

# Welcome

Town of New Baltimore  
NYS Route 144 Complete Streets Study

## Public Meeting #2

6:00 PM, Tuesday, July 22, 2024  
New Baltimore Town Hall



Department of Transportation





# Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Study Overview**
- 3. Recap Issue Summary**
- 4. Public Input Summary**
- 5. Draft Concept Review**
- 6. Break for Open House**





# Welcome

## Project Sponsor

Town of New Baltimore

## Consultant

MJ Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. (MJ)

## Funded by and in Collaboration with

New York State Department of Transportation

## Town Representatives

Jeff Ruso – Town Supervisor

Nick Dellisanti – Town Deputy Supervisor

Debra Sottolano – Town Council Member





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# Study Overview

## Introduction/Background

- The Study Area includes a 1.65-mile segment of NY Route 144, between Gill Road and the Town border at the Greene-Albany County line



# Study Overview

## Project Initiation / Coordination

Kickoff Meeting	Completed
Study Website	Completed

## Existing Conditions Assessment

Existing Conditions Report	Completed
Issue Summary	Completed


## Public Input

Public Input Session #1	Completed
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## Draft Concepts

Draft Concepts	Completed
NYSDOT Coordination	Completed

## Public Input

Public Input Session #2	 July 2025
Revise Concepts	August 2025

## Complete Streets Study

Issue Study Report	August-Sept 2025
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Looking ahead: Town to obtain funding for design and construction of the recommendations. These recommendations are planning-level concepts only and do not constitute construction documents.



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# Issue Summary

## Truck and Oversized Traffic

- Recorded heavy truck volume (9.2% to 9.5%) was found to be higher than the average (4.7%) for similar state roadways
- The segment of NY 144 within the study limits is not designated by NYSDOT as an access or qualifying highway
- Oversize vehicles require special permits and police escort, process is often unregulated.
- Insufficient capacity for, and clarity of, enforcement responsibility and requirements

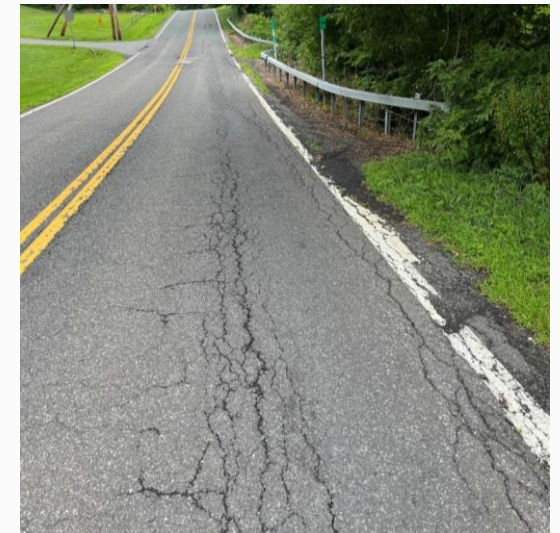
## Limited Sight Distance

- Poor sight distance at Main St / NY 144 due to roadway geometry
- Poor sight distance at Washington Ave (east) / NY 144 due to the proximity of buildings to edge of pavement



## Pedestrian Infrastructure

- No sidewalks or marked crosswalks, limited signage
- No bicycle accommodations
- No amenities (benches, bike racks, etc.)





# Issue Summary

## Deteriorating Pavement Conditions

- Pavement shows signs of wear, significant in some locations (i.e. Main St intersection)
- Pavement settling observed adjacent to steep slopes



## Drainage Conveyance

- No closed drainage between the northern study limits and the Washington Ave area
- Roadside paved swales are unsafe for pedestrians





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# Past Public Input Summary

Consider radar  
feedback signs

Difficult to see  
at Main Street

Biking is  
impossible

Curves are  
difficult to  
navigate

Unsafe to  
walk

Oversized  
vehicles damage  
property

No mail delivery  
in Hamlet

Need more  
curve warning  
signs

Flooding at  
bottom of  
NY144 hill

Difficult to travel at  
Church Street with  
oncoming traffic

Steep slopes are  
not stable

Guide rail at  
Church, reflective  
markers

Crashes are  
damaging  
private property



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# Draft Concepts: Development Process

