PUBLIC NOTICE: 2020-2024 TIP Amendment # 4

2020-2024 TIP Project Addition

PIN 5763.59 Erie County Pedestrian Accommodations

The Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Erie and Niagara Counties, is proposing to amend the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding one (1) new project.

- **PIN 5763.59 Erie County Pedestrian Accommodations**
  - This project in the Town of Clarence will include the construction of 6’ wide path within the Wehrle Drive right-of-way, from Connection Drive to the West Shore Line recreational trailhead.
  - The length of pedestrian access being constructed is roughly 5,200 feet.
  - The area will be cleared and grubbed, stripped, filled and compacted with subgrade.
  - Finally, appropriate signage, road striping and detectable warnings at road crossings will be added.
  - Estimated cost of the project is $650K including $245K in NY 727 federal earmark + local match
  - Town of Clarence will also provide an additional $344K of local funds to complete the project
  - Anticipated let date is 11/20

Public comments will be received until November 5, 2019.

If you have any additional questions or comments please email us at staff@gbnrtc.org, or contact us at the address and telephone number above.
INITIAL PROJECT PROPOSAL (IPP) FORM

PIN: 576359

Name:
Erie County Pedestrian Accommodations, Town of Clarence

County:
Erie

Member Agency:
Erie County

IPP Preparation Date:
PROJECT APPROVAL SHEET

IPP PREPARER: ___________________________ DATE: _______

PROJECT MANAGER: ___________________________ DATE: _______

RPPM RECOMMENDATION: ___________________________ DATE: _______

LOCAL SPONSOR CONCURRENCE: _____________________ DATE: _______
PIN: 576359

PROJECT NAME: Erie County Pedestrian Accommodations

MUNICIPALITY: Town of Clarence

COUNTY: Erie

ROUTE: BIN(s): N/A

LIMTS: Wehrle Drive between West Shore Line Recreational Trailhead, Sunset Park and NYS Route 5 (Main Street)

Milepoints (2014 LRS): N/A

PROJECT LENGTH: 1.0 MILES CENTERLINE MILES LANE MILES

FEDERAL AID SYSTEM: NON-NHS FUNCTIONAL CLASS: Rural Major Collector

Districts: Congressional: 27 Senatorial: 61 Assembly: 144

EXISTING AADT: 5,000 PERCENT TRUCKS:

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION:
Wehrle Drive, between Sunset Park and West Shore Line recreational trail, is an Erie County roadway, consisting of roughly 33’ of pavement within a 60’ right-of-way. The pavement consists of two travel lanes, and minimal shoulders. There is currently no consideration given to pedestrian traffic. Pedestrians are forced to traverse along the minimal shoulder, often resulting in people entering the travel lanes, or grass portion or the right-of-way. Due to the extensive quarry operations on the south side of Wehrle Drive, this corridor is heavily utilized for large commercial vehicles. This creates a direct conflict with the neighborhoods that exist directly on the north side of Wehrle Drive. Pedestrians that attempt to travel between Sunset Park and the West Shore Line Recreational Trail on Wehrle Drive are subject to, not only a high amount of normal vehicular traffic, but heavy and large load commercial vehicles.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)
Pedestrian Access on Wehrle Drive, between Sunset Park and the West Shore Line recreational trail, comprises of the construction of 6’ wide path within the Wehrle Drive right-of-way, from Connection Drive to the West Shore Line recreational trailhead. The length of pedestrian access being constructed is roughly 5,200 feet. The pedestrian access will occur entirely within the right-of-way, with separation from the existing vehicular lanes. The area will be cleared and grubbed, stripped, filled and compacted with subgrade. Approximately 2,300’ of existing ditches will be piped, and the entirety of the path corridor will be back filled, fine graded and seeded to re-establish vegetation. Finally, appropriate signage, road striping and detectable warnings at road crossings will be added.

PROJECT ELEMENT(S) TO BE INVESTIGATED: (For bridge projects, check all that apply)

☐ Highway Resurface ☐ Bridge Replace., Existing Loc. ☐ Highway Reconstruction
☐ Appurtenance ☐ Large Culvert RH/RP ☐ Other: Multi-use Trail
☐ Traffic Control

☐ Other: Multi-use Trail
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ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION:

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AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY: ☒ Exempt ☐ Non-Exempt ☐ N/A

WORK TYPE: New construction and reconstruction.

Sub work type: New/Improved Pedestrian Facility

PROJECT PURPOSE: Mobility

TIP AMENDMENT REQUIRED: ☐ No ☒ Yes Needed by:

STIP STATUS: ☐ On STIP ☒ Not on STIP

NOTES ON SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: Construction work will be performed according to NYSDOT standards

SPECIAL TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRED:

PLANNED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Sponsor to hold a public informational session

SCHEDULED QUALIFIERS: ☐ Public Hearing ☐ Major Permits ☐ 4(f)/106
☒ Consultant(s) for: Construction and CI ☐ No Consultant Needed

PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD: D-B-B (Design-Bid-Build)

DESIGN APPROVAL AUTHORITY: Town of Clarence

PROJECT CATEGORY (COMPLEXITY): simple to moderate
PIN: 576359

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**BASIS OF COST ESTIMATE:** Town of Clarence

**PROGRAM DISPOSITION:** $245,000 in Federal funds for this project have been identified under a FHWA Federal Earmark for the Town of Clarence with a DEMO ID of NY 727. The Town of Clarence will provide a 20% match, $61,250, for the $245,000 in Federal funds. The Town of Clarence will also provide an additional $343,750 of local funds above the 20% match to complete the project. Project must proceed to construction within 24 months of an executed State/Local agreement.

**FUND MATCH:** 80% Federal 0% State 20% Local (specify) Town of Clarence Project
There is an additional $343,750 overmatch by the town.

**STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE:** ☒No ☐Yes