

Rothman Announces Acceleration of North Jersey Infrastructure Improvements

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(Hackensack, NJ)

— On Wednesday, November 25, 2008, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) announced the acceleration of \$116.64 million in funding New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) projects throughout Northern New Jersey.

“Several weeks ago, Governor Corzine reached out to me to discuss the stimulus plan he was putting together for our state,” said Rothman. “He asked for input and funding priorities in my district in New Jersey. As a lifelong resident of Bergen County, the list of worthy projects is very long. As a Member of Congress of one of the most densely populated regions of the most densely populated state, I know the importance of transportation infrastructure, and the impact such projects have on our local economies and quality of life. I’m glad to see that my recommendations were ultimately reflected in the Governor’s plan, and I am extremely grateful to Governor Corzine for reaching out to me on this very important issue.”

With projects now set to begin between March and April 2009, this expedited investment in infrastructure will help fix our roads, rails, bridges and sewer improvements, create good-paying jobs, and help strengthen New Jersey’s economy. The total investment of \$2.8 billion throughout the Garden State is expected to create 26,000 new jobs here in New Jersey through the end of next year.

Added Rothman: “I was very proud to work with NJ DOT’s outstanding Commissioner Kris Kolluri, along with the Governor’s office, to accelerate the funding for these much needed improvements in our transportation infrastructure here in Northern New Jersey.”

Projects in Congressman Rothman's Congressional District include:

- \$9.35 million for sewer improvements along Route 3 in Rutherford and Lyndhurst, which are a prerequisite to the future rehabilitation of the Passaic River Bridge;
- \$15.83 million to repave Route 80 Eastbound from Madison Avenue in Paterson to Polifly Road in Hackensack;
- \$68.68 million for major roadway and drainage system upgrades at the intersection of Main Street and Route 46 in Lodi, to ease both congestion and flooding; and
- \$7.78 million to modernize railroad crossing safety signals in Garfield; and
- \$15 million to accelerate design work on the Northern Branch railroad project.

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