The Highway Department is utilizing a Federal grant to upgrade and replace signs throughout Brookhaven Town. This project specifically targets roads within Brookhaven Town that qualify for Federal Aid and are FAUS (Federal-Aid Urban System) roadways. FAUS roadways in Brookhaven Town are roads that have been approved by the Federal Highway Administration on the recommendation of the New York State Department of Transportation.

"This will make our roads safer for motorists by making signs more visible through higher reflectivity," Superintendent Dan Losquadro said. "Breakaway rails will also be installed. If a motorist were to strike a sign with these rails attached, the rails would simply disconnect from the post. This would cause less damage to the car, thus making it less likely for people inside the car to be injured."

The traffic sign upgrading and replacement project has a total budget of approximately $1.525 million, of which eighty percent will be supported by Federal Aid. Brookhaven Town will be investing twenty percent. Included in this effort is an electronic inventory of signs along the FAUS roadways and the development of a database for sign locations. The database program will be a useful management tool to track compliance with Federal and State standards for minimum sign retro-reflectively.

The Highway Department has replaced signs in the following areas: Hawkins Avenue in Ronkonkoma, Holbrook Road in Ronkonkoma and Centereach, Ronkonkoma Avenue in Ronkonkoma, Mooney Pond Road in Selden, Echo Avenue in Miller Place, Granny Road in Farmingville, Hawkins Road in Centereach and Selden, Hospital Road in Patchogue, Gnarled Hollow Road in Setauket, Lower Sheep Pasture Road in Setauket, Old Town Road in Setauket, Sheep Pasture Road in Setauket, Mastic Road in Mastic, Station Road in Bellport, Wading River Road in Center Moriches and Manorville and Bellport Avenue in Yaphank.

Any remaining funds will be used to replace signs on Suffolk County FAUS roads within Brookhaven Town that the Highway Department currently maintains.

This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014.

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