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Funding Will Be Used for ARTWalk Expansion

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, joined Mayor William Johnson, Assemblyman Joe Morelle and Senator Joe Robach at ARTWalk Alive last weekend in presenting \$1.6 million to the ARTWalk program. The funding will be used for future expansion of the project.

"I am thrilled to contribute to such a fantastic program," said Rep. Slaughter, adding, "ARTWalk is an asset to the community that everyone can enjoy."

The funding will be used to extend ARTWalk north and south along Goodman St. and east along University Ave. ARTWalk II will reach the Memorial Art gallery to the east, Village Gate and Anderson Alley to the north, and the Rochester Museum and Science Center to the south.

### BACKGROUND

The \$1.6 million in funding was appropriated from the \$285.5 billion Rep. Slaughter secured as part of the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU). The bill is dedicated to highway, mass transit and road safety programs and guarantees that states receive at least 92% of the funds they contribute to the Highway Trust Fund by 2008. It is estimated that every \$1 billion of federal funds invested in highway infrastructure creates 47,500 jobs and \$6.2 billion in

economic activity.