Both Republican and Democratic office holders competed to present their credentials before attendees of the Long Island Contractors’ Association Annual Nassau County Governments Breakfast held late last week and convened by Marc Herbst, LICA’s executive director.

Referring to the need to invest in public infrastructure projects, Herbst observed, “You gotta be in it to win it” and then stood back to listen to those officials who are seeking to extract funds for projects in the teeth of an historic recession.

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Nassau County Legislator and Presiding Officer Peter Schmitt was somber and blunt, “The fact of the matter is, Nassau County is in fiscal distress that is so severe it probably hasn’t been seen since the Great Depression.” That being said, Schmitt went on to say that a new capital plan has been presented to the lawmakers, various amendments are being considered, and the spending document will be in front of the Nassau County Legislature on April 6th.

“We require 13 votes to pass. We have 11, which means it’s up to the Democrats to pass this capital plan,” said Schmitt.

Representing the Democratic minority, Nassau County Legislator David Denenberg responded, saying that the Democrats in the County Legislature have every intention of supporting the capital program that was submitted in December when County Executive Tom Suozzi was still in office, as long as programs are added and not cut.

**Town Supervisors offer their vision**

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto reminded attendees that the Town has managed its books carefully, ensuring there is money to strengthen its infrastructure. With those dollars on hand, he told the audience full of construction professionals that a major highway drainage reconstruction project scheduled for Jackson Avenue in Syosset will finally launch.

“Because we have managed our money well and because we are in good shape, the County has reached out to me and asked if there is anything that the Town of Oyster Bay can do to start infrastructure projects. I’m going to let the County know that we are in a position to do that Jackson Avenue project and we don’t need federal money,” said Venditto.

Jon Kaiman, North Hempstead Town Supervisor, explained that if more money is added to the federal Jobs Bill on Capitol Hill, he will do all he can to make sure the Town of North Hempstead gets its fair share.

“The Town is interested in the federal government putting (additional) money on the table. We’re going to fill out the forms and we’re going to get the dollars and then we’re going to spend those dollars,” Kaiman vowed.

If the money becomes available, Kaiman observed, Long Island communities deserve it the most. “We are the ones paying most of the taxes and we believe we have the right to ask for this money back.”

Other Nassau County officials in attendance were County Legislatiors John Ciotti and Vincent Muscarella, County Comptroller George Maragos, Hempstead Town Engineering Commissioner William Rockensies, Nassau County Village Officials Association Executive Director Warren Tackenberg, Nassau County Labor Relations Commissioner Bill Weitzman, Public Works Commissioner Shila Shah-Gavnoudias, Hempstead Town Clerk Mark Bonilla, and representing District Attorney Kathleen Rice, Assistant District Attorney William Dempsey.
Lt. Governor Talks Straight on LI’s Transportation Future

Lieutenant Governor Richard Ravitch did anything but sugarcoat New York State’s current bleak economic condition when he entered the crowded room full of frustrated construction professionals at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale. “I wish I had some good news for you all, but I just don’t have any,” said Ravitch. “I assume you would rather hear the truth.”

Ravitch spoke candidly about the state’s economic crisis, warning that if the New York State Legislature doesn’t start balancing the budget, the financial situation will only get worse. He made it clear that focusing on transportation funding and initiatives against a backdrop of fiscal crisis and political turmoil will be a difficult task.

“The $9 billion state deficit could increase to $15 billion by the time a new governor takes office. Cuts need to be made across the board, no matter how painful they may be, in order to balance the budget,” said Ravitch, a former MTA Chairman.

The Lieutenant Governor also expanded on his plan for an independent review board to oversee whether the budget was being balanced.

When LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst asked the Lieutenant Governor why the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund has been looted throughout the years, Ravitch responded that politicians take the money from these existing trust funds to avoid raising taxes, cutting spending and ultimately upsetting their constituents.

“I’m terribly sorry to bring this message to you. Politicians usually come and tell you all of the good things. But it’s inappropriate for me not to tell a group of intelligent citizens what’s going on in the world,” said Ravitch.

Honesty well received

Greg Couch, LICA’s board member and president of Bi-County Construction Corp., commended the Lieutenant Governor for his honesty, publicly telling him “I go to so many of these events and every time these politicians tell you what they think you want to hear. I appreciate you coming out here and telling us exactly how it is. That level of candor and honesty is what LICA members need to determine our future public affairs strategy and business plans.”
**DOT's Preliminary Highway Project Listing**

The Department of Transportation submitted a preliminary highway project listing for their proposed two-year capital program. State Senator Charles Fuschillo sent the list to LICA for a response, insight and commentary.

