Supervisor Lesko and Councilman Mazzei Announce Construction Start for Montauk Highway Sewer Improvement Project in East Patchogue

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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Tim Mazzei have announced that construction of a sanitary sewer system along Montauk Highway (County Road 80) roughly between Medford Avenue (NYS Route 112) and Phyllis Drive in East Patchogue will begin the week of September 27. The Town of Brookhaven has coordinated this sewer improvement project with the ongoing Suffolk County Department of Public Works (SCDPW) CR-80 rehabilitation project. The new sewer line will be connected into the Incorporated Village of Patchogue's existing sewer line which currently ends near Montauk Highway and Medford Avenue. The Village has already begun extensive upgrades to its Sewage Treatment Plant to accommodate the increased flow from the East Patchogue project and other projects within the village limits.

"The construction of a sanitary sewer system in East Patchogue is a vital step in our efforts to attract business to the area," said Supervisor Lesko. "It is also extremely beneficial to the environment and overall public health as well as a necessary catalyst for the Town of Brookhaven's revitalization effort."

Recently, a binder course (an intermediate roadway layer that contains coarse aggregate and lies between the course base and the final surfacing material) was applied and will remain through the fall and winter months. Soon, work crews will begin directional drilling underground to place the sewer lines which greatly reduces the level of disturbance to the roadway and minimizes the amount of additional binder course resurfacing that is needed to complete the project. Final paving and striping will be done in the Spring of 2011. The Town will make every effort to keep inconvenience to residents, merchants and property owners at a minimum.

Councilman Mazzei, who was instrumental in moving the project forward said, "The absence of sewers along this stretch of Montauk Highway has always been a deterrent to development." He continued, "I anticipate that when this project is complete, we will begin to see a real turnaround for this area which will certainly impact the local economy."

The Engineers for the Montauk Highway Sewer Improvement Project in East Patchogue are LK McLean Associates and the contractors are Peter Scalamandre & Sons.