



WALKABLE DOWNTOWN

December 2024/January 2025

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON

Agenda

- Walking paths
- Information on election/voting
- Information about the bond
- Concept Elements
 - Materials
 - Maintenance
- Project Schedule and Next Steps

Concepts

Creighton Manning developed concepts based on 2023 public meetings and survey:

- **Sidewalks (stone dust)** on both sides (primarily north side, high school, Valley Plaza and library)
- **Calmed traffic** (narrow pavement width)
- Two **crosswalks** with pedestrian refuge islands
- Maintain **Two-Way-Left-Turn-Lane**
- Cost - \$2.5 million



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Walking Paths

- Multiple layers of material to create a durable surface.
- Excavate approximately 12 inches
- Layer of road fabric
- Mixture of coarse sand and crushed stone compacted and graded level
- A top layer of stone dust (a mixture of crushed limestone and fine particles)
- Compact, grade, and crown the stone dust
- Include concrete ramps at intersections and mid-block crossing to meet requirements American Disabilities Act (ADA)

The result will be a hard, smooth, and durable surface with minimal puddles and erosion from stormwater.



NYSDOT Grant

- In 2024 the Town applied to **three grant programs**:
 - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program
 - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- **Awarded CRP grant**, approximately **\$2.5 million** (20% local match and 80% grant)

Project Includes:

- 5-foot-wide, **stone dust sidewalk**
- Two **pedestrian crossings** with refuge islands
- **Narrow pavement** to fit sidewalks in NYSDOT right-of-way

Complete Corridor Proposal

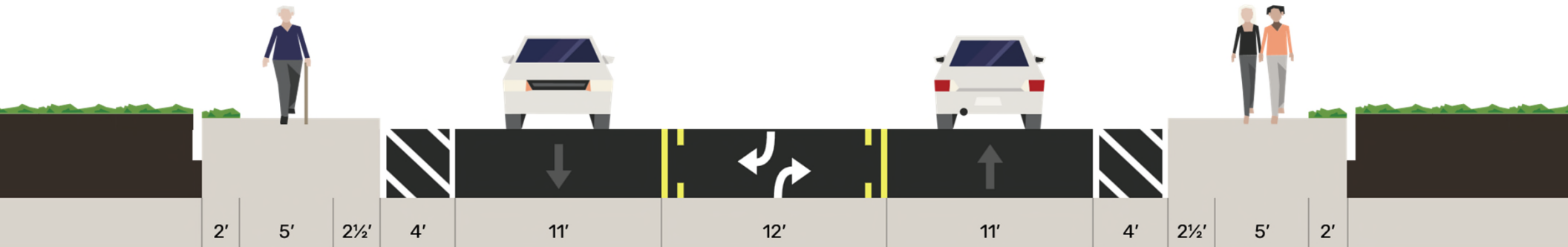


- On the north side – 4,600feet of sidewalk (Library to High School)
- On the south side, a 1000 feet of sidewalk (Midtown Mall to Roaring 20s)

Concept 5 – Segment B



Mid-block pedestrian crossing could be added at strategic location; would require tapering two-way left turn lane and adding pedestrian refuge island.



Pedestrian Crossing Example



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Crosswalk Locations



Crosswalk Locations



Maintenance

- The Town will be responsible for maintenance
- Budget approximately \$8,000/year for short-term and long-term maintenance.
 - Annual maintenance will cost approximately \$3,200.
 - 10-year maintenance will cost approximately \$50,000.
 - Approximately \$80,000 every ten years.
- Based on similar assumptions this was the lowest cost build option considered (asphalt and concrete) including construction and 20 years of maintenance.

Snow Removal

Local contractor provided rough estimate for these costs:

- Each snowfall up to 4 inches would cost \$400 (assume 4);
- Each snowfall between 4 and 8 inches would cost \$600 (assume 3); and
- Each snowfall over 8 inches would cost \$700 (assume 2).

Annual snow removal cost approximately - \$5,000.

Stone Dust Examples



- This trail sees thousands of users per week (bicycles and pedestrians), plus construction traffic
- No maintenance over first couple years

Stone Dust Examples



- Multi-use path example
Adirondack Rail Trail -

Stone Dust Examples

- Multi-use path example



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Stone Dust Examples

- Empire State Trail – Syracuse (photo credit Google)



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Stone Dust Examples



- Walking path
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Stone Dust Examples

Shatford Park

- 6 inches
 - 4 inches of base
 - 2 inches of top course



PROJECT LOCATION
SHATFORD MEMORIAL PARK

NEW LEBANON TOWN HALL

Stone Dust Examples

- Empire State Trail - Valatie



Stone Dust Examples

- Empire State Trail - Valatie



Special Election

- **January 21, 2025** from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- **Immaculate Conception Meeting Hall, 732 US Highway 20**
- **All registered voters** who are registered to vote **in the Town of New Lebanon**
 - See handout for information on registering
- **Mail in and absentee voting is allowed**
 - See handout for information on both
- **If the referendum passes:**
 - **Town Board has approval to move forward** with the proposed walking path project; and
 - **Provides the Town with another option for paying** for the Town match

Project Schedule – Next Steps

- Two meetings with same information (12/30/24 and 1/11/25)
- Vote/election (1/21/25)
- If project receives approval– move forward with Locally Administered Federal Aid process
 - Town led with NYSDOT oversight
 - Design (2025/2026)
 - Public involvement (several opportunities throughout 2025 and 2026) to provide input
 - Construction complete (2027)

Thank You

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