

Glen Cove Announces Stimulus Funding for Ferry Project

Mayor Ralph V. Suozzi announced that Glen Cove has received \$8 million in stimulus funding for construction of a new Glen Cove Ferry Terminal and Boat Basin. His office said in a release that the city is working to restore ferry service in order to bring about an economic boost, create jobs and improve transportation linkages to and from Glen Cove, an important step in the rebirth of the waterfront.

The Ferry Boat Basin and terminal will connect commuters and tourists from Glen Cove to New York City and other potential Long Island Sound destinations. The ferry service will operate out of the north side of Glen Cove creek and will serve as a key feature in the multi-modal transit development along the waterfront. This new source of transportation to Manhattan from the North Shore will ferry passengers each weekday, reducing traffic congestion and travel times and will establish a unique public realm on the waterfront that serves to anchor the redevelopment of the area. Long-range plans include the attraction of recreational vessels and visitors to Glen Cove as the city redevelops its waterfront and downtown.

This funding will enable Glen Cove to begin the construction phase of the project, anticipated to commence in the next three months. "Having this project "shovel ready" made all the difference in our ability to receive the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus) funding," explained Mayor Suozzi. The city expects to have an operator in place by mid 2010, with the final phases of completion for the terminal building scheduled for 2011.

"Investing in the new Glen Cove Ferry Terminal and Boat Basin is a win-win," Senator Schumer said. "Not only will these funds create jobs and help connect commuters from Glen Cove to New York

City, it will ease traffic congestion and greatly improve travel times. By investing our federal dollars in these kinds of projects, we ensure the absolute best infrastructure and transportation across New York State and the entire country."

Mayor Suozzi's office said that a number of agencies have assisted the city in its efforts to secure funding for the Ferry Project, including Cameron Engineering, ABCOM, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as well as the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Long Island Regional Planning Council. In addition to the \$8 million in stimulus funding, Glen Cove has worked with the U.S. Congressional Delegation to secure federal funding for design and construction, which includes \$2.1 million in federal appropriations, as well as \$695,000 from Restore New York.

Congressman King said, "I congratulate Mayor Suozzi and the City of Glen Cove for securing funding for the Ferry Terminal and Boat Basin. These funds will allow the city to move forward with its plans to revitalize the waterfront, help boost the economy through tourism, and reduce congestion to promote a cleaner environment. I am proud to support this effort."

Mayor Suozzi offered his gratitude to all those who have supported him in his effort to seek funding for Glen Cove, including all levels of government - federal, state and county - and their affiliated agencies. "I am pleased that the city has been successful in identifying several different funding resources for this project. It is a very important component of our waterfront revitalization effort and it has both local and regional significance."