



TOWN OF AMHERST ANNOUNCES PHASE 2 OF CASEY ROAD PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS

Work scheduled for fall 2026

(Amherst, NY) – Supervisor Shawn Lavin announces that the Town of Amherst is moving forward with the long-awaited Phase 2 of the Casey Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project to address safety along Casey and Paradise roads.

At the July 6, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board unanimously approved funding to begin construction following completion of design work. The project will significantly improve pedestrian safety by adding ADA compliant sidewalks, curb ramps and crosswalks on portions of Casey Road and Paradise Road in the Town of Amherst. Sidewalks will be added along the south side of Casey Road and the roadway will be widened to accommodate separate bike lanes on both sides between Paradise Road and Transit Road.

Additionally, this project will significantly improve access to Paradise Park by adding a sidewalk along Paradise Road from Casey Road to near Emma Way along with a shared use path from Paradise Road near Emma Way to Red Wing Court. Paradise Road will be repurposed and re-stripped to include bicycle lanes in each direction from Casey Road to Red Wing Court.

“Anything we can do to increase the walkability of the Town is important to creating a healthier community. By improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety we address several issues while enhancing quality of life benefits,” said Supervisor Shawn Lavin. “This project continues to vastly transform how residents move around this section of town, giving alternatives to motor vehicles.”

The Town completed Phase 1 in the spring of 2020, which included sidewalks and bike lanes along Casey Road from Casey Middle School to Paradise Road. Since completing Phase 1, the Town has noted frequent use of both the sidewalks and bike lanes. This demonstrates that adding pedestrian and bicycle accommodation can transform a vehicle centric corridor into a vibrant walking and biking community.

A portion of funding for the project is funded by the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which allocated \$1,490,400 for pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Casey Road in June 2022. TAP is a federally funded reimbursement program administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). The primary transportation mode to and from the nearby schools was via motor vehicle prior to the construction of the sidewalks/bike lanes. Since the Phase 1 installation, there has been a noticeable increase in pedestrian/bicycle school related traffic alleviating vehicle congestion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Extending improvements east of Paradise is expected to create similar outcomes and likely encourage additional foot and bike travel within the already completed portion of Casey Road. Not only will the mobility and ADA accessibility improve, but quality of life and access will be enhanced by connecting community destinations by foot and bike.