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Will Support Lincoln Road Repairs and Monroe Intelligent Transportation System

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, was today joined by Maggie Brooks, County Executive of Monroe County, David Bonacchi, the Mayor of East Rochester, and Jim Smith, Perinton's Town Supervisor, to announce \$1,440,000 in federal funds the Congresswoman helped secure for Monroe County Transportation needs.

"We're going to continue to invest in our regional transportation system, and continue to make it a priority," Rep. Slaughter said. "A safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation infrastructure will make it easier for existing businesses to stay while also providing opportunities for new economic development initiatives to take root," she added.

The funding will be split evenly between two projects. \$720,000 will be used to complete repairs to Lincoln Road from Route 31F north to Commercial Street, a project that will serve residents and prompt economic development in Perinton, Penfield, and East Rochester, including its light industrial and manufacturing region.

A further \$720,000 will be used to improve Monroe's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), a network of cameras and dynamic message signs that will ease congestion and improve traffic flow along key city and county roads, in addition to lessening local air pollution, making daily commutes faster and safer, and lowering the response times of emergency services.

This is the third time Rep. Slaughter has secured funding for Monroe's ITS, totaling \$3,200,000. In 2001, she helped secure \$1,500,000 for the construction of the Advanced Traffic Management System and the building housing it on Scottsville Road. In 2003, she secured \$1,000,000 for the cameras and signs which are the system's hallmark.

BACKGROUND

Lincoln Road:

The total estimated cost of this project is \$2,000,000, with the funding announced today serving as the final amount needed to begin work. Design work will start in 2008, with construction getting underway in 2010.

Monroe County ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems):

The funding of this project was Monroe County's top TEA-LU request this year, and will cost a total of \$2,000,000. The County is deploying a system of cameras and dynamic message signs along key City and County arterial roads. Primary focus will be given to locations near the expressway routes that experience diverted traffic during incidents on the expressway, as well as high volume arterial routes that regularly experience congestion.

The funding announced today will be used to deploy cameras and signs area-wide. These traffic management devices will supplement other devices in the field, forming a more continuous area of coverage and allowing a better multi-agency response to incidents.

ITS plans are intended to work with parallel expressway construction being carried out by the New York State Department of Transportation. The project is also included in the state TIP.

Design will start in 2008, with deployment to follow. An initial study to identify technology issues and select locations has been completed, and with the recent funding, the study's findings can be implemented.