



Albany Update

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BUDGET UPDATE:

On January 25th the Senate Finance and the Assembly Ways & Means committees held hearings on the Governor's proposed budget regarding **Transportation**. There were heated discussions concerning the MTA's request for \$27 billion for capital improvements. Governor Pataki has proposed a \$19.2 billion capital plan. A key to transportation funding this year is Federal TEA-21 which expires on May 31, 2005. New York receives 50% of its transportation funding from the Feds. TEA-21 renewal is the key issue in transportation.

BUDGET—PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

- January 31: Health, Medicaid & Budget
- February 1: Housing
- February 2: Public Protection
- February 7: Human Protection
- February 8: Higher Education & Academic Research
- February 9: Environmental Conservation
- February 14: Elementary & Secondary Education
- February 15: Workforce Issues
- February 16: Economic Development & Taxes

LOBBY DAYS

For those of you planning lobby days, please let a lobbyist know as soon as possible when you are considering coming to Albany. The sooner you let us know, the better our chances are of scheduling you appointments with key decision makers concerning your issue(s). A four week lead time will help us, help you, make your lobby day a success.

FUNDRAISERS

Monday, January 31st

Assem Richard Brodsky [D]

Chair—Corporations
Albany, \$350

Assem Dan Burling [R]

Deputy Republican Whip
Albany, \$250

Assem James Conte [R]

Ranking mem—Education
Albany, \$250

Monday, February 7th

Senator Byron Brown [D]

Albany, \$300

Senator Hugh Farley [R]

Majority Whip
Albany, \$300

Senator Serphin Maltese [R]

Cities

Albany, \$350

Senator Carl Marcellino [R]

Chair—Environmental Conservation
Albany, \$350

Senator George Maziarz [R]

Chair—Labor
Albany, \$350

Senator George Onorato [D]

Vice Chair—Minority
Albany, \$250

Senator Mary Lou Rath [R]

Tourism
Albany, \$300

Senator Valesky [D]

Albany, \$250

Republican Assem Camp Comm

Albany, \$500