in addition to \$1 million in federal funding [Slaughter secured in 2009](#) for infrastructure improvements to Midtown. The previous funding came was awarded from the Transportation and Community and System Preservation grant program through the Department of Transportation.

"Thanks to the hard work of our project team and the legislative assistance of Congresswoman Slaughter, we are re-making the heart of our Downtown," said Mayor Thomas S. Richards. "In a time when funding for many projects is in question, I am proud to say that the Midtown Rochester Rising project is on time and on budget."

Today's announced funding comes as part of a competitive Economic Development

Administration grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce.