Councilwoman Kepert Moves Forward Traffic Calming Measures

Safety Projects in Gordon Heights and Middle Island to Address Dangerous Road Conditions

Farmingville, NY - In response to numerous traffic related deaths and excessive speeding on Granny Road in Gordon Heights, and Miller Place-Yaphank Road in Middle Island, Councilwoman Connie Kepert has moved forward Traffic Calming Measures which will make both locations safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. "I am committed to making high accident locations safe for residents to walk, bike, and travel on," said Councilwoman Kepert.

The key features of the project in Middle Island will include the reconstruction of the intersection along Miller Place Yaphank Road and Whiskey Road to provide a modern roundabout, new lighting fixtures and poles, landscape treatments including plantings (i.e. trees, shrubs, and bushes) and the realignment of Whiskey Road east of the intersection. "When this project is complete it will insure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists," said Kepert. "Our streetscapes are an important part of our towns, and neighborhoods. Their design has a significant effect on the livability of our communities" continued Kepert.

The project on Granny Road consists of a 1.25 mile stretch of roadway between Route 112 and Mill Road in Gordon Heights. "In a 31 month period from January 2007 to August 2009 this stretch of road saw 61 accidents, a total of four bicycle accidents and two fatalities," said Councilwoman Kepert The posted speed limit on this stretch of road is 35 mph however 85% of motorists average 40% over the posted speed limit. "We are looking to reduce driving lane widths with pavement markings (see attached) and "Share the Road" signs which will establish a designated area for safe cycling and reduce vehicle speed," said Kepert. Obviously the goal here is to reduce the speed of cars and create a safe biking environment," stated Kepert.

"Our streets should be designed to insure everyone's safety; the safety of our children, seniors, drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. As a town board we need to insure that our streets are safe places to be for all users," concluded Councilwoman Kepert.
Sharrow Pavement Marking Granny Road

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