- Understand the needs and issues
- Strive for a standard design
- Identify constraints
- Public feedback
- Revise concepts

Reminder – concepts will undergo a full design phase prior to implementation



## HIGHWAY DESIGN MANUAL

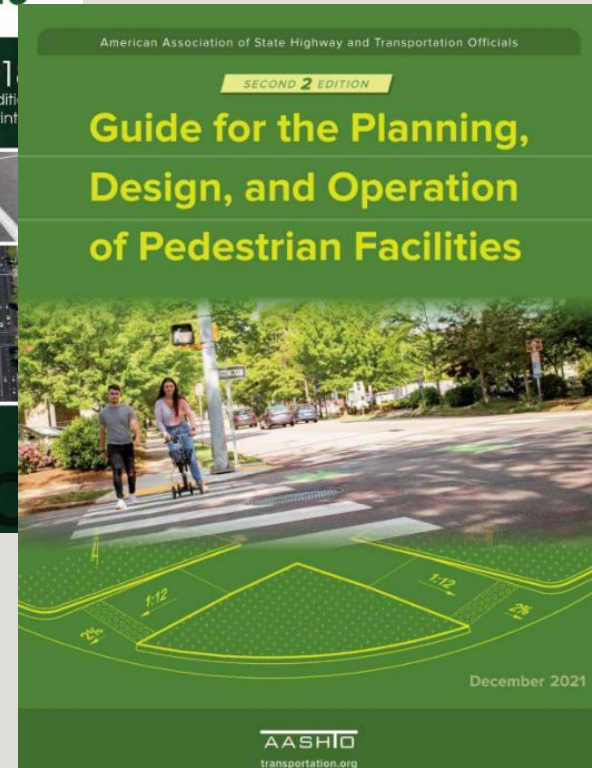
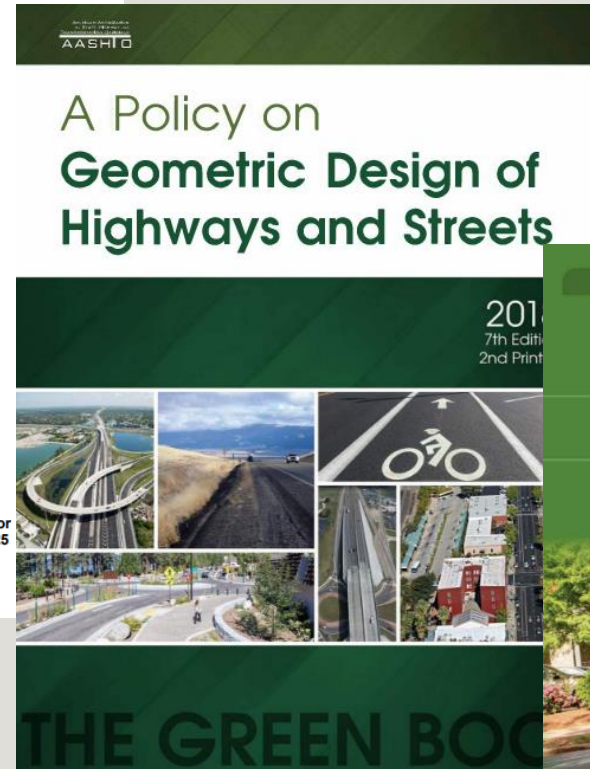
### Chapter 2

#### Design Criteria

Revision 103  
(Limited Revision)

