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SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASS RESOLUTION TO INSTALL CROSSWALK AT BUSY INTERSECTION NEAR BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE SCHOOLS

TOWN OF BALLSTON - The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, approved funding to install a crosswalk at the intersection of Kingsley Road and Lakehill Road in the Town of Ballston.

Located in the Town of Ballston, the intersection is frequented by many Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake students. The resolution authorizes Saratoga County DPW to contract with DLC Electric LLC for construction services associated with this crosswalk project connecting the only county-owned sidewalk with a town-owned sidewalk.

Saratoga County Department of Public Works (DPW) will administer this project in partnership with the Town of Ballston. The Town of Ballston will pay \$114,000 and the County will contribute \$31,518 for the entire project.

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Phil Barrett (Clifton Park) said, "The safety of our residents is of the utmost importance to my colleagues and I at the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. We proudly passed this resolution to improve pedestrian safety for the students of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central Schools and the residents of the Town of Ballston who use this busy sidewalk. Installing this crosswalk not only helps to ensure safe streets for all users, but also helps to promote more walkable, healthier lifestyles for residents of all ages."

Town of Ballston Supervisor Eric Connolly said, "On behalf of the Town of Ballston, I thank my colleagues at the County Board of Supervisors for their commitment to pedestrian safety. The intersection at Kingsley Road and Lakehill Road is highly trafficked by vehicles and pedestrians each day, especially by our students who walk to and from school. The new crosswalk and signal will make this area more accessible and safer for our students and residents alike."

Superintendent of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central Schools Patrick M. McGrath, Jr., Ph.D., said, "Addressing the intersection of Lakehill and Kingsley with a crosswalk and signals is a great step forward for safe pedestrian access in the hamlet of Burnt Hills. Anyone trying to turn at this intersection recognizes that it has an awkward angle that makes it tricky. This intersection is highly traversed by students walking between schools or to commercial establishments on Route 50. These safety improvements complete a series of initiatives taken on by both the towns of Ballston and Glenville, assisted by Saratoga County and New York State Department of Transportation over the past several years to provide a safe walk between the middle school and the high school for BH-BL students. The residents of the hamlet of Burnt Hills and the students of BH-BL are grateful!"

Residents are encouraged to follow the County's Facebook page for updates about the crosswalk installation.

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