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Public Information Meeting for Panorama Trail Rehabilitation
-Town Hall, April 20, 7:00 PM-

PENFIELD, N.Y., APRIL 13, 2010 – The Penfield Town Board has scheduled a Public Information Meeting on the rehabilitation of Panorama Trail for Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to review the project and discuss any special needs or concerns.

The Panorama Trail project includes improvements to the road surface from Browncroft Boulevard to Penfield Road. 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. As specified by the funding, the work will be done within the existing footprint; no road widening planned.

“For years residents have asked for improvements to this road. This project will greatly improve the drainage and drivability of Panorama Trail, and make it a much safer road for years to come,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “I’m pleased Monroe County DOT was able to bid out the Panorama Trail project along with other ARRA projects. The Town of Penfield benefits from reduced pricing and the County’s management expertise.”

Reconstruction of the road is scheduled to begin late April and will involve recycling the pavement, a new top course, and replacement of concrete gutters. Construction will cause substantial delays as the contractor must operate multiple pieces of equipment, delivery trucks, and laborers on the narrow roadway. Every effort will be made to maintain one lane of traffic during construction; however daily users should expect significant delays.
A letter from Supervisor LaFountain to Panorama area residents providing project details and notice of the Public Information Meeting was mailed the first week of April. 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. Residents, business owners, and all those who will be affected by the construction are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Preliminary Schedule:
- The project is scheduled to run approximately late April through mid-June, weather permitting
- Signage will be posted in advance of work to inform users of Panorama Trail of upcoming delays

Scope of work:
- Concrete gutters will be removed on one side of the road followed by asphalt recycling in the same lane. The same process will be repeated in the opposite lane.
- After each section of gutter is removed, stone will be provided to maintain driveway access.
- Homeowners can expect minor delays during the removal process, but all driveways will be accessible at the end of each day.
- After paving, gutters will be replaced one side at a time. Homeowners may not drive on gutters for two days after the gutters are installed. (A process for across-the-street neighbors to share driveways has been proposed to residents.) Residents with health issues or other access needs during gutter installation should inform the town engineer listed below.
- Next, driveways will be replaced lawns will receive topsoil and seed.
- The top course of road surface will be installed approximately 30 days later to allow the pavement to properly harden.
- Striping will then be added to the new pavement.

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