LICA's Annual PAC Reception to Honor an Infrastructure Ally this Thursday

LICA is moving to publicly support and aggressively advocate on behalf of those public officials who have consistently fought on behalf of our region’s roads, rails and bridges. Top on LICA’s list is New York State Senator and Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee Charles J. Fuschillo Jr., who is being honored at LICA's upcoming PAC Reception.

LICA is asking its members to support the industry’s allies, who, like Senator Fuschillo, insist on protecting the taxpayers’ biggest investment, our infrastructure, at LICA’s Annual PAC Reception this Thursday, October 13th, from noon to 2:00pm, at the Stonebridge Country Club in Smithtown.

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LICA's Executive Director Marc Herbst was candid in addressing his colleagues throughout the heavy construction industry. “In times of crisis, whether you are a LICA member or not, our industry needs to be pro-active and engaged. It needs to be involved in an advocacy program that is part of the political landscape. And it needs to participate by supporting those who understand the value of public works and Long Island’s fair share.”

As the ranking Republican member on the Senate Transportation Committee over the last two years, Senator Fuschillo fought for Long Island’s fair share of transportation stimulus funds, spoke out strongly against the MTA payroll tax and called for a five year capital plan for road and bridge projects to create jobs and keep the infrastructure safe.

The Senate Transportation Committee oversees the work of the State’s transportation system including the Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (including the Long Island Rail Road), Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, New York State Thruway Authority and other agencies.

**PAC Reception is a “Must Show”**

LICA Chairman James Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc., stated, “The quality of our highways, roads, bridges and mass transportation systems will determine the fate of our economy, and the ability to create jobs and generate new investment. Senator Fuschillo has been a major advocate for these types of capital plans. He has the drive to make a difference and an appreciation of what is at stake. Further, he has been an important, thoughtful ally of our industry here on Long Island and across New York State.”

By way of demonstrating the importance of this elected official, the LICA PAC will be matching individual contributions to ensure that Senator Fuschillo has the resources to have his message heard. Suggested contribution is $250 or $500 per guest.

If you are interested in attending, please [click here](#) for LICA's invitation. Please send your response form to LICA Comptroller & Office Administrator Sheryl Buro at [sburo@licanys.org](mailto:sburo@licanys.org) or by fax at 631-231-4291.

**Brookhaven Rail Terminal Opens in Yaphank**

Brookhaven Rail Terminal, created as an effort to improve our environment across Long Island by eliminating thousands of truck trips on our local highways, celebrated its grand opening last week in Yaphank.

The development and construction of the $40 million facility was privately funded by a partnership of construction and rail companies, including LICA member Pratt Brothers, Inc. and U.S. Rail Corporation.

According to the partnership, the terminal is Long Island’s first multimodal freight rail facility in decades and will, according to a statement issued by the Terminal, change “the way Long Island's freight moves and create an unprecedented economic opportunity.

The statement further explained, “Until now, freight movement on Long Island has been handled almost exclusively by truck.
Reductions in vehicle weights over New York [City area] bridges effectively have doubled the number of trucks required to haul the same amount of freight. The Brookhaven Rail Terminal represents a significant step in lowering the cost of shipping goods to and from Long Island, reducing long haul truck traffic, creating an enhanced short haul trucking industry with smaller, more efficient trucks, increasing local jobs and reducing air emissions and reliance on foreign oil supplies.”

LICA’s Chairman James Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc., said the project has provided 25 permanent jobs at the site, and he expects local truckers to be hired to move cargo to and from the terminal.

**The statistics underscore its importance**

The facility, located near Exit 66 off the Long Island Expressway, includes a 3.4-mile commercial rail spur off the Long Island Rail Road. Three tracks for construction material are now operating, with another six merchandise tracks to be constructed by year’s end.

Diesel-powered freight trains can use the terminal to deliver materials such as those used to make concrete and asphalt, which would then be loaded onto trucks to deliver to customers. The 28-acre Brookhaven Rail Terminal should receive and ship by train at least 500,000 tons of construction material and commodities per year.

The partnership has projected the terminal will handle approximately one million tons of freight per year by 2016, which would mean the terminal could eventually take as many as 40,000 trucks off our Long Island roads and metro area bridges yearly.

**LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst Elected Chairman of ARTBA Council of State Executives**

The Long Island Contractors’ Association (LICA) is pleased to announce that LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst has been elected the 2012 Chairman of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) Council of State Executives. As Chairman, Herbst will be responsible for coordinating the state chapter affiliates to advance the national transportation goals and programs of ARTBA and will serve as an ARTBA spokesperson before Congress and regulatory agencies. He will also be a member of ARTBA’s Executive Committee.

Based in Washington, D.C., ARTBA is a 109-year-old national trade association which serves as the consensus voice for the nation’s transportation construction industry on the federal level. ARTBA seeks to aggressively grow and protect transportation infrastructure investment to meet the public and business demand for safe and efficient travel. ARTBA provides programs and services designed to give its more than 5,000 public and private sector members a global competitive edge while advancing its core values and principles defined by integrity and the highest ethical standards.

