

# State Bishops Support Highway Bond Proposal

By John Dash

The state's bishops have issued a statement of support for the controversial Transportation Bond Issue.

The proposition, due before voters Nov. 8, will allow the state to issue \$1.25 billion in bonds for repair and improvement of transportation facilities.

The state is waging a vigorous campaign to ensure passage of the proposition. A number of consumer groups, including the AAA, is against the measure.

According to a press release from the New York State Catholic Conference

## Forum Planned On Problems Facing Seniors

"Issues and Problems Facing Our Senior Citizens" will be the topic of a community forum sponsored by the diocesan Office of Black Ministries at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Senior Citizens Friendly Neighbors Club, Lena Gantt Apartments (formerly Hanover Houses), 86 Vienna St.

Participating will be Jean Smith and Jack Skvorak of the Regional Council on the Aging; Mattie Sams, coordinator of the Baden Street Settlement Senior Citizens Program, and Daisy Cason, a senior activist.

The public is invited, free of charge. Further information is available from 328-3210, ext. 268 or 269.

## Rally Buses

Elmira — The Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry is organizing buses to the Oct. 22 rally at Sampson State Park from the Southern Tier of the diocese. Persons wishing further information are asked to contact Kathy Dubel, 734-9784.

Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn issued the statement in the name of all Catholic bishops in the state.

"Approval of the bond issue is necessary to provide funds to reverse the deterioration of the many transportation facilities of our state, including bridges, roads and transportation," the statement said.

"As people of New York State, sharing God's bountiful goodness, we are responsible to protect our resources and our facilities. It is through such stewardship that New York may enhance opportunities for our people, including those less fortunate, to live and work in dignity.

"Justice and the common good will be served by an affirmative vote on the Rebuild New York Bond Issue."

State Department of Commerce Commissioner William J. Donohue, a former priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, was stumping for the issue in Rochester last week, citing the urgency of repairing transportation facilities in the state.

With Donohue were representatives of a labor group, the Rochester Area Rebuild New York Labor Committee, formed to encourage passage of the bond issue.

In addition, a \$150,000-200,000 ad cam-

paigned will be mounted throughout the state shortly before the election. Funds for the campaign will be raised in the private sector by a special committee appointed by Gov. Cuomo.

According to Susan Maloy Murante, Rochester spokeswoman for the proposal, "The \$1.25 billion bond issue will allow the state to receive \$1.9 billion in special matching federal transportation funds, from the recent federal gasoline tax, that would otherwise not be available. Those funds, combined with regular state and federal transportation spending, will generate a five-year \$7.5 billion program to improve the state's roads, bridges, waterways, air, rail and port facilities."

However, Donohue said, should the bond issue not pass, \$4 billion will be spent on such repair over the next five years, the revenues coming from other sources.

He said a critical consideration for voters should be the inflated cost of such repairs five years down the road as compared to such costs today.

The local labor group pointed to the generation of an estimated 36,000 jobs in each of the next five years if the bond issue passes.

That translates, they say, into \$20 billion in economic activity for the state con-

struction, commercial and tourism industry.

Among the projects listed in the bond issue proposal are several in the diocese. Included are:

● Cayuga County — Replacement of the Rte. 34 bridge over the railroad in Brutus (\$1.8 million); reconstruction of Rte. 3 from Rte. 104 A to County Road 34 (\$4 million).

● Chemung County — Reconstruction of Rte. 352 (W. Water Street) in Elmira (\$1.65 million).

● Livingston County — Removal of the Rte. 20 bridge over abandoned rail tracks in Caledonia (\$800,000); replacement of Cheese Factory Road bridge over Keshequa Creek near Dalton (\$400,000).

● Ontario County — Reconditioning and resurfacing of Rte. 96 in Victor (\$1.4 million).

● Schuyler County — Replacement of the Decatur Street bridge over Glen Creek in Watkins Glen (\$500,000).