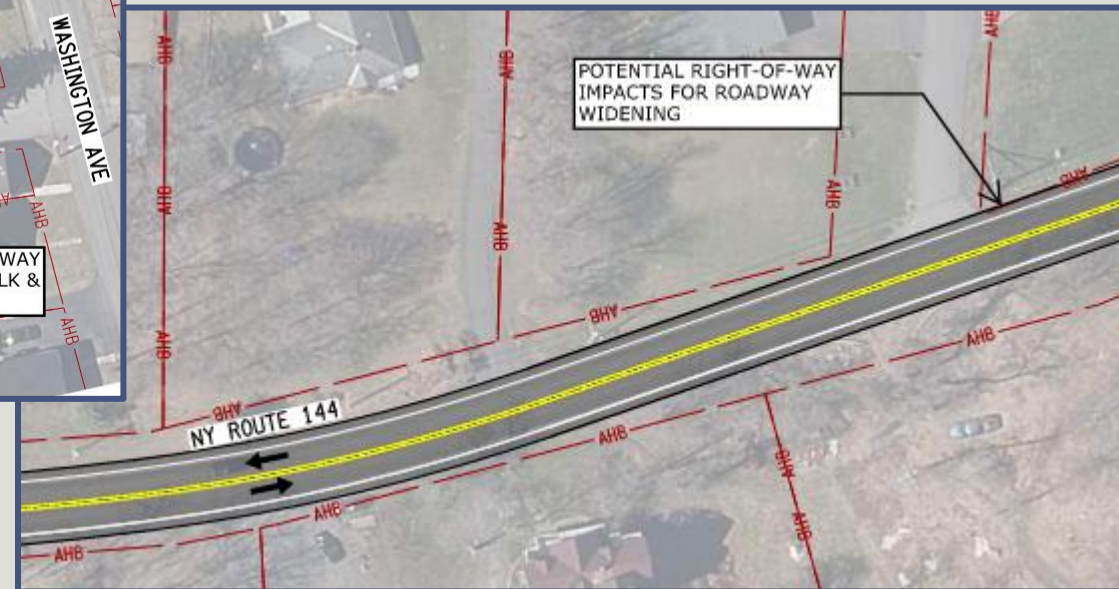
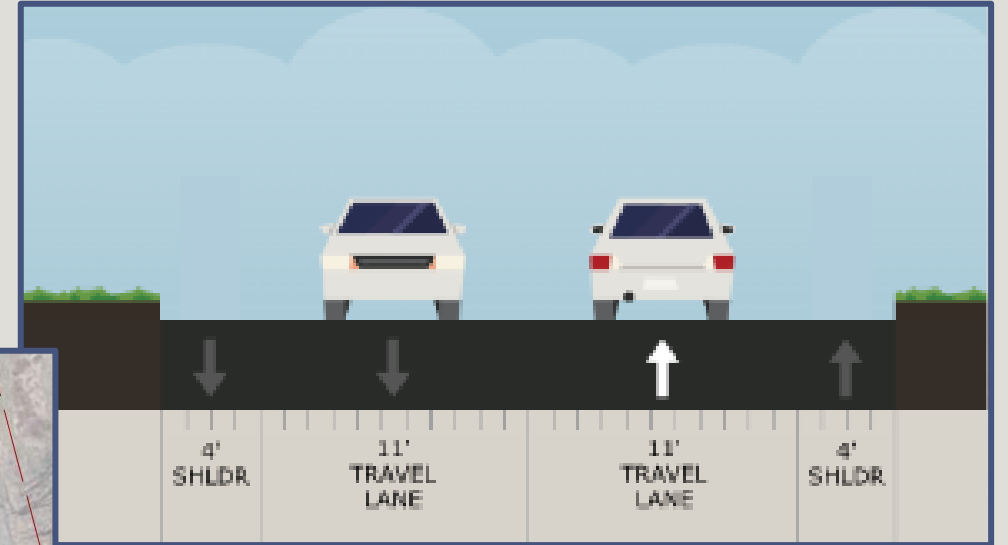
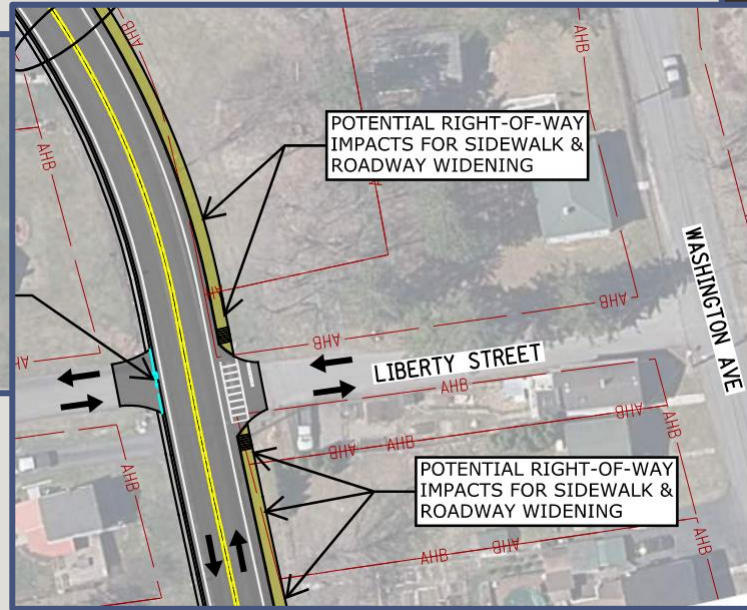
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# Draft Concepts: Lanes and Shoulders

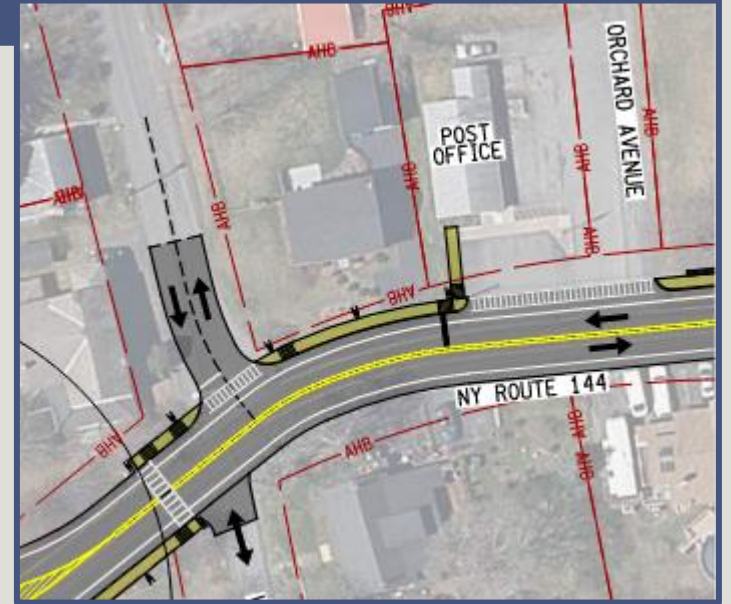
- 11' travel lanes, 4' shoulders
- Standard widths for road classification
- Shoulders for safe bicycle use





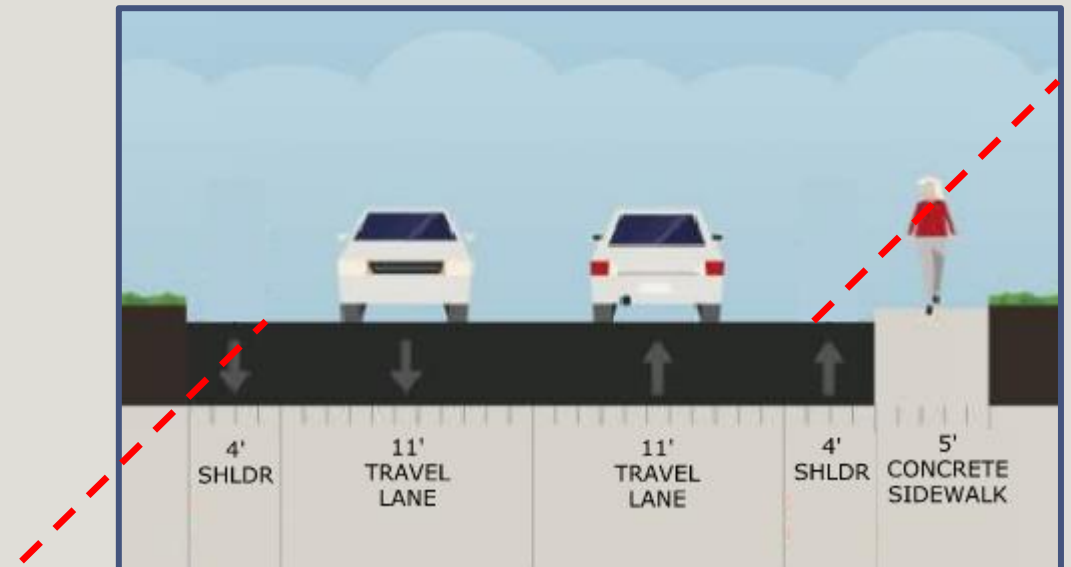
# Draft Concepts: Pedestrian Infrastructure