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LICA, the voice of Long Island’s highway and infrastructure professionals, is a state chapter affiliate of ARTBA.

“The quality of our highways, roads, bridges and mass transportation systems is critical to the fate of the national economy and our collective ability to create jobs and generate new investment,” said LICA Chairman James Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc. “Marc Herbst has long been a strong and effective regional voice in advocating on behalf of road and bridge capital plans. Now that voice will be heard on a national level as well, and it can only compel America to address its infrastructure crisis.”

As LICA’s chief executive officer, Mr. Herbst is responsible for programs and services for more than 150 members and the public, and also serves as Vice President of the New York Roadway and Infrastructure Coalition (NYRIC). Mr. Herbst is also active in various business and labor organizations, including the transportation committee for the Long Island Association; as co-chair of Action Long Island’s transportation task force; and as an employer trustee for several labor benefit trust funds, such as Laborers Local No. 1298, Operating Engineers Local No. 138, and Teamsters Local No. 282. While a member of the New York State Legislature for five terms, former Assemblyman Herbst concentrated his efforts in his field of expertise, serving as the ranking member of the Assembly Transportation Committee. Supporting this career, Mr. Herbst holds a Master’s of Science degree in Transportation Planning & Engineering and Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Herbst also holds a Master of Divinity and is an ordained minister serving as the pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Syosset, NY.

“Marc’s unique background will make him an excellent national representative for ARTBA’s chapters and contractors,” said ARTBA President and CEO Pete Ruane. “We especially need his leadership given the several important pieces of legislation we have pending in Congress.”

**LICA’s Veterans - Protected America, Building America**

With Veteran’s Day activities scheduled for next month, Friday, November 11, 2011, LICA is seeking to recognize the contribution of those veterans amongst our construction ranks who helped protect America and are now working to build America.

As part of that effort, LICA is asking its E-gram readers to tell us about your veteran employees. Where did they serve and when? Were they engaged in any infrastructure projects while in the armed services? What construction projects are they involved in now and in what capacity? Send your stories to LICA’s Manager of Communications Michelle Giametta at mgiametta@licanys.org.
LICA Hosting Defensive Driving Course as Benefit to Members

The Long Island Contractors’ Association (LICA) is hosting a defensive driving course as a benefit to our members and their families on Wednesday, November 16th and Thursday, November 17th, from 5:30 – 8:30pm, at the LICA office in Hauppauge. Registration is $10 per participant.

The Defensive Driving Course (DDC) is a classroom-only course and is available to all licensed drivers. Participants will receive the following benefits:

• For three (3) years they MUST receive a 10% discount on their Liability and Collision insurance premiums for all vehicles (including motorcycles) for which they are listed as the primary operator. Company insurance premiums may also be eligible for reduction.
• Up to four (4) points will automatically be deducted from the existing total on their driving record.
• MOST IMPORTANTLY – Each participant will learn accident prevention skills, which should help, preserve their lives and property.

The DDC 6-hour classroom course is presented by National Safety Council certified instructors who, with the help of modern, multimedia techniques, offer you a new approach to learning accident prevention skills. You’ll receive a course guide to use in class and to keep for future reference. Even the most experienced drivers find the course interesting and filled with valuable safe driving tips. It’s also great for new drivers, about-to-be drivers, and of course, family involvement is encouraged.

Due to limited space, registration is available to the first 40 responses. Payment must be made in advance to reserve your spot. Click here to fill out the attached form and mail your check, made out to the Long Island Contractors’ Association, to 150 Motor Parkway, Suite 307, Hauppauge, NY 11788.

CFMA Hosts 4th Annual Dinner Dance

Construction Financial Management Association – Long Island Chapter (CFMA) is hosting their Fourth Annual Dinner Dance on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, from 6:00 – 9:00pm, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

CFMA is “The Source & Resource for Construction Financial Excellence” and the only nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the educational needs of today’s construction financial professional. CFMA’s General Members represent all types of contractors – including many of LICA’s associate members. CFMA also represents general contractors and specialty trades, as well as developers, construction managers, architects, engineers, principals, material and equipment suppliers, professionals in the accounting, insurance, surety, software, legal, and banking industries, as well as any other specialist who serves the construction industry.

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All proceeds from the evening will support Contractors for Kids (CFK), a charitable organization founded for the purpose of providing assistance to families in our communities. Their goal is to assist children and their families to overcome unfortunate obstacles that have changed or impacted their lives through sickness, injury or death.

LICA believes this is a worthy cause that is a natural fit for those who participate in the construction industry. LICA leadership urges you to support this cause. Please click here for the CFMA invitation. To reserve your table or sponsor this event, please click here and mail to the address provided.

Attention, LICA Members: Change of Date for LICA’s 2011 Holiday Party

Be sure to mark your calendars! The Long Island Contractors’ Association’s 2011 Holiday Party has been changed to Wednesday, December 14th, from 5:30 – 9:30pm, at Villa Lombardi’s in Holbrook.

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