

Report to New Yorkers from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney

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You're Invited!

Major steps forward are being taken on significant capital projects affecting the 14th District, and I want you to be informed. Please join me and my invited guests, representatives of the agencies managing each project, for an informative evening on each of the projects listed below. For more information, contact my office in Manhattan at (212) 860-0606 or in Queens at (718) 932-1804 or email me at rep.carolyn.maloney@mail.house.gov

Carolyn B. Maloney

New Momentum for the 2nd Avenue Subway

Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 E. 70th Street
(bet. First and Second Aves)

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Federal Transportation Programs in Queens

Monday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Citicorp Building, One Court Square (3rd Floor Auditorium),
Long Island City, Queens

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Improving New York City's Infrastructure...

In the midst of the war on terrorism, it was a season of great progress for major infrastructure and education projects for our city. Community leaders and activists in Manhattan and Queens have been fighting for years for these projects, which will create jobs, stimulate the local economy, educate our children and improve our quality of life.

2nd Avenue Subway Planning Begins

Anyone who has ever pried his or her way onto the Lexington line at rush hour knows that we desperately need new mass transit on the East Side. Finishing the Second Avenue subway is back on the agenda—in one short week in November, the MTA signed a \$200 million, six-year

contract for engineering and design for the project, and Congress passed legislation containing \$2 million in grants. I worked closely with the New York City Congressional Delegation in the House, and especially Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton in the Senate, and with State Assembly Speaker—and longtime East Sider—Sheldon Silver in spearheading the effort to secure funding in the annual Dept. of Transportation appropriations bill for the second year in a row, which positions New York to receive larger federal appropriations for the project in future years.

LIRR's East Side Access Project

Another gap in New York City's infrastructure moved closer to being filled when Congress appropriated \$14.7 million for the Long Island Railroad's East Side Access project. I worked with other members of the New York City Congressional Delegation to secure funding to begin to connect the Long Island Railroad to Grand Central Terminal.

Queens and Long Island residents deserve a seamless route to both sides of Manhattan.

East Side High School at 76th & York

With the strong support of Co-chairs of the Task Force for an East Side High School, Congresswoman Maloney and Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, the Board of Education voted to approve an East Side High School at 76th Street and York Ave. The school

will ease overcrowding in Community School District 2 and bring public-school excellence to a neighborhood that sorely needs it. Working with parents and community leaders who have fought for the project for years, Council Members Eva Moskowitz and Gifford Miller secured \$16.5 million in local funding. Chancellor Harold Levy was also a strong advocate for the project.

Sinatra High School of the Arts Opens

Great news! The Frank Sinatra School of the Arts opened to students in grades 9 and 10 in a temporary location in September 2001. I was pleased to join City Council Speaker Peter Vallone and Queens Borough President Claire Shulman in supporting the development of a permanent location

for the school in Astoria. In addition to a full academic program, students can take courses in one of five art forms. The school is now located at LaGuardia Community College and will move to its final location in Astoria once construction is complete. The school will add grades 11 and 12 as younger students advance.

Long Island City Links

In December, Congressman Joseph Crowley and I secured \$250,000 for Long Island City Links, a project that will improve transit connections and pedestrian paths in an area of New York City that is experiencing tremendous economic growth. These improvements are a vital part of our efforts

to make Long Island City not only one of the best places to work in the region, but also a beautiful and livable residential neighborhood.



Congresswoman Maloney participated in a press conference about the creation of the East Side High School. Also participating were Councilmembers Gifford Miller and Eva Moskowitz, and several prospective students.

The Federal Response to September 11...

The shock of the terrorist attacks has been converted into action at the federal level. The measures below are some of the major steps that Congress has taken, and is working on, in the aftermath of September 11—but our day-to-day lives have changed, and will continue to change, in response to the new realities.

Authorizing Military Action

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney joined an overwhelming bipartisan vote (H.J. Res. 64) giving President Bush the authority and financing to take strong military action to defeat terrorism. (P.L. 107-38)

Encouraging Economic Recovery

Congresswoman Maloney helped develop the Democratic plan to provide greater unemployment insurance benefits to workers who have become unemployed as a result of the terrorist attacks, and to provide

responsible short-term tax relief to get the economy moving again. She is working to include these key provisions in the final bill.

Improving Airport Security

Congresswoman Maloney supported the Democratic proposal to place federal law enforcement agents in charge of securing our nation's airports and airplanes. She also supported the bipartisan compromise recently signed into

law (P.L. 107-71). When this legislation is implemented, all check-in and carry-on luggage will be inspected, the number of sky marshals will be greatly increased and federal law enforcement personnel will screen baggage.

Combating Bioterrorism

Congresswoman Maloney cosponsored, and is advocating for, the passage of the Bioterrorism Protection Act (H.R. 3255) to provide \$7 billion to prepare for biological threats, secure our borders, improve intelligence and protect our food and water supplies.

Depriving Terrorists of Financing

As a member of the Financial Services Committee, Congresswoman Maloney cosponsored the Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001 and played an active role in moving this important legislation to passage in committee, Congress, and enactment by the President (PL. 107-56).

Ensuring Insurance

Congresswoman Maloney supports and is actively advocating for legislation that is important to the health of our nation's economy, and in its final form, will ensure the continued operation of the insurance industry. A short-

term government partnership enabling private insurers and reinsurers to protect businesses against the threat of terrorism will facilitate the rebuilding of New York and the smooth functioning of the economy.



Congresswoman Maloney announces federal funds for the Second Ave. subway and East Side Access studies. Pictured here at Grand Central Terminal with, from left, Speaker Sheldon Silver, and Rita Schwartz, Director of Government Relations for New York's General Contractors Association, Council Member Gifford Miller, and Borough President C. Virginia Fields.



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My office is here to help

On September 30th, I held a town hall meeting and invited New York rescue workers, including firefighters, police, EMT workers and national guardsmen, to learn more about the recovery efforts from the Federal

Emergency Management Agency and the Red Cross. Information on social security, workers compensation, Small Business Administration loans and other government programs was available to those with specific problems.

In recent weeks, many people have come to me with concerns arising from the destruction of the World Trade Center, including family members seeking visas to attend funerals; business owners who have been displaced by the disaster; individuals who have lost their jobs, homes or personal property; and family members who need financial assistance.

If you have a concern—directly related to the terrorist attack or not—my staff is ready to help with any problem you may have with a government agency.

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September 11 Victim Fund established

On September 21, 2001—with strong bipartisan support—Congress passed the Airline Stabilization Act (H.R. 2926; P.L. 107-42) which included the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund to respond to the devastating personal losses arising from the terrorist attacks on America.

The Fund will provide financial compensation to the victims and family members of victims of the September 11th attacks without the claimants having to go to court. The Fund will be administered by Kenneth R. Feinberg as a Special Master, appointed by Attorney General John Ashcroft. Feinberg will decide the specific procedures under which this Fund will work.

The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund is expected to be up and running by the end of the year. Congress has ensured that a decision on the person's or family's case be rendered within 120 days of the filing of the claim.

If you're a victim and need help, call the Dept. of Justice's Victim Assistance Information Line: 1-800-331-0075 (TTY 1-800-833-6885) or visit the webpage at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/vfa>.