

ALBANY COUNTY COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ACCESS STUDY



Existing Conditions (2001) on South Pearl Street South of I-787 in the City of Albany, New York

Total Study Cost: \$13,500 (\$10,800 consultant effort plus \$2,700 of local in-kind services)

Description: The presence of Interstate 787 along the Hudson River where industrial property is prevalent creates conflicts between truck traffic and local neighborhoods. In order to access industrial lands, trucks must travel on local roads as they do not have direct access to these properties from the Interstate. The Commercial Transportation Access Study focused on this issue in three distinct areas in Albany County: 1) the Watervliet Arsenal/Colonie Economic Development Zone in the City of Watervliet and Town of Colonie; 2) the southeastern section of the Village of Menands; and 3) the Port of Albany/South End neighborhood in the City of Albany. The goals of the study were to ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods, improve community quality of life and promote economic development.

Recommendations were developed for each of the three study areas. In the Watervliet/Colonie study area, a new road connecting Lincoln Avenue/First Street to Broadway at Fed Ex is recommended. In the Menands study area, an extension of Erie Boulevard to the I-787 Wards Lane interchange is recommended. In the Port of Albany study area, improved signage is recommended until concrete plans for development at the Port are finalized.

The study was completed in April 2002.

To view the final report, visit www.cdtcmppo.org/linkage/commercial.pdf.

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