In the absence of affirmative leadership in Washington D.C., too many worthwhile initiatives linger unresolved. Nearly two years after the expiration of SAFETEA-LU, there is still no long-term reauthorization bill for this important federal transportation funding program. Instead, Congress continues to permit a series of short-term extensions while the Senate and House of Representatives mull a long-term reauthorization package that observers believe is unlikely to pass this year.

Both the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee were expected to release their respective versions of a reauthorization bill by the end of May. Since that time, neither version has been forthcoming, and release dates have continued to slip, fueling speculation whether each committee is actually working on the bill. The House is tentatively set to release a draft this week, while the draft Senate bill is scheduled for release the week of July 11th, with hearings expected to follow.

A reauthorization bill requires approval by the House and the Senate, so some compromise must be reached before a bill can be signed by the President. Between the slow progress in releasing a draft bill in both Houses, the large policy differences regarding the length of the bill and funding sources, and the failure of the House to
include the bill in its floor schedule, the prospect that a long-term reauthorization bill may be passed this year grows dimmer by the day.

Against this national political landscape, LICA continues to advocate for a long-term reauthorization bill that avoids drastic cuts and is beneficial to Long Island’s heavy construction industry. LICA’s voice must be joined by many, and elected officials need to hear from their voting constituents. LICA is urging its membership to call New York’s two senators and Long Island’s five congressional representatives to urge their passage of this very important transportation program.

**New York Senate Delegation:***

- United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  631-249-2825
- United States Senator Charles Schumer  631-753-0978

**Long Island Congressional Delegation:**

- Congressman (NY-District 1) Tim Bishop  631-696-6500
- Congressman (NY-District 2) Steve Israel  631-951-2210
- Congressman (NY-District 3) Peter King  516-541-4225
- Congressman (NY-District 4) Carolyn McCarthy 516-739-3008
- Congressman (NY-District 5) Gary Ackerman 718-423-2154

If you have any questions, please contact Louis B. Imbroto, Esq., Manager of Policy & Government Affairs, at limbroto@licanys.org or 631-231-LICA (5422).

**Details of Nassau Coliseum Deal Unveiled**

According to details released last week by Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano, Nassau County would receive 11.5 percent of all revenue generated from a new Nassau Coliseum, or a minimum of $14 million a year, under the agreement between the County and the owner of the Islanders.

The deal, projected to create 1,500 construction jobs and 3,000 permanent jobs, would give team owner Charles Wang a 30-year lease beginning in 2015 over the entire 77 acres surrounding the Coliseum, but would not grant him exclusive development rights according to two members of the Nassau Hub Advisory Committee. Wang would be required to pay Nassau County at least $14 million annually, regardless of how much the team takes in. But Mangano cites revenue-sharing projections of more than $18 million in the first year.

County officials project that the Coliseum would bring the county more than $28 million in the first year alone from added sales, entertainment and hotel tax dollars because of spending that a new arena would generate.

Mangano spoke to LICA members and industry supporters at a meeting last week and painted a grim picture for the residents...
of Nassau County of what would happen in the future if this referendum is not passed. “Not only will we be turning our backs on a vital construction project and an opportunity to put the men and women of the heavy construction trades back to work, but jobs and money going into the restaurants and hotels surrounding the Coliseum will also suffer,” stressed Mangano.

“Unless we act now, by 2015, the New York Islanders will be gone and the County will be stuck with a 42–year old stadium sitting in the heart of Nassau County with very little appeal to lease it out.”

The agreement, which focuses solely on the new arena and 6,500 ground surface parking spaces, arrives on the eve of the scheduled August 1st public referendum which will determine whether the County should borrow up to $400 million to finance the construction of the new Coliseum.

**LICA and Teamsters 282 Reach Pact on Five Year Deal**

**Truckers to Ratify Agreement on July 11th**

LICA’s Executive Director Marc Herbst and Teamsters Local 282 President Tom Gesualdi signed a Memorandum of Agreement concluding negotiations for a new labor/management agreement. The deal requires a ratification vote of the membership of Local 282, set for July 11th.

The agreed-upon terms call for wage increases that average out to three percent annually over the duration of the contract. The initial year provides for a four percent wage adjustment.

For all jobs bid after July 1st of this year, the value of the contract for the first On-Site Steward will be $41.6 million for the first year, and the value on the second On-Site Steward will be $130 million.

The settlement also specifies details for probationary periods and other provisions relating to residential or light construction work.

Upon ratification, specifics will be published. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact LICA’s Manager of Policy & Government Affairs Louis Imbroto, Esq., at limbroto@licanys.org.

**282 Funds Set New Withdrawal Liability Rules**

Separate and apart from the management/labor contract settlement agreement, the trustees of the Teamsters Local 282 Benefit Fund are amending the pension fund’s rules with respect to the fund’s withdrawal liability. Under the new rules, employers that perform work in the building and construction industry and that satisfy certain requirements, will not incur withdrawal liability if their obligations to contribute to the fund cease. Such requirements mandate that the employees must work 85% of their time at a construction site. The trustees have directed their counsel to formulate specific policy requirements so that employers will readily understand these obligations. LICA will provide details once finalized.
LICA Hammers Out Negotiations with Carpenters

While the Carpenters' International headquarters continued to merge many of its councils, LICA has concluded labor negotiations with representatives of the new Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters which now represents a majority of the Long Island market.

