

## FW: Safe Bike Travel

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FYI...sharing this with you about Bike riding as well.

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**Cc:** Brian Adams <badams@TWSNY.org>

**Subject:** RE: Safe Bike Travel

Scott,

I don't have a copy of the letter in front of me, but I believe that the town supervisor, deputy supervisor and I had talked to them in the past about what was in the letter.

If I recall right, the letter talked about adding bike lanes and establishing safe bike routes across the town that the connected to other master bike routes in the region. The tricky part was that connecting to most of the regional bike routes, involved going through busy roads in the town like Center Rd, Ridge Rd and Seneca St. Adding the bike lanes is difficult, as it normally requires that sidewalks be added on the route to get pedestrians off the shoulder that the bikes will ride on. On Seneca St, you would need to either narrow the road from 2 to 1 lane of vehicle traffic in parts of it or use eminent domain to widen the road, neither of which are normally great options. I believe the county did widen a small portion of Seneca st near west senior when redoing it last year. The county dpw did add bike route signs to center road., but did not do bike lanes as there is not sidewalks on most of Center Rd. Even though it is a county rd, the town would be responsible under state law to design and pay for adding sidewalks which is not logistically simple or popular among the affected property owners. Having said that there are some small sections of town that are around, West Sr, East Sr Clinton elementary, Northwood Elementary, Harlem Rd Park, Fireman's Park, Tim Russert Part, and Veterans Park, that should have sidewalks added near them in my opinion even if they are not popular with all of the impacted property owners.

The Bike Route signs or markings might be more doable on some roads in town than others, especially if they're on roads that already have a decent amount of width on the shoulder of the road like angle rd, reserve or berg rd, however that would probably be for more localized use than regional use.

The NY State DOT does use eminent domain when conducting large projects on state roads. I believe they are adding wider shoulders/sidewalks as part of the bridge replacement project and widening of transit rd between the bridge and Seneca st on transit in a project that will start this years and finish 2 years from now. I think bike lanes are included in that project.

NY State DOT is developing a project to widen Harlem Rd between Mineral Springs Rd and the 400 overpass bridge. I believe they are proposing the addition of sidewalks and bike lanes in portions of that

area, but I don't believe they have finalized that project or even had a public hearing on it yet. I think they are replacing beat up existing sidewalks in portions of that area as well.

I cc Brian Adams in case he has anything to add on this.

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Good morning,

While attending the recent EC meeting, I was asked to follow up on a March 2023 letter in regards to Safe Bike Travel in the Town. Is there any answers or feedback that can be passed along to the EC Commission?

Thanks,

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