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Dear Fellow New Yorker:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the October 7, 2008 symposium—Beyond the Gas Tax: Funding Future Transportation Needs—in Syracuse, NY. At the symposium, which is sponsored by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC), participants will discuss the status of federal and state transportation funding as well as the issues and options for funding state transportation infrastructure needs in the future. The symposium is being held to respond to the reality that the gas tax, the traditional source of revenue for transportation investments at both the state and federal level, isn't keeping pace with growing transportation needs.

The keynote speaker will be Emil Frankel, Director of Transportation Policy of the National Transportation Policy Project, Bipartisan Policy Center. Two panels of state and national experts will discuss the current status of transportation funding and federal, state, and private funding and financing options that could help support the future needs of our state's transportation systems. The focus of this symposium is on funding those parts of the transportation system under NYSDOT's jurisdiction.

I expect that this symposium will be of interest to government officials, transportation stakeholders, and to the companies, agencies, and organizations that collectively build, operate, maintain and use the state's vast multitmodal transportation system. It is with this in mind that I am reaching out to you.

This symposium will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 7, 2008 in the Martha Eddy Room in the Art and Home Center at the NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. I invite you to join me for a luncheon reception in the Empire Room at noon, prior to the symposium, to meet the panelists. If you plan to attend this symposium, I ask that you register on the UTRC's website at www.utrc2.org/. For your convenience, directions to and maps of the State Fairgrounds are located online at: www.nysdot.gov/conferences/gastax.

In order to allow additional input on this important topic, UTRC will receive written comments regarding transportation funding both at the symposium and electronically through the UTRC website, referenced above. Additional information about the speakers and the symposium is also available on the UTRC website.

I would be delighted to have you participate, and look forward to an excellent symposium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Astrid C. Glynn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Astrid C. Glynn
Commissioner