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Mayor Madden: First Phase of Uncle Sam Trail Extension Project Complete

TROY, NY – On Wednesday, August 8, Mayor Patrick Madden was joined by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, local cyclists, regional transportation representatives and advocates, and city & county officials to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the Uncle Sam Trail extension project. The newly-constructed bicycle & pedestrian route was officially opened during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Front Street along the City's Hudson River waterfront.

The new section of the Uncle Sam Trail features a combination of shared traffic routes and dedicated bike lanes providing a link between the City's South Troy neighborhood and the existing Uncle Sam Trail north of Middleburgh Street. Additional route construction in South Troy is planned on 1st and 2nd Streets between Monroe and Jackson for the next phase of the trail 3.5-mile extension project.

Mayor Madden said, "Cycling is an activity that promotes good health and reduces our community's impact on the environment. The continued expansion of the Uncle Sam Trail is a valuable addition to Troy's growing alternative transportation network, creating a more walkable, rideable community for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. I applaud Commissioner of Planning Steve Strichman for his efforts to bring this long-anticipated project across the finish line, and extend my thanks to the Troy biking community and local organizations whose contributions and support made this effort a reality."

The construction of the trail extension was originally funded in 2001 through a Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century program (TEA-21) for authorized improvement programs for highways, highway safety, and transit projects. The \$1.2M transportation construction project was completed under budget.

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