

# **PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

CAYUGA HEIGHTS ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT

PIN 3950.86

VILLAGE OF CAYUGA HEIGHTS  
TOMPKINS COUNTY

May 8, 2024

## **AGENDA**

**OPENING REMARKS**

**PRESENTATION**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

# Location Map



## CAYUGA HEIGHTS ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT

This project proposes to install new sidewalk and curbing along Cayuga Heights Road in the Village of Cayuga Heights, Tompkins County. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information regarding the project objectives and alternatives being considered at a point in the project development where public input can be considered in alternative selection and final design.

### Background:

The Cayuga Heights Road corridor is a highly traveled road within the Village of Cayuga Heights. No sidewalk currently exists along the corridor between Devon Road and NYS Route 13. The road itself is very narrow with little to no shoulder space and has a lot of open drainage ditches, utilities, etc. directly adjacent to the pavement surface. This creates an unsafe condition for pedestrians walking/biking along the corridor. The Village has completed studies in the past to help identify the need for a new sidewalk within this section of Cayuga Heights Road and has now received federal funding monies to install a new sidewalk.

### Project Objectives:

The objective of this project is to install a new sidewalk along Cayuga Heights Road from Devon Road to NYS Route 13, providing a fully connected pedestrian route between the City of Ithaca and Village of Lansing, while increasing the safety of pedestrians using Cayuga Heights Road.

Preliminary sidewalk alignments have already been considered. Due to existing utilities and site topography, the most feasible alternative is to place the new sidewalk on the east side of Cayuga Heights Road. A new closed drainage system will also be installed along the east side of the road to properly catch and direct water to periodic stream crossings along the corridor. A few cross culverts along the corridor will be modified to accommodate the new sidewalk.

### Project Information:

Corridor Data		
DATA	EXISTING CORRIDOR	PROPOSED CORRIDOR
Lane Width(s)	2 – 10' travel lanes	2 – 10' travel lanes
Shoulder Width(s)	None	1 – 2' min. shoulder
Sidewalk(s)	None	1 – 5' Sidewalk

#### Proposed Corridor -

- 5 ft wide sidewalk with curbing on east side of Cayuga Heights Road.
- Connect to existing sidewalk south of Devon Road.
- New closed storm drainage system on east side of Cayuga Heights Road.
- Modification to existing cross culverts to accommodate new sidewalk.
- No changes to horizontal and vertical alignment of Cayuga Heights Road.
- Utility pole impacts are expected.
- Right-of-way easements anticipated.
- Shoulder closures and single lane closures during construction.

### Project Costs:

The Village of Cayuga Heights was able to secure federal funding that will cover 80% of the construction costs for this project along with 80% of the design and construction inspection costs. The estimated construction cost is \$1,741,000.

**Schedule:**

Design Approval  
Construction

October 2024  
Spring 2026 – Fall 2026

**Next Course of Action:**

Following this meeting and the receipt of comments, design report preparation will be completed incorporating any input.

**COMMENT SHEET**

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Tompkins County

**Please submit all comments to the Village of Cayuga Heights office on or before May 31, 2024.**

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**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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