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Carlucci Pushes NYS DoT to Expedite Planned Route 59 Upgrades in Wake of Tragedy

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ROCKLAND, NY - Earlier today, Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester) requested the New York State Department of Transportation expedite changes to route 59 which were originally slated to start next summer. In his letter to the DoT, Carlucci explained, "The terrible tragedy that took place this week when a motorist drove onto the right shoulder of Route 59 in Monsey and struck a mother and three children demonstrated the urgency for improvements the State has already committed to."

The New York State Department of Transportation had committed to the following improvements along Route 59 that Carlucci is requesting to be expedited:

- 3000 feet of new sidewalks, some of which will be located where the accident happened.
- Improvements to existing sidewalks that have fallen under disrepair and will be brought up to code.
- The inclusion of curb cuts for strollers and wheel chairs.
- Synchronization of 42 streetlights from Suffern to Nyack, which will be adaptive to traffic conditions and help reduce congestion.

"With thoughtful consideration given to this recent accident, I respectfully request that the Department of Transportation prioritize and expedite this project with the intent on preventing any further accidents involving motorists and pedestrians."