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Kennedy, Higgins & Meegan Announce Improvements to Union Road in West Seneca

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Over \$1.3 Million in Road & Streetscape Work Underway

Congressman Brian Higgins, N.Y. State Senator Tim Kennedy and West Seneca Town Supervisor Sheila Meegan joined representatives from the New York State Department of Transportation to detail infrastructure improvements underway along Union Road (Route 277) in West Seneca.

“Infrastructure improvement projects put people to work, improve public safety and spur business development,” said Senator Tim Kennedy. “Targeted investments like this help create attractive environments for business growth and lead to job creation. This Union Road project is a welcome boost to an important business district in the town of West Seneca, and it will strengthen efforts to foster local economic development.”

“Union Road is the central point for the Town of West Seneca and home to an active business district,” said Congressman Brian Higgins. “Infrastructure projects like this one put local people to work in construction and related fields and lays the groundwork for an efficient transportation network providing a welcome mat for local businesses that support economic and job growth.”

West Seneca Supervisor Sheila Meegan added, “West Seneca is pleased to be a recipient of the much needed improvements, especially the streetscape enhancement and Pedestrian Crosswalks. Thank you Congressman Brian Higgins and Senator Kennedy for keeping West Seneca on your to-do list.”

Roadwork includes milling and resurfacing of the pavement from the bridge crossing Cazenovia Creek to the Route 400 expressway ramps on Union Road. Signal improvements, new street markings and signs will also go in along the 1.2 mile stretch. In addition the project will incorporate numerous streetscape features including: updated pedestrian crossings consisting of ADA compliant ramps; enhanced markings on crosswalks; partial sidewalk replacement; and various landscape features including new trees and decorative planters.

NYS DOT Commissioner Joan McDonald said, “This important Department of Transportation project will increase mobility and safety for pedestrians and motorists along Union Road and make West Seneca a more walkable community. I thank Governor Cuomo

for making infrastructure investments such as this a priority and look forward to continuing to work with Congressman Higgins to deliver transportation improvements for communities in Western NY.”

Total contract cost for the project is \$1.326 million. Construction is supported by both federal and state funding including \$800,000 secured by Congressman Higgins in the 2005 Federal Transportation bill.

The contract for the project was awarded in April and construction is expected to be complete by November.