

Executive Director Update

In times of economic turmoil, we must commit ourselves to build on our geographic strengths and historic grit to keep our economy moving forward, seizing on positive economic aspects that are unique to the East Coast.

Continental 1 is more than just a highway. It's an alliance of business, community and government leaders from Canada and the United States dedicated to developing an economic transportation system between Toronto, Ontario, and Miami, Florida.

Route 219 is currently undergoing multi-million dollar renovations and expansions near Springville, New York and in Somerset and Bradford in Pennsylvania. This route is the exclusive artery along Continental 1's 1,500 mile transportation system.

This initiative will open up opportunities to establish dynamic intermodal transportation systems that will cross the lines of two major U.S. rail carriers and 14 east-west arterial interstate highway systems, providing inland access to all major East Coast air and marine ports.

A recently completed Zogby Poll affirms PA and NY business leader support for Route 219 expansion from two to four lanes to increase safety, transportation efficiencies and trade. The growth of Continental 1 and completion of the 219 expansion should be on everyone's radar screen as an emerging economic opportunity that will require investment from both private and public sectors.

Steve Mayer
Executive Director



Continental One Launches New Website



All Pictures
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Frank
O'Connor
NYSDOT

Continental 1 has launched a new website: www.continental1.org. The website has been completely revamped to bring greater awareness of the effort and to further progress this important economic development trade/logistics initiative. The website contains information about the history behind the establishment of Continental 1, maps of Route 219, and the economic — both commercial and tourism -- benefits this project will bring to municipal regions along the multi-state trade route.

With the help of a \$1.5 million DOT grant administered by NYSDOT, Continental 1 is beginning an extensive outreach campaign to build awareness and help agencies, businesses and communities identify development opportunities along this trade corridor.

The first phase of the Route 219 expansion in New York was completed back in 1979 and included 24 miles from I-90 south to Springville. The second phase is under construction now and includes 4 miles south of Springville. This \$121 million expansion includes a dual span bridge. Pictures from the construction site showing the progress can be found on www.continental1.org. This expansion should be complete in late 2009.

In Pennsylvania, Phase 1 of the improvements and reconstruction of Route 219 in both Bradford and Johnsonburg has been completed. Phase 2 is fully funded and is now under construction. Phase 2 is expected to be completed in 2010.

Meet the New Board of Directors

- Patrick J. Whalen is the Chief Operating Officer of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and has extensive experience in dealing with international supply chain issues.
- Jack Ampuja currently serves as the President of Supply Chain Optimizer for Buffalo, NY and Toronto, Canada. Ampuja has over 30 years of supply chain management experience working with five Fortune 500 firms.
- Dennis Eshbaugh is the President and General Manager of Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville N.Y. and is the current President of the Route 219 Association.
- James Phillips is the CEO and President the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance (Can/Am BTA). Prior to serving as the CEO, Mr. Phillips served as the President of General Abrasive.
- Dr. Livingston Alexander is the President of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Before assuming his presidency on August 1, 2003, Dr. Alexander was the provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of psychology at Kean University in Union, NJ.
- Russ DeVeso is General Manager of G.W. Burnett, Buffalo, N.Y. and the Vice Chair of the New York State Motor Truck Association.

These six additions join current board members: Ron Aldom - Executive Director Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, Christopher Hauser - McDowell, Wick, Daly, Gallup & Hauser, Wally Smith - Vice President AAA of Western and Central New York, Martin Glesk - Executive Director of Bradford Area Alliance, William Harris - Cambria County Commissioner, Glenn Miller - President of VCS Group, Joseph Kearney - Senior Vice President of Business Development at Duty Free Americas, Inc. and Duane Mohney - Duane L. Mohney & Assoc. Landscape Architects

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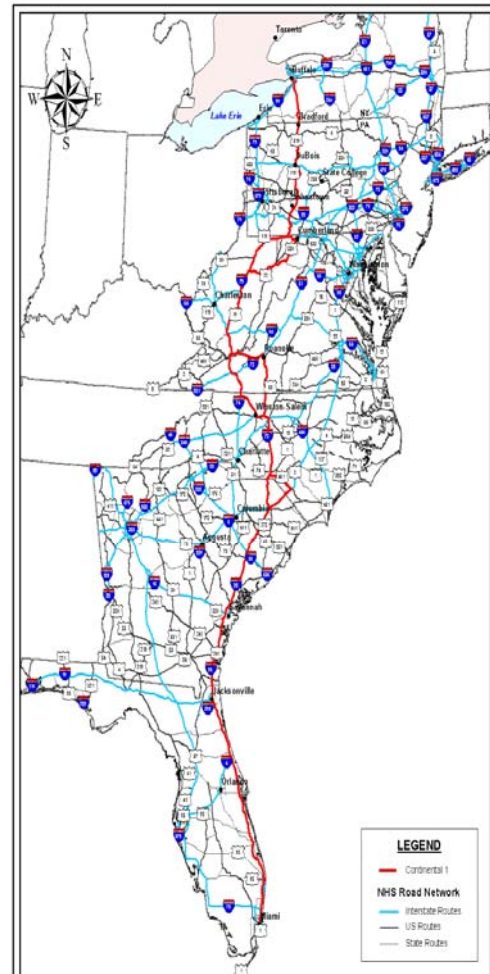
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Route 219 Bridge near Springville, N.Y.

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