

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that the Federal Highway Administration has awarded \$1,437,989 for the repair of federal highways damaged by June, 2006 flooding in Upstate New York.

“Local communities are still dealing with the damage from floods across the Southern Tier and this funding will go a long way to repair the highways our businesses and families rely on daily,” **said Arcuri, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which oversees the Federal Highway Administration**

. “I will continue to fight to make sure federal funding is available to help communities rebuild after natural disasters and improve our transportation infrastructure to help the economy grow.”

This funding became available when President Bush declared New York State flooding a federal disaster upon request of then-Governor Pataki. Eligible repair work includes emergency repairs needed to restore essential traffic, minimize the extent of damage, or protect the remaining facilities as well as permanent repairs necessary to restore the highway to its pre-disaster condition.

Beginning on June 23, 2006, heavy rains caused flooding in Upstate New York causing damage to Federal aid highways. Flooding was especially damaging to homes and infrastructure in Broome, Tioga, Chenango and Otsego Counties.

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