



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER

Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program
Route 79 Sidewalk Extension Project
Marlboro Township, Monmouth County

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



The Township of Marlboro is committed to ensuring transportation safety improvements that best balance the environment, community concerns, and cost. An open house **Public Information Center (PIC)** has been scheduled to inform residents, officials, and the community about the **Preliminary Engineering Design** of the **Route 79 Sidewalk Extension Project**. You are encouraged to participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or e-mail.

THE MEETING: The PIC meeting will be held in the Court Room of the Marlboro Town Hall, **1979 Township Drive, Marlboro, NJ on Tuesday August 22nd from 5PM to 7PM**. As this is an open house there is no formal presentation and therefore you are welcome to attend at any time during the allotted meeting time window and will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the project graphics, preliminary engineering plans, ask questions, and share valuable input and information with the Township's project team members. Property owners of rental units are advised that tenants are also invited and encouraged to participate.

BACKGROUND: Marlboro Township received a federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) grant through the New Jersey Department of Transportation for installing concrete sidewalk along Route 79 from Newman Spring Road (CR520) to Wyncrest Road. The new sidewalk will link to existing sidewalk south of Newman Springs Road, on Wyncrest Road, to the existing Henry Hudson Trail north of Wyncrest Road, and to a proposed extension of the Henry Hudson Trail at Wyncrest Road. The improvement is to foster a sense of community between residents and encourage walking within the neighborhood by providing a safe connected sidewalk network.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: Currently sidewalks are present on Newman Springs Road and Wyncrest Road. The lack of sidewalk discourages walking between the neighbors and community facilities and those that walk must do so across private property or in the roadways. The existing roadways are not conducive for walking as there are narrow shoulders, speeding vehicles, and poor streetlight illumination of the roadway at night.

THE PROJECT: Preliminary plans have been developed and are available on the Marlboro Township website at <https://marlboro-nj.gov>. A concrete sidewalk is proposed along the west side of Route 79. The sidewalk meanders to avoid utility poles and minimize the disruption of landscaping. Existing driveways aprons will be reconstructed with concrete to meet ADA standards and the limits of driveway reconstruction will vary based upon grading required to meet the existing grade. A 220-foot long footbridge is to be constructed over a small watercourse and various utilities between 187 Highway 79 and Frank Defino Central Elementary School.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE AND COST: The Preliminary Engineering Phase of the project is expected to be completed early next year, with Final Design and Permitting initiated in 2024. A second PIC will be held in early 2025 where the construction plans will be presented to the public for comments. The construction grant amount is \$875,000. Costs for Engineering Design, Construction and Construction Inspection are being reimbursed through the Federal Transportation Alternative program, administered through NJDOT Local Aid.

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