

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEF

Member-Designated Transportation Projects

117th Congress

Congressman Paul D. Tonko (D-NY)



"With visionary leadership and investment in our communities, we can unleash untapped potential across our Capital Region and help our people, businesses, and industries grow and thrive."

❖ Paul Tonko

America's transportation systems need repair

- In 2021, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave America's transit infrastructure a **D- grade**
- Approximately **45% of Americans** have no access to public transportation
- **27% of America's roads** are in poor condition, costing drivers \$625 per year in vehicle repairs
- In 2018, 6,283 pedestrians and 857 bicyclists were killed in traffic crashes
- Safe and sustainable transit infrastructure connects people to jobs, businesses & opportunities
 - Each **\$1 billion invested in public transportation creates 49,000 jobs**
 - Using public transit can save individuals \$845 annually and car-owners \$10,000 annually

Rep. Tonko is pushing for local & national funding

- Congressman Tonko has steadfastly pushed for bold funding for **5 local projects, which he successfully included in major infrastructure legislation passed out of the House**
 - Other Tonko-backed bills include: drinking water, EV infrastructure & limo safety
- The Capital Region infrastructure projects span NY-20 from electric vehicle investments in Amsterdam, to multi-modal connectors in Troy, to pedestrian & bicycle walkways in Schenectady
- Funding these projects would not only upgrade outdated infrastructure, it would better the lives of countless residents and allow for the Capital Region to achieve its strongest possible recovery

Congress is ready to invest in America

Transportation & Infrastructure Member-Designated Projects

- ❖ Congressman Tonko submitted the **5 local projects totaling \$19,955,000** and published them on his official website in a review process that is competitive, transparent, and fair
- ❖ Rep. Tonko is travelling NY-20 highlighting the projects continued advance as part of the INVEST in America Act
- ❖ The projects advanced as part of the INVEST in America Act include
 - \$6,000,000 to CDTA for the Purchase of Eight Electric Buses for Use in Emerging Markets
 - \$5,700,000 to the City of Troy for the Route 2 Multi-Modal Connectivity Project
 - \$4,500,000 to the City of Amsterdam for the Multi-Modal/Pedestrian Connector Project
 - \$2,700,000 for the City of Schenectady for the Craig Street Corridor Project
 - \$1,055,000 for the Town of Clifton Park for the NY 146 and NY146A Bicycle & Pedestrian Access Improvements

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