



October 24, 2022

**RE: PIN 6096.32 – State Route 36 Corridor Project
Municipalities of Hornell, Hornellsville and North Hornell
Steuben County**

Dear Resident / Local Official:

This letter is a follow up to the New York State Department of Transportation public meeting held on July 26, 2022 at the Hornell High School. We appreciate your time and effort in attending the meeting and listening to our presentation. We fielded a range of questions in the meeting as well as the open house following. Additionally, we had over 600 YouTube views of the meeting.

The Department heard the following feedback:

- The public favored improved bicycle and pedestrian features along the corridor.
- The public was not in favor of the two-lane alternative along the corridor, especially south of County Route 66.
- The public desired safety improvements at CR 65/Industrial Park Drive.
- The public did not favor a series of roundabouts on the corridor.
- We heard mixed reactions about roundabouts in general
 - Many felt roundabouts in the right location are of great value to the corridor by maintaining traffic speeds and elimination of traffic signals and serious left turn accidents.
 - Others felt that roundabouts should never be used.

As a result of the meeting, the Department will no longer consider:

- Two lane alternative south of CR 66 Intersection. The Department is still planning to reduce the operating speed for the safety of the bicycle and pedestrians.
- Roundabouts south of CR 66.

Additionally, we are looking at changes between CR 66 and northern project limits (including the area of the interchange). Specifically:

- Vertical Clearance: One of the challenges for our local industries is the minimal vertical clearance under Interstate 86. The design will increase that to reduce the likelihood of another bridge hit by over height vehicles.
- Number of Lanes transition: Would a lane addition/reduction work better than its current location?

The Department will continue to engage the public and stakeholders about the project. We anticipate additional public meetings in 2023 and will alert the public when those are scheduled.

As we previously stated, your involvement is important to the success of this project and thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions.

Please feel free to share this letter with your neighbors or anyone else that may have interest in this information

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew H. Aldrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink color.

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