

WATERVLIET SHAKER ROAD: PHASE 3 NEW KARNER TO SAND CREEK: A453

Post 2014 Funding: \$3.6 M Construction (STP-Flex) and \$2.835 M Construction (Local)

Note: Private financing is per GEIS mitigation process, and shown as local funds. The amount available at construction is shown, with available STP-Flex making up any difference. Later mitigation fees will be held in escrow to offset costs of other projects.

History:

- In the early 1990's, the Albany County Airport Area Traffic Assessment and Airport Area Generic Environmental Impact Study were completed. A project steering committee consisting of Albany County, NYSDOT, the Town of Colonie, Albany International Airport, and CDTC oversaw these initiatives.
- The Watervliet Shaker Road project was designed as part of this effort and was added by CDTC to the 1993-1998 TIP. The project was added with the condition that 50% of the financing would come from private resources. The scope called for expansion of the road from 2 to 4 lanes from New Karner Road to Albany Shaker Road or a road relocation.
- The project was broken into three phases. Phase 1 was project A294: Watervliet Shaker Road/New Karner Road improvements. Phase 2 was project A372: Watervliet Shaker Road from Sand Creek Road to Albany Shaker Road. Both of these projects were constructed between 2002 and 2007. Phase 3 is from New Karner Road to Sand Creek Road.
- Despite the efforts of NYSDOT, Albany County, and the Town of Colonie, Phase 3 was not constructed because an agreement could not be reached with Memory's Garden (a cemetery) for the necessary right-of-way.
- As part of the New Visions 2030 plan process, CDTC adopted the following as a scope of work for the Watervliet Shaker Road project Phase 3: "*Widen existing facility from Vly Road to Albany Shaker Road.*" The availability of private funds is uncertain.
- In 2008, project administration was turned over to Albany County from NYSDOT.
- In 2008 Albany County bonded funds for the ROW purchase, and the design work was funded from the Town of Colonie's mitigation fees.
- In the summer of 2009, Albany County and Memory's Garden reached an agreement on the sale of their property for the project.

Status:

- Albany County and the Town of Colonie are currently advancing this project.
- Albany County held an information meeting for cemetery members (on August 4, 2009), and the Town of Colonie amended the design consultant's (Clough, Harbour & Associates) contract to include additional design work.
- This additional design work includes updating the Memory's Garden property appraisal and updating the existing design plans to comply with the new stormwater regulations. Recently Clough, Harbour & Associates selected a right-of-way consultant to begin work on the appraisal. They have also begun the design update.
- Depending on the availability of funds, construction could begin as early as the Fall of 2010.
- A very preliminary estimate for construction is \$4.55 M and \$0.45 M for construction inspection (\$5.0 M total).