Nation’s Highway Administrator Delivers LICA Keynote Address at Infrastructure Summit

Joined by NYS Transportation Commissioner

The stars fell on the Long Island Contractors’ Association (LICA’s) membership as some of the most important people in the nation’s state and highway transportation system attended LICA’s recent infrastructure summit held in Woodbury.

Among those attending included U.S. Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez and NYS Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald, both of

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whom praised the extraordinary public-private alliance of construction work crews that responded to the wrath of Superstorm Sandy.

Commissioner McDonald observed that they began to pre-position upstate Department of Transportation crews when it became apparent Sandy would aim directly for the New York metro region. In addition, the Governor promptly signed executive orders that allowed emergency procurement contracts to engage the construction industry within days of the storm’s departure. But she also noted that the recent blizzard “Nemo” reminded everyone that severe weather is coming in ever-faster cycles.

“We can’t assume that future storms will prompt executive orders, so we need to create an agile, responsive procurement structure that allows us to quickly deploy additional resources available in the private sector,” she observed.

The Commissioner said the Cuomo Administration understands better than most that our transportation infrastructure not only drives the economy but the ability to respond promptly to natural disasters. She announced that the Governor had set up a strategic emergency response working group to analyze what should be done in anticipation of the next storm, including unified emergency response protocols, strategic fuel supplies, required redundancies and the creation of resilient infrastructures.

**Every day matters**

U.S. Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez began his address by praising a LICA video presentation that told the story of LICA members responding to Superstorm Sandy, where employees left their homes and their families to man equipment that began to “liberate” neighborhoods under siege from storm wreckage.

“This is what happens during crisis,” Mendez observed. “The American people pick themselves up, come together and begin the task of restoring their communities. Thank you – to each and every one of you. I would like a copy of this video so that I may present it to other audiences around the country.”

Mendez said the highway infrastructure industry is undergoing an evolution to deliver better results to the taxpayer and the driving public. He told the 350 people in attendance that federal budget sequestration will have an impact on transportation but not on projects such as replacing the Tappan Zee Bridge.

In a theme that was repeated throughout his address, Mendez said, “Every day matters. We need to cut red tape, expedite projects and give the taxpayer a finished highway project – not in 15 years but in far shorter time spans that bring results. We need to get contractors engaged and move projects quickly if we expect to help transportation and the economy.”

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Additional Sandy response dollars

The FHWA Administrator also announced that New York will be receiving $287 million to rebuild roads and bridges damaged by natural disasters, with $250 million specifically for Sandy relief. He also stated that nearly $390 million from the recently approved federal disaster relief bill will go to the MTA and PATH mass transit systems to reimburse them for the costs associated with Sandy.

Mendez said that transportation agencies have been studying climate change and its effects on the roads and transit systems to better prepare for future storms.

“These storms appear to be the new normal. As a result, the entire transportation community must continue to work together to build a transportation system that’s able to stand up to future threats from climate change and extreme weather,” he said.

Much of the federal dollars arriving to Long Island will be spent on roads such as the Sandy-ravaged Ocean Parkway and on commuter rail tracks and equipment.

Marc Herbst, LICA’s Executive Director, said it’s important that funds be applied to build up roads at risk of future storms so that the recent work to repair some 12 miles of Ocean Parkway won’t be washed away by the next big storm.

LIRR Prexy Meets with LICA Board – finds the group is “all aboard” for Second Track plan

What is arguably one of Long Island’s most important mass transportation improvements of this decade was presented to LICA’s executive board by Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) President Helena Williams, who discussed at length plans to build a new second track on the Main Line Branch between Farmingdale and Ronkonkoma.

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The approximately 13 miles of track will be parallel to the existing track and would be entirely on existing railroad right-of-way. In addition to creating new construction jobs and aiding the economy for those communities touched by the improvement, Williams stated the new track will increase service reliability and on-time performance for thousands of passengers who travel daily along the Main Line. The Main Line east of Farmingdale is mostly single track; only five miles of the route have double track that currently serve as passing sidings.