● Seneca County — Replacement of the Rte. 89 bridge over Trumansburg Creek (\$800,000); rehabilitation of Lock 4, Cayuga-Seneca Canal; rehabilitation of four dams on the Erie

Canal, six dams on the Oswego Canal, and two dams on the Cayuga-Seneca Canal (\$8.8 million)

● Steuben County — Replacement of the Gee's Crossing bridge over Conrail tracks between Painted Post and Addison (\$1.6 million); rehabilitation of Rte. 15 in Lindley (\$1.3 million); rehabilitation of Bennett Street bridge over Canisteo River in Hornell (\$400,000).

● Tioga County — Replacement of Gridleyville Crossing Road bridge (\$310,000)

● Tompkins County — Reconditioning and resurfacing Rte. 13, Newfield (\$6.6 million).

● Wayne County — Re-

placement of the Rte. 39 bridge over Clear Water Creek (\$800,000).

● Yates County — Replacement of City Hall Road bridge, County Rte. 26, over Himrod Creek (\$100,000).

In addition, \$61.55 million is earmarked for projects in Monroe County, including: \$10 million for reconstruction of I-590 north from Winton Road exit to the Can of Worms; \$5.1 million for ramps to the Rte. 104 and I-590 interchange; and \$11.6 million for completion of the main line of Rte. 104, the Irondequoit-Wayne County Line Expressway, from Five Mile Line Road to Rte. 250 in Webster, including connection to Mitcheldean Drive.

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## Help Plan Our City's Future

All city residents are urged to attend any or all of the five public review sessions scheduled this fall to comment on the City's Community Development Program and Urban Development Action Grant Program.

Your participation in these sessions will help ensure that your interests are considered in the decisions on how to spend the City's tenth year Community Development Block Grant.

A Spanish translator will be available at each of the meetings.

### The Schedule

Each of the five review sessions will focus on one of the major program areas in the Community Development Program. All review sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. and run until approximately 10:30 p.m.

They will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30 Church Street. Free parking is available in the lot north of City Hall.

Housing	Oct. 19, 1983
Job Development	
Commercial Building Rehabilitation	Oct. 26, 1983
Commercial/Industrial Development	Nov. 2, 1983
Human Services	Nov. 9, 1983
Neighborhood Development Program	Nov. 16, 1983

### The Process

In January, following the review sessions, the Draft Plan for the 1984-85 Program Year will be distributed to the public. A series of neighborhood workshops will be scheduled in the middle of January to review and discuss the Draft.

### Information

For more information on these review sessions or on the Community Development Program, call 428-7312.



## Ayuda Planificar El Futuro De Nuestra Ciudad

Se le pide a todos los residentes de la Ciudad, que asistan a alguna o a todas las cinco sesiones para revisión pública que están programadas este otoño sobre las actividades del Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, y también sobre el Programa de Acción para el Desarrollo Urbano.

Su participación en estas sesiones le ayudará asegurar que sus intereses sean considerados en la decisión de como poder gastar para el décimo año, la Concesión (que el gobierno federal le concede a la Ciudad) para el Departamento de Desarrollo Comunal de la Ciudad de Rochester.

Habrà un intérprete disponible en cada sesión.

### Horario

Cada una de las cinco sesiones de revisión, enforçará una de las áreas de mayor importancia en el Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad. Todas las sesiones de revisión comenzarán a las 7:30 de

la noche, y continuarán hasta las 10:30 de la noche. Estas reuniones serán conducidas en la Cámara del Concilio de la Ciudad (City Council Chambers), en el Municipio de la Ciudad de Rochester (City Hall), 30 de la calle Church. Estacionamiento gratis en el lote localizado en la parte norte del Municipio.

Vivienda	19 de octubre, 1983
Desarrollo de Empleo	
Rehabilitación de Edificios Comerciales	26 de octubre, 1983
Desarrollo Comercial e Industrial	2 de noviembre, 1983
Servicios Humanos	9 de noviembre, 1983
Programa de Desarrollo Vecinal	16 de noviembre, 1983

### El Proceso

En enero, despues de las sesiones de revisión se le distribuirá al público un Bosquejo del Plan del Programa para el año 1984-85. Este Plan será revisado y discutido en una serie de talleres que se establecerán en varias localidades de la Ciudad, que se llevará a cabo a mediados del mes de enero.

### Información

Para más información sobre las sesiones de revisión, o del Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, llame al teléfono 428-7312.



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