



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

Transportation Projects Receive Federal Funding

JAMES L. SEWARD April 5, 2009

ALBANY, 04/06/09 – Senator James L. Seward (R/I/C- Oneonta) today announced the award of federal funding for transportation projects throughout the 51st district.

“These projects will spur economic development and create construction jobs while making necessary improvements to our Main Streets, bike paths and walkways,” said Seward.

“Projects like these upgrade the quality of life for our residents and are needed to help attract visitors to our region.”

The projects will be funded through the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP), with some additional funds allocated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Projects to receive ARRA TEP funds include:

\$1,403,841 for the Cobleskill Pedestrian Walkway Bicycle Path and Route 7 Enhancement from Schoharie Parkway to the New Railroad Bridge, Schoharie County;

\$1 million for the Main Street Streetscape Enhancement Project in the Village of Dolgeville, Herkimer County;

\$800,000 for the Mohawk Street Beautification Enhancement Project in the Village of Herkimer, Herkimer County;

\$409,734 for the Truxton Depot-Alive Again Project in the Town of Truxton, Cortland County.

“At a time when government budget dollars are tough to come by I am pleased these projects have been recognized for their outstanding merit and will be receiving federal funding,” concluded Seward.

TEP project selection undergoes a competitive process that rates eligible applicants for environmental enhancement, connection to existing transportation system(s), encouraging smart growth, availability of matching funds and the level of community support. A total of 59 projects will share more than \$81 million statewide. The grants are expected to generate \$217 million in statewide construction investment.