- Dedicated pedestrian space is needed
- Focus on connectivity
- Topographic and right-of-way limitations
- Sidewalk limits
  - Cost factors
  - Phasing in consideration of grant funding



THREE POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR SIDEWALK END LOCATION:

1. SIDEWALK TO CEDAR LANE (AS SHOWN).
2. SIDEWALK TO CARDINAL LANE.
3. SIDEWALK TO ORCHARD AVENUE AND POST OFFICE.

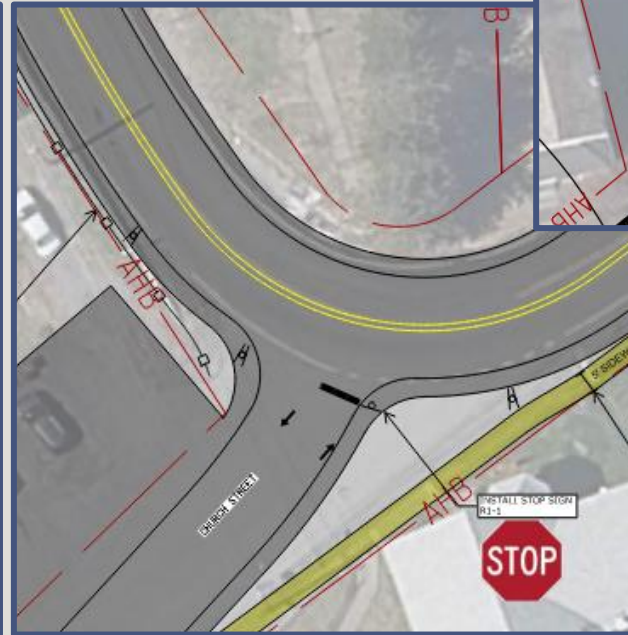
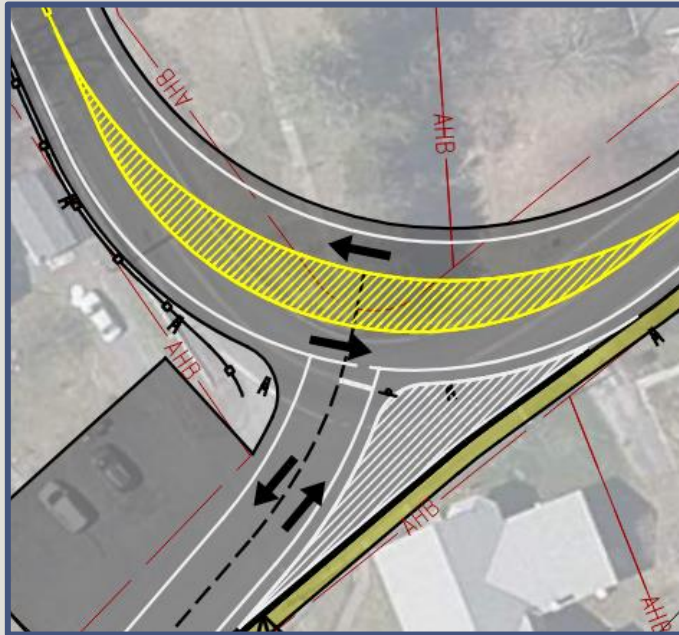
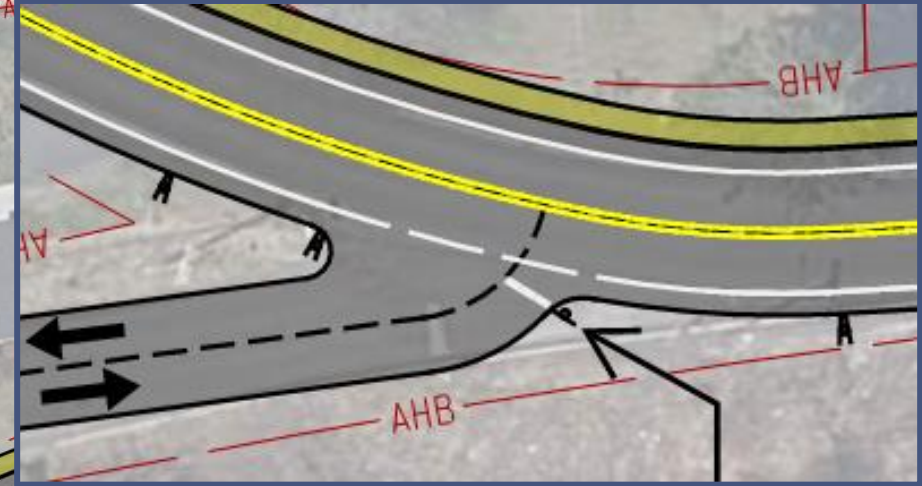




