



Town of New Paltz, New York

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New York State Department of Transportation
Region 8 Office
Attn: Orietta Trocard
4 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

**RE: PIN 8762.48: Henry W. Dubois Drive Bicycle / Pedestrian Improvement Project
Funding Commitment Letter, Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, NY**

Dear Ms. Trocard:

The Town of New Paltz has completed the design of the Henry W. Dubois Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvement Project (PIN 8762.48) and is in the process of seeking authorization to advertise the project for construction from the Department. The project was awarded the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in 2018 and estimates for that funding allocation were prepared in 2017. Throughout the lifetime of the project, there have been many changes resulting in increased; the biggest one being the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we prepare to advertise the project for public bid, our estimated construction costs have risen well beyond what was originally obligated for the project, largely as a result of economic inflation. The summary below shows the original project funding and the costs the project expects to incur. The expected costs are a combination of both the expenses to date and the engineer's estimate for expected construction cost.

Table 1: Programmed Costs

Design	\$550,000
Right-of-Way	\$35,000
Construction	\$275,000
Inspection	
Construction	\$1,882,000
Total	\$2,742,000

Table 2: Expected Costs

Design	\$583,888
Right-of-Way	\$11,351
Construction	\$315,149
Inspection	
Construction (EE)	\$3,446,783
Total	\$4,357,171

The Town has sought additional funding sources and will continue to do so to make up the funding gap of \$1,615,235. In the short-term, the Town is committed to covering the existing overages through additional bonding.

This project is a critical connection for our community and for the Empire State Trail network. As one of only two locations in the entire 750 miles where the bicycle route and pedestrian route is separated, this project will bring the users together in a manner which provides separated and protected bicycling and pedestrian space.



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If further information is required, or if you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: D. Doyle, Ulster County Transportation Council
K. Di Cocco, Alta Planning + Design