



## Business Owner and Public Information Meetings

<b>Date:</b>	December 15, 2015	<b>Time:</b>	2:00 – 6:30 PM
<b>Project Name:</b>	Village of Perry Streetscaping	<b>Project No.:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	Town Hall and Fireman’s Building, Village of Perry	<b>Scribe:</b>	Paul Presutti
<b>Subject:</b>	Business Owner and Public Information Meeting		

<b><u>Attendees:</u></b>	<b><u>Representing:</u></b>	<b><u>Phone/Fax Number:</u></b>
See attendance List		

Meetings were held with business owners along the project corridor to explain what was going to be occurring near their buildings. Subsequently, there was a public open house to discuss the project with any members of the community that had questions or comments. The following items were discussed:

1. Generally, the business owners and community are in favor of the project. There were many positive statements about what is proposed.
2. There was a request for 2 level water fountain – one for people and one for dogs. The costs involved with connecting to the existing watermain and running new piping to connect a new fountain are likely too expensive to be included in this project.
3. One business owner asked if the project could provide a station for doggie bags near trash receptacles. This seems to be more appropriate for a local fundraising effort. Including something like this in this federal aid project would likely result in much higher than expected costs.
4. According to a business owner, currently, bicycles are often left in the middle of the sidewalk and in front of doorways. The bicycle racks should be located to avoid this in the future.
5. There is a sidewalk chalk art festival in the Village, so the construction activity should try and avoid the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of July as much as possible – especially on the east side of Main Street. Notes stating such will be added to the contract plans.
6. Some residents and business owners noted that the traffic signals seem to take a long time to go green on the sidestreets. This will be relayed to the NYSDOT. Nothing with this project will address this concern, as traffic signals are not part of the scope.
7. One business owner asked about the need for bump-outs and potential loss of parking. It was mentioned that the bump outs would not result in a loss of legal parking spaces. In addition, the relocation of a few hydrants would actually provide legal parking spaces in key locations where they don’t currently exist.
8. A business owner asked if there a need for bicycle racks, as there does not seem to be much bicycle use through the village. There is a bicycle event in the summer and a bicycle advocacy group in Perry that encourage the bicycle provisions.

9. Several people ask when the road will be paved. The NYSDOT has no immediate plans for paving Main Street. Therefore, it is difficult to determine when that will occur. There are many factors, including pavement condition, funding and number of more critical projects.
10. There is some concern about connecting into the old watermain on Main Street when relocating the hydrant. Basically, we will be replacing a portion of the old main in the location where the new watermain will be connected. There is a field change item in the contract for situations like this.
11. Generally, the thought is to cluster the new benches and trash receptacles together near the trees and let the bicycle racks 'float' within the exposed aggregate sidewalk area. The proposed locations were shown on the drawings that were presented. These locations were confirmed, and 2 additional benches were proposed. Therefore, there will be a total of 10 benches, 8 bicycle racks and 8 trash receptacles.
12. The benches, bicycle racks and trash receptacles should be removable for effective snow removal in the winter.
13. Some of the business owners were concerned about what will happen to their access during construction. Notes have been added to the Contract Plans saying the contractor has to provide ADAAG compliant sidewalks will be provided to the doorways at all times.
14. The project in Geneseo had very poor communication. A member of the community suggested some kind of communication to the business owners. It was suggested to post the schedule from the bi-weekly progress meetings on the Perry website.
15. An add-alternate bid may cause more issues than benefits. When opening the bids, you must announce the project budget and reject any base bids that are over that budget number. In addition, the add items tend to have higher unit prices than the base bid items. It is expected that since the contractors know the budget amount, they may try to get under that number if it is all in a base bid.
16. The project should provide 'off the shelf' benches that provide an opportunity for customization later, i.e. medallions on the sides of the benches.



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