Regarding the need to move the project along, Williams told LICA, “Double track, is also about fast track because the region’s economic future depends on it. Our goal is to put this project out with an RFP on a design/build basis to make sure the taxpayers get the maximum return on their investment while ensuring that our region’s transportation system is strategically strengthened.”

LICA Chairman James Pratt, III agreed that “the Main Line of the nation’s most important rail commuter line cannot be a single track operation. Fortunately most of the infrastructure is already in place for this effort, and with the railroad owning the right-of-way for the second track, there is minimal impact during construction.”

Senator Fuschillo: Final State Budget Should Include $100 Million Increase in Highway Funds for Local Governments

Aid increase, which would be the first since 2008, was included in the Senate’s Budget Resolution

Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., Chairman of the Senate’s Transportation Committee, is calling for a $100 million increase in state highway funds to specifically aid local governments in addressing the deteriorating condition of their local roads. The $100 million aid increase proposed for the 2013-2014 budget was included in the recently adopted Senate Budget Resolution that outlines the Senate’s budget initiative.

The Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) provides state funds to municipalities to support the construction and repair of roads, highways, bridges, and other facilities that are not part of the State highway system. CHIPS funding has been frozen in the last four state budgets and the Executive’s budget proposal called for more of the same in the year to come.

With the $100 million CHIPS funding increase, local governments would receive a total of over $463 million in CHIPS funding for local infrastructure projects.

LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst stated, “There is a very simple truth; without a working road network, the economy falls apart. There are so many roads under local jurisdiction, this kind of funding is essential to keeping goods and consumers moving, supporting local and regional commerce. Further, our infrastructure workforce is underemployed and our qualified vendors and their equipment are underutilized, so this CHIPS funding would be particularly timely and effective in providing local jobs and revenue. Because local municipalities are often more facile in issuing bids and authorizing work, the impact of CHIPS funding will have a more immediate effect on our economy.”

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“On behalf of our organization’s more than 900 elected and appointed transportation professionals, who maintain over half of the state’s roads, we strongly support the efforts of Senator Fuschillo and the State Senate to increase local highway funding,” said William Weller, Highway Superintendent for the Town of Florida and President of the NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways (NYSAOTSOH). Superintendent Weller also noted that a 2007 study conducted by NYSAOTSOH reported New York State needs to invest an additional $1.2 billion per year on local roads and bridges to prevent them from becoming deficient.

“We appreciate the strong support of Chairman Fuschillo for providing the necessary level of funding for these local transportation infrastructure investments especially at a time when local highway departments are facing substantial losses in federal highway aid as a result of the new federal transportation program, MAP-21,” said William Wright, President of the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association and Ontario County Highway Superintendent. “The Senator and many of his colleagues have long recognized the broad challenges county highway departments face in fixing and preserving their vast local systems of roads and bridges, much of which is over 50 years old and suffering from a lack of funding. We’re glad we have them as partners and are hopeful that the final state budget will reflect these critical needs.”

Losquadro Wins Special Election for Brookhaven Highway Superintendent

Brookhaven voters have spoken, electing former Assemblyman Dan Losquadro as the next Highway Superintendent for the Town of Brookhaven at a special election held earlier this month. The post was left vacant after Republican John Rouse, who held the position since 2003, was elected as a County Court judge in November. The superintendent oversees a $70 million budget, about 200 employees and is responsible for more than 2,100 miles of town roads.

The special election became more important than ever for Brookhaven residents following the February blizzard that dumped more than 30 inches of snow on parts of its town. Residents were extremely dissatisfied with the highway department’s response to the storm, voicing their frustration at a debate held before the election in which they complained of unplowed streets for days and lack of leadership in the highway department and town government.

“I couldn’t be happier that I have a partner who will work with me to make our department the best in Suffolk County,” said Supervisor Edward Romaine after Losquadro’s win.

Losquadro said his first order of business will be to assess all department vehicles and staff. He also plans to assemble a team who will fill vacancies in the department, such as two deputy supervisors.

When asked how he would make sure Brookhaven’s highway department did not make the same mistakes when dealing with future storms, Losquadro said he would have contracts with outside plow contractors who pledge to work for Brookhaven first. “A lot of these contractors weren’t being called by Brookhaven until Monday after the storm,” Losquadro said.