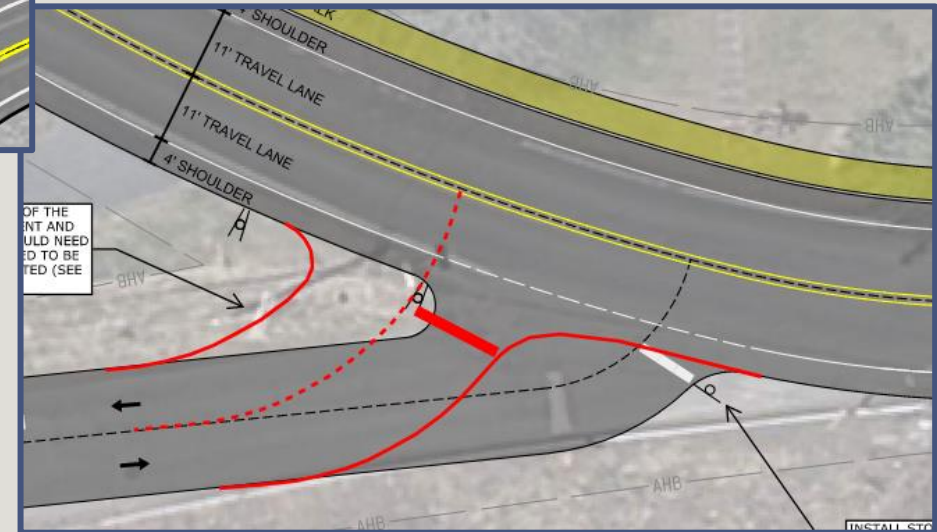
# Draft Concepts: Sight Distance

- Definition: The distance a driver can see ahead along the road, unobstructed by obstacles or terrain.

Washington Ave  
Realignment



Church Street Realignment

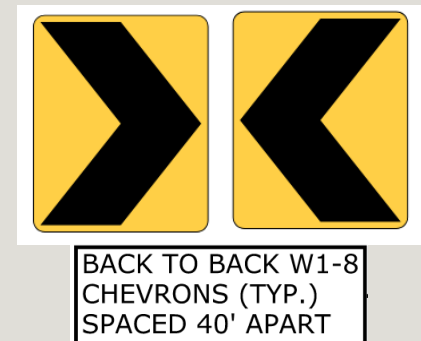
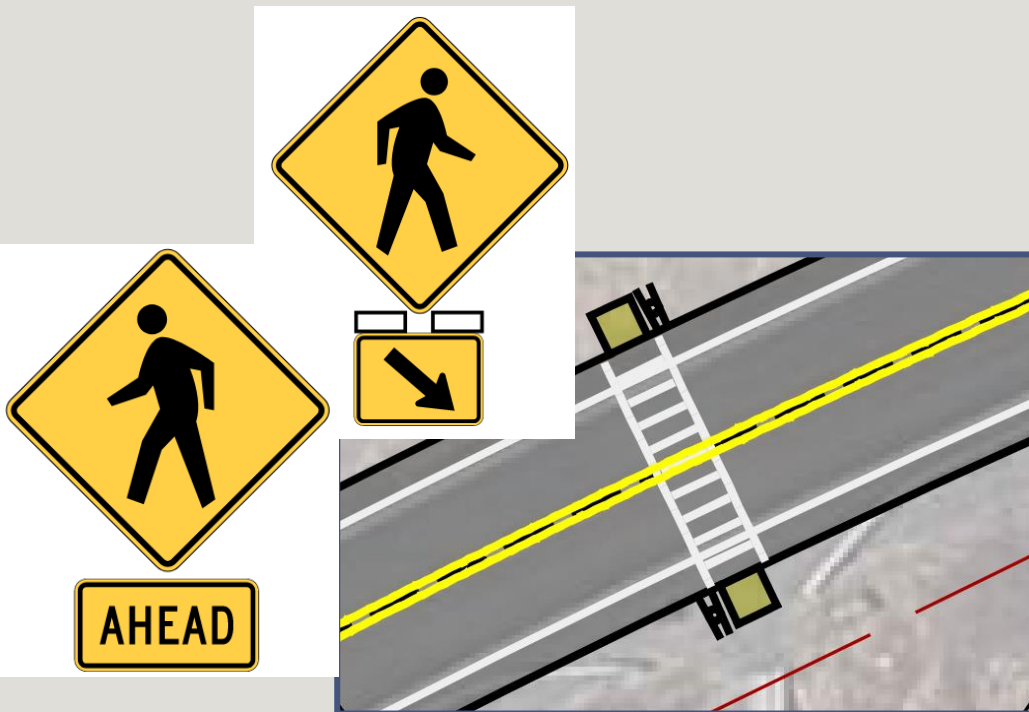


