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**Round Lake Road Traffic and Mobility Improvements Project**

P.I.N. 1757.54

And

**Round Lake Road Sidewalks Project**

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Town of Malta  
County of Saratoga, State of New York

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS

April 7, 2014

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2 OF THE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURE LAW REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS REQUIRED IN REFERENCE TO THE TOWN OF MALTA, ROUND LAKE ROAD TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (P.I.N. 1757.54) AND THE ROUND LAKE ROAD SIDEWALKS PROJECT (PIN 1759.60), COUNTY OF SARATOGA, STATE OF NEW YORK.

Pursuant to Article 2 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law (EDPL) of the State of New York, the Town of Malta Town Board hereby makes the following Determination and Findings:

I. THE PUBLIC BENEFITS, USE OR PURPOSE TO BE SERVED BY THE PROPOSED PROJECT ARE:

The main objectives of this project are to:

1. Improve safety for all modes of transportation through:
  - a. Access management of existing and future known driveways
  - b. Traffic calming techniques based on engineering practices to reduce vehicle speeds
2. Provide multi-modal connections between the various generators and the destinations located within the corridor consistent with the latest standards for such facilities.
3. Improve overall traffic operations using effective methods to minimize delay and to provide an acceptable level of service, for a design period of at least 20 years.
4. Provide operational improvements consistent with Town and Community visions as documented in adopted studies for the Round Lake Road Corridor.

Additional Objectives and Goals

1. Create an improved visual aesthetic along the Round Lake Road corridor.
2. Provide an improvement that is consistent with current maintenance measures by Saratoga County and the Town of Malta within the project corridor.
3. Provide consideration to the needs of emergency vehicles and emergency access to properties throughout the corridor.
4. Maintain or improve existing drainage patterns consistent with stormwater practices which meet the requirements of NYSDEC's current stormwater Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit.

II. THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED PUBLIC PROJECT AND THE REASONS FOR THE SELECTION:

The project is being developed in accordance with the New York State Department of Transportation's Highway Design Manual, current edition of the American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) manual and the FHWA publication Roundabouts: An Informational Guide, Second Edition.

The preferred alternative will be progressed for the purpose of final design and to determine final right-of-way acquisition requirements. The work will consist of the construction of a single-lane roundabout at the intersections of Round Lake Road with Ruhle Road/Raylinsky Road and Chango Drive within the Town of Malta, Saratoga County. The roundabout was selected over the construction of a traffic signal at these

locations after a full evaluation of both intersection alternatives was completed. The roundabout will provide improved present and future traffic operations and has statistically been shown to reduce the severity of accidents and injury accident rates due to the lower speeds and one-way vehicle circulation patterns. Pedestrians will see an improvement to access through and around the intersections. Sidewalks will be constructed along the outside of the roundabout. Bicyclists can either utilize the roundabout as a vehicle or dismount and use the sidewalk as a pedestrian. Pedestrian accident rates and severity have been shown to be lower following the construction of a roundabout. This is attributed to lower vehicle speeds and shorter crossing distances when compared to a traffic signal.

The project also includes widening of Round Lake Road between the two intersections to provide a center turn lane. Several of the existing driveways will be modified to restrict turn movements as a means of improving safety within the corridor. The Round lake Road sidewalks project will provide a sidewalk/path along the north side of Round Lake Road between Chango Drive and Carlyle Court. A sidewalk will also be constructed on the south side of Round Lake Road between Raylinsky Road and the existing Round Lake Bypass roundabout.

### III. GENERAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND RESIDENTS OF THE LOCALITY:

SEQR Classification: The project is classified as an Unlisted Action per 6NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act. Pursuant to an Environmental Assessment Review, the Project received a Negative Declaration and the project is identified as one that will not have a significant effect on the environment, and as such, further environmental review under SEQR is not required.

The Town of Malta has been designated as lead agency for SEQR.

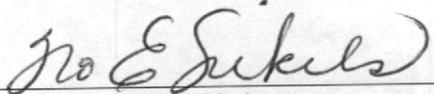
NEPA Classification: The project is classified as a Class II Programmatic Categorical Exclusion per 23 CFR 771.117. The project will not cause a significant environmental impact, either individually or cumulatively. As a programmatic Categorical exclusion, the project is exempt under NEPA from the requirement to prepare an environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or an Environmental Assessment (EA)

The New York State Department of Transportation has been designated as Lead Agency for NEPA.

The proposed project has been designed to minimize environmental impacts to the greatest extent possible. The proposed project will have No Adverse Effect on historic or cultural resources or the environment.

### CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

The foregoing Determination and Findings were adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Malta by Resolution No. 86 of 2014 and approved by the Town Executive on the 7 day of April, 2014.

By:   
Town of Malta Clerk