Losquadro has also pledged to improve communication within the highway department, focus on the safety and maintenance of the town’s roads, and implement a disaster preparedness plan.

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“LICA would like to congratulate Dan Losquadro on being elected Highway Superintendent for the Town of Brookhaven,” said LICA board member James Haney, III of Rason Asphalt. “Dan has always been an ally to LICA and the heavy construction industry. He brings with him the expertise and experience Brookhaven needs to run a strong and effective highway department.”

Early in the election cycle Losquadro had been endorsed by The Operating Engineers, Local 138, where Business Manager John Duffy called him “uniquely qualified and one public servant earning the respect and support of those asked to do much of the region’s infrastructure work.”

Suffolk Officials to Share Vision for Projects
at LICA’s Suffolk County Construction
Kick-off Breakfast

Elected officials from throughout Suffolk County will be providing our industry with their report card on infrastructure plans crucial to the region on Friday, April 19th from 8:00 to 10:00am at the Hamlet Wind Watch in Hauppauge, as LICA convenes its annual Suffolk County Infrastructure Summit.

Far more crucial than in prior years, those charged with highway infrastructure projects will be discussing the potential impact of federal “Sandy dollars”, while the new Brookhaven Town Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro will have much to say about where the largest township in the region is going in repairing its road network.

Add your voice to that budgeting process by joining LICA at its annual meeting, where the municipal leaders and top highway/public works officials from Suffolk County’s towns and villages will discuss the region’s public works capital programs as well as other concerns. LICA has asked that they share a brief overview of their plans and visions for future projects.

In February, LICA held a similar meeting with Nassau County officials, which proved to be an effective platform for dialogue and industry insight. Over 100 LICA members, as well as representatives from our partners in the labor community, had an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with government officials and village representatives.

LICA’s Suffolk government breakfast invite list includes Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone; Suffolk County Comptroller Joseph Sawicki, Jr.; County Legislator and Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay; County Legislators Tom Muratore, Thomas Barraga, Wayne Horsley, Jay Schneiderman and Steven Stern; Town of Babylon Supervisor Richard Schaffer; Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine; Town of Islip Supervisor Tom Croci and Suffolk County DPW Commissioner Gilbert Anderson.

LICA cordially invites you to attend its
2013 Suffolk County Infrastructure Summit
Friday, April 19, 2013 | 8:00 to 10:00am
Join us and our industry partners in discussing the county, town and village plans for the upcoming public works capital programs.

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These are the government leaders who understand the role of effective infrastructure in protecting the quality of life of their respective municipalities. They will offer their analyses of the status of public works and what our industry can expect in the coming year.

If you are interested in attending, please click here for more information. Please send your response form to LICA’s Manager of Communications Michelle Giametta via fax at 631-231-4291 or by email at MGiametta@licanys.org no later than April 12th.

Contractors For Kids to Host 6th Annual 5k April 20th

At a time when every charitable and social service agency has been stressed by Superstorm Sandy, this call to action asks our industry to go the extra mile by assisting those who need.

Contractors For Kids (CFK) is hosting their 6th Annual 5k walk/run and Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, April 20th from 7:00am to 12:00pm at RC Murphy Junior High School, 351 Oxhead Road, Stony Brook, NY.

CFK is a not-for-profit corporation which provides assistance to families in our communities, helping children and their families overcome obstacles that have unfortunately changed or have impacted their lives through sickness, injury or death. CFK is there, whether arranging transportation or paying for a room to allow families to remain close during these tough times.

For more information on this event please click here to visit their website. To register, call 631-617-5152.

Teamsters Local 282 Signs PLA with Nassau/Suffolk Building Trades

Teamsters Local 282 has informed the Long Island Contractors’ Association (LICA) that they have signed a Project Labor Agreement with the Nassau/Suffolk Building Trades. Click here for a list of active Project Labor Agreements and pending Agreements.

Good Friday Holiday Schedule

Click here to view the LICA/GCA Good Friday holiday schedules.

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## Bid Results

**Numbers in red represent the winning bid**

Highlighted and bold companies represent LICA Members

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