Negotiating collectively with the region’s other employer-based associations, the Council achieved its goal of standardizing its agreements throughout the region and gaining uniformity that, in turn, helps secure additional union jobs for its members.

LICA accepted a five-year contract, which includes a two percent wage increase, effective July 1st. In addition, the deal provides a streamlined grievance procedure as well as market recovery and residential agreements.

LICA’s 2011 Annual Golf Outing Less Than a Month Away!

The Long Island Contractors’ Association’s (LICA) annual golf outing on Monday, July 18th at the Huntington Crescent Club (host) and the Huntington Country Club is approaching fast! If you haven’t already planned to attend, there is still time to participate.

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, fun skills competitions, a delicious dinner, and, of course, the camaraderie of those who support the Long Island Contractors’ Association.

If you are unable to make this new date, or find golf a curious distraction, there are still ways to contribute to this important not-for-profit organization that relies on fundraisers such as this to advocate on behalf of the construction industry and Long Island’s fair share of dollars. If LICA is not strong, solvent and funded, it will be impossible to face the strategic battles for public works that lie ahead. Our long-term viability as an industry depends on our elected officials and policy-makers hearing our message.

Sponsorship opportunities include cocktails/buffet dinner, breakfast, on-course refreshments, golf balls, hand rolled cigars, promotions and donations.

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As a reminder, registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Huntington Country Club and 10:30 a.m. at the Huntington Crescent Club. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 p.m. in the main dining room at the Huntington Crescent Club.

Click here to view our golf brochure. Be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible if you have a golf course preference. Please fax your reply to Assistant to the Executive Director Josephine Magee at 631-231-4291 or email her at jmagee@licanys.org.

**LICA Members Recognized by Long Island Business News**

LICA would like to congratulate members Andrew Richards, Esq. of Kaufman Dolwich Voluck & Gonzo, LLP and Howard Rowland of E.W. Howell Co., LLC for being featured by Long Island Business News (LIBN) in its “Who’s Who in Corporate Law & Commercial Real Estate, Construction & Development.” Those chosen are being recognized as some of the most respected experts in their industry.

Mr. Richards has more than 20 years of experience in construction law, surety law and commercial litigation, as well as errors and omissions defense for architects and engineers. Richards’ experience encompasses both private construction and public improvement projects. He also drafts and negotiates construction projects, and renders advice to clients during a project to avoid post-project litigation.

Richards told LIBN, “I advise my clients … it is important to manage growth and maintain profitability. Without managed growth, control would be lost and then profitability could follow.”

With more than 30 years of experience within the construction industry, Howard Rowland still believes the future engines for development on Long Island are technology centers such as Brookhaven National Laboratory, Stony Brook University, Farmingdale State Bioscience and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories.

“This is where jobs will be created as well as the need for other real estate development,” said Rowland. “Housing, retail and office development will follow the success of our technology centers. Maintaining the funding levels at these facilities and others like them is critical to future development on Long Island,” he said.

**Make a Difference in a Child’s Life**

Contractors for Kids (CFK) is hosting its 6th Annual CFK Family Fun Day & Picnic on Saturday, September 17th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Southaven County Park in Yaphank. Enjoy a day with family and friends. There will be food, beverages, live music, rides, games and fun for children of all ages.

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CFK is a non-profit corporation founded for the purpose of providing assistance to families in our communities. Their goal is to assist children and their families to overcome obstacles that have unfortunately changed or have impacted their lives through sickness or injury or death.

Click here for more information.

CFK is now on Facebook! If you are interested in supporting a good cause, be sure to “like” their page. Visit their page by clicking here.

‘First Come, First Served’ for LICA’s Annual Boat Cruise!

Now’s the time to reserve a spot because LICA’s annual boat cruise will set sail in less than one month from Long Island’s Port Washington en route to the Statue of Liberty on Thursday, August 4th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Enjoy the warm breeze as you sail through America’s gateway and view the spectacular Manhattan skyline and its bridges that remind citizen and visitor alike that a strong public infrastructure builds a strong nation.

Musical entertainment, dinner and an open bar will be included in the cost of the ticket. Regulations limit the number of passengers to 140 for this vessel, and registration will be offered on a “first come, first served” basis. Please click here for more information and to reserve your space.

New Labor Wage Rates Now Posted on LICA Website

For your convenience, LICA has posted the new labor wage rates for the various industry trades, effective July 1st, on our website, www.licanys.org. As you know, unions may have adjusted their wage allocations for members. In order to make sure funds are accurately disbursed, you may wish to review the postings. To do so, simply log on to the “Members Only” page by entering your email address. Then, go to the “Document Room” and scroll down to “LICA Labor Wage Rates 2011.”
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