



East Church Street

Clemens Center Parkway to Madison Avenue - PIN 6754.18



Public Open House
June 14, 2012

Chemung County
Commerce Building
4:00-6:00PM

Project Design Team:

Lead Agency:
City of Elmira
Department of Public Works

In Association With:
NYS Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Design Engineers:
Bergmann Associates

Project Facts:

Location:
East Church Street
City of Elmira
Chemung County
New York State

Length:
0.3 Miles (1,600 Ft)

Project Limits:
Clemens Center Parkway
Madison Avenue



Anticipated Construction Cost:
\$1.14 Million

5% Local
15% State
80% Federal

The purpose of the project is to improve infrastructure condition and safety for all users. Primarily it would rehabilitate the existing asphalt pavement, fix sidewalks, and provide consistent lighting along the corridor.

Safety Assessment

- Last December, The City of Elmira performed a safety assessment (SA) of the corridor. An SA is an efficient, low cost study bringing together a diverse group of individuals to examine a transportation facility, with the sole purpose of improving safety. It took place over 2 consecutive days and included both day time and night time observations.
- The SA team included representatives from the City DPW, City Police, County Sherriff, Elmira Chemung Transportation Council, NYSDOT, and design team.
- A final report was published in March 2012. It included **over 60 suggestions** to improve safety from Clemens Center Parkway to Madison Avenue. Many of the suggestions have been rolled into this project, particularly those related to pedestrian accommodation and safety.

Corridor Deficiencies

- The pavement surface is rough and cracked. It also has utility repair patches.
- Curb, especially between Lake Street and Madison Avenue, lacks sufficient height to define the roadway and properly channel storm water.
- Segments of the sidewalk are in poor condition and uneven. Some intersections are missing curb ramps. Curb ramps that do exist do not include detectable warning surfaces to assist the visually impaired in finding their way.
- Public and private parking lots go right up to the sidewalk.
- Traffic signs clutter the corridor and are in need of upgrades.
- Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians often have a difficult time seeing each other, especially at crosswalks.

Project Highlights:

- Give East Church Street a new asphalt riding surface by **milling and resurfacing** the pavement.
- **Replace** or reset up to 3,000 ft of **existing curb**.
- **Define parking** by establishing 8 ft parking lanes in 'pockets' where feasible.
- Shorten pedestrian crossings of East Church Street using **curb extensions**.
- Further enhance pedestrian accommodation by **replacing sidewalk, improving curb ramps, and highlighting crosswalks**.
- Extend the existing **ornamental lighting** system from Lake Street to Madison Avenue. This would improve the streetscape and illumination.
- Upgrade existing signs and **reduce sign clutter**.
- Install a **landscaped buffer** between the Chemung County Parking Lot and East Church Street.
- Install **streetscape features** such as bicycle racks, trash receptacles, and kiosks if funding allows.



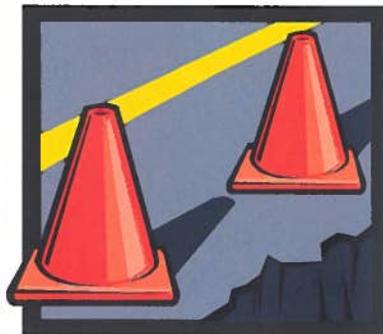
The City's Downtown Walking Routes are highlighted in its "Be Active" brochure and marked on the sidewalk using red and blue painted foot prints. This project would include the installation of a low-cost way finding feature to support an active, healthy community.



The City of Elmira worked closely with NYSEG to investigate eliminating the overhead wires between William Street and Madison Avenue. At over a half a million dollars, the estimated cost was prohibitive to moving forward. Fortunately, the existing lines can be adjusted to allow for the installation of the City's ornamental lights along the corridor.



Anticipated Construction Schedule



Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2013 and would be complete by fall. Most work would occur under shoulder and parking lane closures. The City is considering allowing major work, including the milling and paving operations, to be completed on weekends. This would reduce daily disruptions along this busy civic and commercial corridor. Coordination with business and property owners would be a priority to ensure that access is maintained throughout construction. Look for more information as construction approaches!

Comments

Please leave any written comments with the design team this evening. Comment forms are available.

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