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## Rochester leaders identify top projects they'll press in Albany

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The Rochester Community Coalition, which includes some of the highest-powered institutions in the region, today identified five projects that it will lobby for in Albany this year.

Three of the five involve state funding. The other two relate to state policies.

The coalition will seek funding for a Rochester after-school plan to get youth involved in constructive activities between 3 and 6 p.m. on weekdays; improvements to Interstate 390 near the University of Rochester campus to facilitate traffic flow; and development of the Institute for Sustainability at Rochester Institute of Technology.

The policy issues involve mandate relief for local governments and a stance against a requirement that "prevailing wages" be paid at projects approved by local industrial development agencies.

The community leaders who unveiled the five-point program included Rochester Business Alliance CEO Sandy Parker, County Executive Maggie Brooks, Rochester Mayor Robert Duffy, UR President Joel Seligman, RIT Vice President Deborah Stendardi and Rochester Area Community Foundation President Jennifer Leonard.

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