



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Chris Jacobs

## Jacobs Announces One Million in State Funding for DL&W Project

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(Buffalo, NY) – State Senator Chris Jacobs announced today that he has secured one million in state funding to support the redevelopment of Buffalo's Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Terminal Railroad station on the city's waterfront.

"I have always been excited by the potential for the DL&W Terminal to become a major destination again at the foot of Main Street," said Jacobs. "Transforming this massive and historic building into a first class recreational, commercial and economic development site is

an expensive proposition, and I am pleased to have been able to secure such a meaningful investment of state resources.”

The funding secured by the Senator will support the construction and installation of the stair tower and elevator that will enable public access from South Park Avenue to the second floor of the terminal. This access is necessary for the NFTA and project developers to be able to begin moving forward with emerging plans for Phase II of the larger development project.

“We are very appreciative of Senator Jacobs support,” said Kimberly Minkel, NFTA Executive Director. “This funding will help our efforts in the ongoing development of the DL&W, which will build on the continued growth and development within the Canalside and Cobblestone district.”

Jacobs’ 60<sup>th</sup> Senate District is bordered by more than 40 miles of waterfront that he has long believed has held great recreational and economic development potential. In prior state budgets he has secured a combined \$1.5 million for waterfront development projects at Explore & More -The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Children’s Museum, the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park and the Buffalo Heritage Carousel.

“I applaud the vision of the NFTA and project developers for a large public gathering space that will become a major part of the Metro Rail’s new station, and I am pleased that they are committed to gathering public input on the final details of what is built,” said Jacobs. “I am confident the final project will increase metro rail ridership, improve NFTA customer’s experience and add significantly to the quality of life for everyone in our community,” the Senator concluded.