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News Release

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Orange To Hold Tour of Federal Earmark Requests Today, Friday, March 20, 2009 Starting 10am at City Hall, 29 North Day Street

The City of Orange Township recently submitted federal earmark applications for various projects for FY 2010. Today, the City will hold a tour, led by Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr., of the projects to provide detailed first hand information to Congressman Donald Payne and representatives of Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez. Representatives of the news media are invited to participate.

At each stop, participants will receive a briefing by a department director regarding the need for the funding and other specifics regarding the project. Tour guests include Congressman Payne and staff; Assemblymembers John McKeon and Mila Jasey; representatives of Senators Lautenberg and Menendez; and members of the Orange City Council.

Statement by Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.:

“It is not enough to simply submit an application on paper and forget about it. I am very grateful that Congressman Donald Payne, Assemblymembers John McKeon and Mila Jasey, and the offices of Senators Lautenberg and Menendez are participating in this event. We increase our chance of receiving funding by enabling our Congressman and Senators to see with their own eyes that an important need exists. Amidst the severe economic crisis, Orange will continue to aggressively seek every available dollar of federal earmarks and stimulus package funds.”

Statement by Congressman Donald Payne:

“As we continue our work in Congress, I will do everything I can to secure federal funding to help meet the needs of my constituents in Orange. In addition to requesting funds through the regular appropriations process, I will be working with local officials to ensure that Orange successfully competes for crucial funding in the economic stimulus package for COPS grants, assistance to firefighters, public works projects and other community improvement programs.”

SUBMITTED PROJECTS

- Public Works- City of Orange Water Treatment Facility
- Police- Public Safety Information Technology Restoration
- Fire- New Fire Engine Pumper
- Planning- City-wide Camera Surveillance System
- YWCA Restoration Project-

Tour Schedule:

- **10:00am leave City Hall: Tour will begin promptly**
- **10:05am Police Department presentation (light breakfast)**
- **10:20am Main Street Presentation**
- **10:40am YWCA tour Presentation**
- **11:00am Chestnut tour/presentation**

- **11:20am Central Avenue Presentation**
- **11:40am Fire Department tour/presentation (lunch)**