Main Street Realignment



# Draft Concepts: Signage

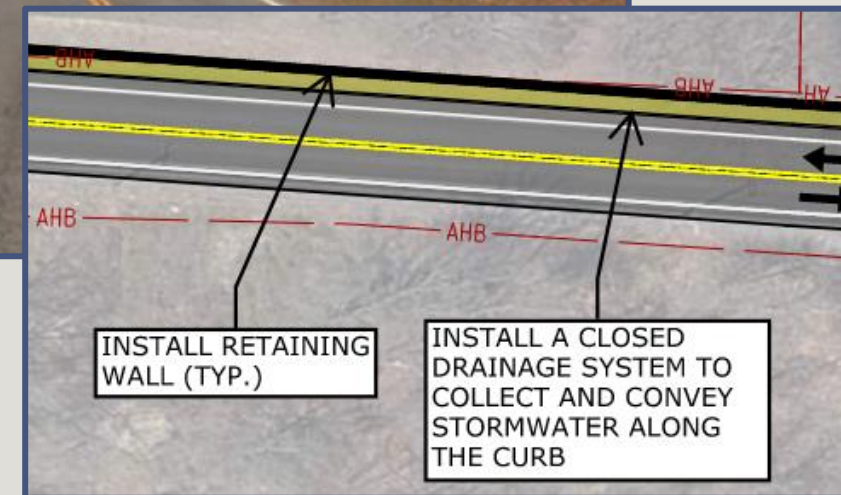
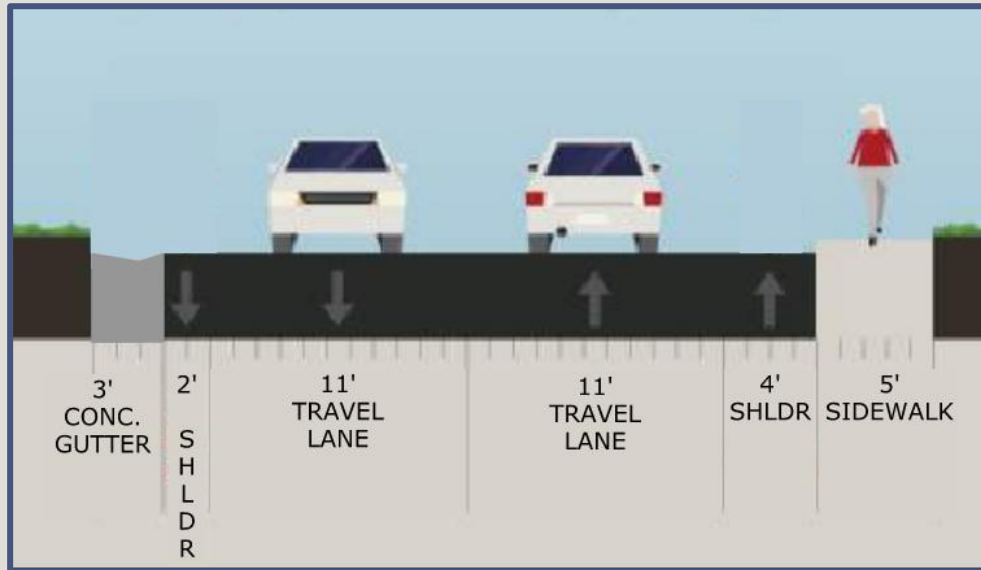
- Opportunity to improve signage
- Curve warning signage is insufficient
- Enhanced signage is warranted





