



# Congressman Tim Bishop

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### **BISHOP ANNOUNCES VICTORY FOR BROOKHAVEN SENIORS AND VETERANS, RAKING IN \$300K FOR LOCAL PROJECTS**

*Congressman Helps Fund Programs for Brookhaven's Seniors and County Veterans*

**WASHINGTON, DC**-Congressman Tim Bishop announced a major victory today for Brookhaven Town and Suffolk County, securing \$300,000 in new funding for important projects to improve the quality of life for seniors and veterans. The money was included in the Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2006.

"I am proud to be able to deliver this money to the residents of Brookhaven Town," Bishop stated. "This is a big win for senior citizens and veterans who have been asking for help to improve their quality of life."

Bishop secured \$200,000 for Brookhaven Town to be used towards the construction of a high-technology Senior Wellness Center in Mt. Sinai. The new Center will replace the aging Rose M. Caracappa Senior Center, which currently offers only 3200 square feet for senior programs; the new facility will be nearly 12,000 square feet.

"Brookhaven Town's senior citizen population is growing rapidly and they deserve a center that can meet their needs now and into the future," stated Supervisor-Elect Brian Foley. "I thank Congressman Tim Bishop for his support of the Town and for making Brookhaven's seniors a priority. I promise to take a fresh look at this project and see if we can make it even better for Brookhaven seniors."

"This new funding will help us build a center Brookhaven's seniors deserve and will defray the cost for local taxpayers," Bishop said. "I will work with Supervisor-Elect Foley and Councilman McCarrick to ensure this new center meets the needs of Brookhaven's seniors."

"We're very happy that Congressman Bishop has included our community in his plan to improve our town. We're very enthusiastic to break ground on this project and to continue working with the congressman in the future," stated Kevin McCarrick, Town of Brookhaven Councilman representing Ward 2. "This state-of-the-art facility will benefit all of our seniors in the Town of Brookhaven and the community as a whole."

The bill also includes \$100,000 for Veterans and Seniors Transportation, Inc., which requested funding to purchase new buses to provide door-to-door transportation services to senior citizens, veterans, and their spouses. The organization provides rides for medical appointments in Suffolk County. Currently, the organization requires veterans and seniors to schedule pick-ups two

weeks in advance, and area restrictions limit who can benefit from public transportation to local health facilities. This new funding will help Veterans and Senior Services, Inc. purchase a senior bus to significantly expand options for seniors throughout Suffolk County.

“We appreciate the funding that Congressman Tim Bishop received on behalf of the veterans and seniors of Suffolk County,” Bob Smith stated. Smith is founder and former-President of Veterans and Seniors Transportation, Inc. “This money will go a long way to helping county veterans, their spouses, and senior citizens enjoy the quality of life that they deserve.”

These projects are part of an overall package secured by Bishop, which includes numerous projects on both the north and south forks of Long Island and Shelter Island.

Bishop, who is a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the House of Representatives, secured over \$45 million in the Transportation Equity Act: Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) passed earlier this year. More than \$30 million of those funds were to improve transportation and infrastructure in Brookhaven.

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