

Superintendent Losquadro, Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico Alleviate Traffic Buildup in Center Moriches

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico have resolved the issue of traffic buildup at the eastbound Sunrise Highway Exit 59 service road in Center Moriches. They have done this by establishing a right turning lane for motorists who are looking to travel south on Wading River Road.

"This service road had significant traffic congestion as it serves as a connecting point for motorists looking to travel to both the North and South Shore of Brookhaven Town," Superintendent Losquadro said. "It is very gratifying to know this project has alleviated traffic along this roadway and was successfully completed before the winter. I want to thank Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico for working with the Highway Department to provide the funding for this much needed project."

"This stretch of road was a problem that frustrated motorists for many years," Supervisor Romaine said. "Now, thanks to Superintendent Losquadro and the Highway Department, traffic moves much better and it's a safer place for people to drive."

"This project started as an idea I had to alleviate the rush hour traffic buildup at exit 59 on the Sunrise Highway Service Road," said Councilman Dan Panico. "In meeting with Highway Superintendent Losquadro, and members of his department, it became clear that while we could not easily widen the roadway to the south because of the topography and the utility poles, we realized an opportunity to widen to the north. Almost immediately the Highway Superintendent and his staff applied for and obtained New York State Department of Transportation approval and together, with Supervisor Romaine, we allocated funding for this project. It is a perfect example of government working together and getting things done."

This project involved road widening of various widths along the north side of the service road to install a dedicated right turn lane at the intersection with Wading River Road. The necessity of the turn lane is to accommodate more vehicular traffic through the intersection during peak times of travel. The pavement markings and traffic signals have

also been realigned to meet the new dimensions of the roadway.

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