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Picente: County, State Officials To Meet Whitestown Town Board To Discuss Planned Route 840 Renovation Project

Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr., today announced that state and county officials will present information at the March 4th Whitestown Town Board meeting about a proposed project to improve County Route 840.

“Route 840 has become one of the major traffic arteries of our region, connecting some of our growing suburbs with other parts of the region,” Picente said. “Because of the federal stimulus money and the opportunity presented to have this essential project funded through this federal initiative, we are working to move forward quickly in partnership with our communities so that we can submit this project for funding and highway work that needs to be done can be done as soon as possible.”

Picente said that on March 4th, officials from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the Oneida County Department of Public Works (OCDPW) will present information about the proposed project to improve County Route 840 at the Town of Whitestown regular board meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Town Community Center located on Westmoreland Road, Whitesboro.

State and county officials will be available from 6:30-7:00 p.m. to answer questions informally prior to the start of the meeting. A formal presentation will be given during the town board meeting.

The proposed project consists of pavement rehabilitation of County Route 840 from State Route 233 to the bridge carrying Judd Road over the New York State Thruway (includes sections of Sutliff Road, Coleman Mills Road and Judd Road.) Proposed work will also include signal replacement at the Judd Road /Airport Road intersection. The project is being developed as a potential federal economic stimulus candidate with a tentative construction start date in late summer /fall of 2009 and substantial completion of the project by June 2010. No funding has yet been awarded for the project.

“We believe this is an exciting project for the future of our county, and we look forward to discussing it with the people of Whitestown and their neighbors,” Picente said.