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Mayor Madden: City Awarded \$4M in Federal Assistance for Transit Safety Improvements on Congress, Ferry Streets

Redesign to include accessible ramps, curb extensions, new sidewalks, improved signals, and lane reductions to decrease vehicle speeds and increase pedestrian safety

Planned improvements aim to make travel within the Congress and Ferry Street Corridor safer and easier for all

TROY, NY – Mayor Patrick Madden today announced the City of Troy has been awarded \$4M in transit safety grant funding to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility on Congress Street and Ferry Street. The Route 2 Corridor project, funded through the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP), will transform both roads into safer, more accessible travel routes for users of all ages, abilities, or modes of travel using traffic calming features designed to reduce pedestrian injuries and support alternative public transportation options.

Mayor Madden said, “Improving the safety and accessibility of our streets and sidewalks should be a priority for growing cities like Troy. By adding new traffic calming features and increasing alternative transportation access along the Congress Street and Ferry Street corridors we can better connect our neighborhoods and enhance the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, walkers, and motorists traveling through our community. This long-term investment is vital to continue the City of Troy’s work towards becoming a safer, more accommodating community for our residents, visitors, families and businesses.”

The project is funded through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP). The Route 2 Corridor project will redesign Congress and Ferry Streets, from 11th Street west to the Congress Street Bridge, into a vibrant and attractive route for the public, regardless of travel mode or ability. Enhancements and upgrades include:

- New curb extensions
- ADA-accessible ramps
- Replacement of sidewalks (50%)
- Retimed traffic lights for improved traffic control
- Additional street parking
- Bike lanes to connect with existing urban trail network
- Traffic lane reductions

Between 2013 and 2018, the Congress Street and Ferry Street corridor experienced 7 serious injuries, including 2 incidents where pedestrians were badly injured. An average of over 13,000 vehicles travel the route daily, increasing the potential for accidents involving pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicles. Planned improvements will make traveling along and across the Congress and Ferry Street corridor safer and easier for all, whether by foot, bike, bus, or car. Design work is scheduled to begin in 2021, with construction anticipated to begin in 2023.

The Route 2 Corridor project will conform with the city's Complete Streets program, which assists planners and engineers in the design and construction of streets which provide users of any ability, age, or method of transport with safe and convenient access to destinations across Troy.

With a largely-intact framework designed for travel by foot, bike, or car, Troy has made significant investments to support alternative transportation options across the city. The city recently completed a [multi-mile extension of dedicated bike lanes on the Uncle Sam Trail](#), providing a link between the South Troy and Lansingburgh neighborhoods.

The city is also pursuing a number of other transportation improvement projects, including planned upgrades and enhancements at gateway locations in the Collar City, and wayfinding updates to improve navigation across Troy. The city is also working closely with the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) on the implementation of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line to provide improved access for riders in Troy to locations across the Capital District.

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