# Draft Concepts: Drainage

- Existing drainage conveyance open & closed
- Outlet to Hudson River down Church Street
- Steep grades and insufficient right-of-way are a challenge
- Introduction of curb & sidewalk





# Draft Concepts: Oversized Vehicles, Speed

- Radar feedback signage
- Roadway width: speed vs. multi-modal use
- Increased police presence, permit enforcement
- Work with DOT to add regulatory signage
- Contact GPS makers to label restricted route
- Continue to advocate with neighboring Towns that produce heavy vehicle traffic





# Draft Concepts: **Estimated Costs**

Primary Elements:

- Re-align curve at Church Street
- 11’ travel lanes, 4’ shoulders
- Sidewalks from Baldwin to Orchard
- Drainage improvements
- New top course asphalt

Extend sidewalks from Orchard to Cardinal Lane:  
\$725,000

Extend Sidewalks from Cardinal Lane to Cedar Lane:  
\$1,750,000

NY Route 144 Improvements		Planning-Level Costs (2025 Dollars)
Sidewalk and Curb		\$1,675,000
Roadway Reconstruction & Top Course Paving		\$1,125,000
Signs and Pavement Markings		\$175,000
Drainage Improvements, Stormwater Management		\$250,000
Work Zone Traffic Control		\$150,000
General (Survey, Mobilization)		\$125,000
Contingency (20%)		\$1,050,000
	<b>Total Cost for all Improvements:</b>	<b>\$4,550,000</b>

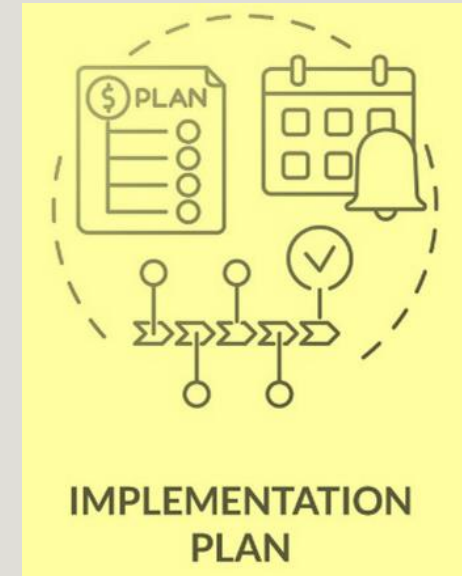
Note: Planning level construction costs do not include design, construction inspection, right-of-way incidentals or acquisition costs.



# Draft Concepts: Funding Opportunities

*How does the concept plan become a reality?*

- Town applies for funding to support design, construction and inspection
  - State and federal grant programs for safety improvements, non-motorized travel, emissions reduction projects
- Consultation with NYSDOT must continue to coordinate improvements with planned projects



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# How can I stay involved?

- Submit additional feedback on the project website:

[www.ny144study.com](http://www.ny144study.com)



A screenshot of the project website. At the top is the Town of New Baltimore logo (a green circle with 'TOWN OF NEW BALTIMORE', '3809', and 'TOWN HALL EST. 1811'). Below it is the title 'Town of New Baltimore NY Route 144 Complete Streets Study' in bold. A navigation bar contains links: Home, About, Engagement, Study Progress, and Contact. Below the navigation bar is a row of five photographs showing different views of Route 144: a road with a yellow pedestrian crossing sign, a road curving through a green landscape, a road with a metal guardrail, a close-up of a cracked asphalt road, and a road with yellow double lines. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text 'Welcome to the Town of New Baltimore, NY Route 144 "Complete Streets" Study Website!'.

A screenshot of the feedback form on the website. It features the same Town of New Baltimore logo and title as the main website. Below the title is a navigation bar with links: Home, About, Engagement, Study Progress, and Contact. A green banner contains the text 'Thank you for your interest. Your comments will be shared with Town Representatives for consideration.' Below this is a form with four input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email \*', and 'Message'. At the bottom right is a green 'Submit' button.

A photograph of a red brick building with a cupola, viewed from a road with a yellow arrow sign. The image is framed by a white border.

**Thank you!**