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**Quotes From Stakeholders and Developers For the Congress-Ferry Street Project**

“This is a partnership and a redevelopment initiative the likes of which are rarely seen,” said Troy Mayor Harry J. Tutunjian. “We have four separate entities that each started with a different goal, and a team of professionals that will each have different visions. What will make this project succeed is that we are each united in our optimism and desire to see the City of Troy thrive.”

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"Rensselaer County is proud to be a part of this collaborative effort," said Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino. "I am confident that the expertise, skill and knowledge that United Group of Companies and John Hedley bring to this project will continue to point Troy in the right direction, and I applaud all those involved for their participation and dedication."

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“I believe that this project is a major step forward in the redevelopment of this historic City,” said State Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno. “It will provide the basis for a brighter and better future for the City of Troy.”

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“We are excited about being selected for this important initiative,” said Michael Uccellini, Project Executive for the Untied-Hedley team. “We look forward to working with the City, the County, the Housing Authority, and RPI in what could be a transformational project that helps shape the Troy of tomorrow.”

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"Everyone really needs to commend the four stakeholders for the unprecedented way they brought their agendas together for the common cause of the city and its residents" said Walter Uccellini, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Group of Companies, Inc. “We are both pleased and honored to be selected to lead the development of this project that will have such an important impact in the city for many years to come. As a resident and alumnus of the area, I am proud to see such an effort being undertaken for such a wonderful city with so much history, a world leading institution of higher learning. We are strongly committed to the success of this endeavor.”

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“We are confident that this strong partnership, under the City’s leadership, will be successful,” said Troy Housing Authority Executive Director Mario Musolino. “This project will allow us to eliminate old style housing and take a more family friendly approach that fits in as part of the community.”

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“There is constant talk about the need to expand our tax base in the City of Troy,” said Troy City Councilwoman Carolin Collier, the chair of the Planning Committee. “This project will address that need, while transforming a section of the City ripe for development.”

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“RPI and Troy are growing together, and this Congress-Ferry Street initiative is yet another example of the progress we are making. We envision that the restaurants, shops, homes and offices that will be built, in combination with the changes underway on our south campus, will transform the area in many wonderful ways,” said Rensselaer President Shirley Ann Jackson. “This project is moving forward because of the strong partnership between RPI, the City, the County and the Troy Housing Authority. Today we have expanded our team to include developers equally committed to the success of this project, to Troy and to the region. We thank Mayor Tutunjian for his leadership and all of our partners for their hard work.”

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“This is a great opportunity for all of us to help move the City of Troy forward,” said John Hedley. “Working together we will be able to accomplish great things for this area.”

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