Some of the larger projects include the rehabilitation of the Northern State Parkway Bridge over Route 110, improvements to Suffolk County Road 57, the resurfacing of the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway south of Hempstead Turnpike, safety and pavement improvements to Jericho Turnpike east of the Queens border, improvements to Route 347, and the ongoing rehabilitation of the Roslyn Viaduct.

If you have any questions, please call LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst at 631-231-5422 or email him at mherbst@licanys.org. To review a full list of the projects click [here](#).

**LICA to Begin Negotiations with Carpenters and Local 15-D**

LICA is reminding its members that negotiations with the Empire State Regional Council of Carpenters and the Operating Engineers Local No.15-D for new contracts are set to begin. The current Carpenter’s labor agreement expires at the end of April and Local 15-D’s existing agreement sunsets on June 30th. If there are any pertinent issues or views that you believe should be brought to the negotiation table, please communicate directly with LICA's Director of Policy and Governmental Affairs, Lou Imbroto, Esq., at limbroto@licanys.org or 631-231-5422.

Additionally, if you have not already done so, we are asking our members to complete the required signatory forms as soon as possible. Please click [here](#) for copies of the signatory application forms.

**Register Now for Regional Transportation Conference “Confronting the Crisis”**

Iona College in New Rochelle is hosting the third annual regional transportation conference on Thursday, April 8th, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The conference, entitled “Confronting the Crisis: Solving Our Regional Transportation Infrastructure Issues” is expected to be as instructive and informative as the previous two annual conferences. Please click [here](#) to register for this event.
LICA’s Annual Golf Outing Is Filling Up Fast!

Nothing beats a game of golf for networking and business development ... except a relaxing game of golf played among friends and colleagues who share a common interest. All the reason why foursomes for the Long Island Contractors’ Association’s 2010 Annual Golf Outing are quickly filling up for Monday, April 26th at the Nassau Country Club in Glen Cove and at the Meadow Brook Club in Jericho.

Come join us as, together, we advance the goals of Long Island’s highway and infrastructure professionals. Spend the day enjoying a challenging round of golf, business networking and a delicious dinner.

Sponsorships and donations are greatly appreciated as this is the only fundraiser for our association. LICA is a not-for-profit organization – section 501(c)(6) and we need your help to continue to serve you and our industry throughout the years to come.

April 9th is the deadline to RSVP, so be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible if you have a golf course preference. Please fax your reply to Josephine Magee at 631-231-4291 or email her at jmagee@licanys.org. (Please click here for the golf brochure.)

Good Friday Holiday Schedule

For the Good Friday holiday labor wage rate schedules, please click here for more information. Please note that the entire 2010 holiday schedule is posted in the “Members Only” section of LICA’s website, www.licanys.org

Welcome, New Member

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Click here to view LICA’s “mock funeral procession” symbolizing the slow death of the region’s construction industry on Li News Tonight.

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  - Syosset Central School District
  - New York State Department Of Transportation
  - Village Of Massapequa Park
  - Oyster Bay Water District
  - Village Of Babylon-Purchasing Dept
  - Town Of Islip
  - Syosset Central School District
  - Town Of Huntington - Director Of Purchasing
  - New York State Department Of Transportation
  - Long Island Contractors' Association, Inc.
  - Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788-5145

- **Bid Amount**
  - $401,790
  - $83,437
  - $4,090,688
  - $288,290
  - $27,563,884
  - $3,119,350
  - $208,000
  - $6,297,658
  - $204,900
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- **Contractor**
  - Thomas Guarnieri & Sons
  - Eagle & Associates Corporation
  - Commercial Electric, Inc.
  - Highway Construction
  - Allen Industries Inc.
  - Johnson Electrical Construction
  - Allen Industries Inc.
  - Commercial Electric, Inc.
  - United Fence & Guard Rail
  - Malverne Resource Recovery Agency
  - Other contractors as listed

- **Location**
  - Various Locations
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  - Various Locations
  - Village Of Babylon
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**Notes:**
- Long Island Contractors' Association, Inc. (LICA) provides information on various construction projects and contractors in the Long Island region. The table above lists projects with their respective owners, contractors, and bid amounts. The details include project names, dates, and locations, along with the names of the contractors awarded the bids. The organization appears to be focused on providing updates and information related to construction activities in the area.