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Panorama Trail Sidewalk and Road Resurfacing Projects to Begin

PENFIELD, N.Y., AUGUST 11, 2009 – The Town of Penfield will make improvements to the sidewalk system and road surface of Panorama Trail from Browncroft Boulevard to Penfield Road. Panorama Trail is one of the busiest town-owned roads in all of Monroe County with roughly 10,000 cars traveling the stretch each day.

The improvement project is divided into two phases. In 2009, new sidewalks will be installed on the west side of Panorama Trail from Huntington Meadow to Dogwood Glen. Next, the reconstruction of the road is expected to start in May 2010 and will involve recycling the pavement, new top course, and replacement of the concrete gutters. The project is separated into phases due to efficiency, funding sources, and for better coordination of resources. The road project is funded under the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (stimulus funds) and will be managed by the Monroe County DOT to utilize their expertise and efficiencies with highway projects.

Supervisor George Wiedemer says of this project, “Residents have been eager to see improvements on this road. We have applied for grants year after year to repair Panorama Trail but have never made it to the top of a New York state transportation project list.” He adds, “With this funding we can finally resurface the road and replace crumbling gutters. Paired with our sidewalk plan, Panorama Trail will be a much safer road.”

New sidewalks along Panorama trail were identified in the Town’s 2009 Sidewalk Priority Plan. Roughly one-half mile of new sidewalks will be added to sections installed in 2006, bringing sidewalks to about two-thirds of Panorama Trail and one step closer to a goal of taking them all the
Way north to Browncroft Boulevard. The overall project will run from August through September 2009 including site preparation and restoration. Actual sidewalk construction should take about two weeks. During that time there will be alternating traffic on Panorama Trail.

Phase two of the project will resurface Panorama Trail from 800’ north of Penfield Road to Browncroft Boulevard in May of 2010. This project is funded by the ARRA because the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) listed Panorama Trail as a “federal aid eligible” roadway for the seven-county Rochester Metropolitan area. The project met the requirements for “shovel ready” status because the town had already done the necessary planning to support previous grant applications seeking funding for road repairs. As specified by the funding, the work will be done within the existing footprint; no road widening is proposed. The project is expected to run approximately two months.

Monroe County Legislator Tony LaFountain (District 9, Penfield) stated, “I’m pleased Monroe County DOT was able to bid out the Panorama Trail project along with other ARRA projects. The Town of Penfield will benefit from reduced pricing and the County’s management expertise.”

To learn more about project details, contact the Town’s Highway Department at 340-8710 or Engineering at 340-8683.

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