# STAGE 2 PROJECT SUMMARY:
**IMPROVED TRUCK ACCESS to “BUILD NOW NY” SITE**

## PROJECT GOAL
The goal of this project is to provide more direct access from I-87 at Exit 18 to several “Build Now NY” sites in Queensbury that are targeted for the biomedical and pharmaceutical industries. The project would also relieve congestion along County Route 28, the primary connector to the Glens Falls business district.

## EXISTING PROGRAMS
Based on the recommendations of its 1999 Corridor Management Plan for the Exit 18–Warren County Route 28 corridor, the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council (A/GFTC) included a project to address capacity deficiencies along Corinth Road in its 2000 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This project, targeted for completion in late 2006, addresses geometric and capacity-related issues through the construction of a three-lane cross-section (one lane in each direction with a center turning lane) from Exit 18 to Glens Falls. Modest interim capital-cost solutions to improve operational deficiencies at the interchange, including minor ramp widening and intersection improvements, were also evaluated but were deferred due to financial constraints. The connector road proposed here was also considered and dismissed for financial reasons.

## PROPOSED PROJECT COMPONENTS
- A two-lane access road connecting Route 28 east of the I-87 NB exit to Luzerne Road near the 40-acre “Build Now NY” site. Also improve access to two other parcels between Corinth and Luzerne Roads targeted for high-tech or biomedical light industrial uses that are important for the region’s development.
- Larger scale improvements at the interchange will be needed to address long-term capacity and operational deficiencies.

## RELATION TO SHORT-/LONG-TERM PLAN
This type of improved freight and commercial access is consistent with the corridor’s overall Strategic Plan, providing key transportation improvements to support the long-term economic development goals of communities along the corridor.

## REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, AGENCY COORDINATION
This project has been developed previously through a conceptual design stage to identify a preferred alignment. In order for the project to advance to construction it must be processed through an environmental review procedure, which satisfies State (SEQRA) and Federal (NEPA) requirements.

## ESTIMATED COST
Capital costs would be approximately $750,000.