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Village of Lancaster to Host Virtual Public Meeting for the Downtown Roundabouts Project

Lancaster, NY

The Village of Lancaster is proceeding with the design of the Lancaster Downtown Roundabouts project to foster economic development in the Village and advance downtown revitalization efforts by creating a pedestrian friendly street system. The Village will host a virtual public meeting via live webinar on Monday, June 1, 2020 from 6:00-7:30PM.

The current public health crisis is severely impacting our community and our local businesses. While the COVID-19 pandemic is having a severe economic impact on local business, the Village believes that advancing the roundabouts project will help the long-term sustainability of the central business district. Construction phasing will be developed to minimize impacts to businesses and travel routes, and the finished project will reduce traffic congestion and fuel emissions and improve pedestrian and vehicular safety. Combined with the Lancaster Village Center development, the project will make Downtown Lancaster an attractive place to shop, stroll, and stay. The Village aims to complete the design and receive bids for constructing the two roundabouts on Pleasant Avenue at Central Avenue and at Aurora Street by September 2021, with construction completed in 2022.

The webinar, scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020 from 6:00-7:30PM, is open to the public and all are encouraged to participate using this weblink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950067148> or by calling 929-205-6099 and using Webinar ID: 950-067-148 at the time of the meeting.

The purpose of the live public webinar is to share project updates and solicit input from the public and stakeholders on the roundabout concepts. The current concept calls for two roundabouts that can accommodate all vehicles to be part of a new complete street design for Pleasant Avenue. The design includes a landscaped center median, bicycle lanes, and parking at the west end of the street.

The webinar recording will be posted to the Village website to allow an opportunity for the community members who are unable to participate in the live webinar to view the presentation. An online survey will also be available following the live webinar. The Village will accept public input for a one-month period after the webinar and the comments received by close of business on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 will be considered and incorporated into the final design document.

Interested parties are encouraged to visit the Village website for more information about the project at: <https://www.lancastervillage.org/downtown-lancaster-roundabout.html> and stay updated by following the Village on Facebook: VillageofLancasterNY, Instagram: @lancastervillage and Twitter: @lancaster_NY.

