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OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR LONG AND SHORT BEACH ROAD IN NORTH HAVEN

North Haven, NY—Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) and Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. (R, I, WF-Sag Harbor) today joined with local officials in announcing plans to undertake a traffic calming and road construction project for a 1.6 mile segment of highway known as Short Beach Road and Long Beach Road (County Road 60) in North Haven and Noyac from the State Route 114 roundabout in North Haven to its intersection with Noyac Road.

The project will be completed in three phases. In phase one, the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (DPW) will reconstruct 1.1 miles of roadway from the intersection of CR 60 and Noyac Road, north to the intersection of Harbor Drive at the entrance to Baypoint. In addition, DPW will reduce the width of the travel lanes, create bike paths on both sides of the roadway for the entire length of CR 60, installation of a turning lane into the Foster Memorial Town Beach parking lot, and add additional drainage in certain areas. Also, it has been requested the speed limit be reduced to 45 miles per hour. Paving for phase one is slated to be completed by Memorial Day 2004.

Phase two will include paving the remaining roadway along CR 60 from Harbor Drive north to the North Haven Roundabout and will be completed by the spring of 2005. Phase three will include construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Noyac Road and CR 60. Further, there will be traffic calming improvements to the intersections of CR 60 with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Streets in North Haven and at the entrance to Foster Memorial Town Beach. These improvements are slated for 2005-06.

"The extension of traffic calming measures for CR 60 has been something we have been discussing for quite some time," said North Haven Village Mayor Laura Nolan. "The Village is grateful to Congressman Bishop, Assemblyman Thiele and Suffolk County for their support and funding contributions."

The North Haven project, which built upon the success of the traffic calming project that covered the entire length of Route 114 in the Village of North Haven in 2001, was funded by a \$2.1 million appropriation in the Federal Transportation Bill (which passed the House of Representatives two weeks ago) obtained by Congressman Bishop, \$600,000 from Suffolk County and a \$50,000 grant secured by the Village of North Haven.

The Route 114 project included a reduction in the width of travel lanes, a bike lane, gateways, intersection improvements, medians, and a roundabout. This project has been extremely popular

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with the traveling public in the Village of North Haven. In fact, in a survey released by Thiele's office in 2001, respondents were asked about implementing traffic calming measures for Short Beach Road and Long Beach Road. Such a project was supported by a margin of 78% to 12%.

“I am very excited to be able to bring traffic calming to North Haven,” Congressman Bishop said. “The recently harsh winter caused serious road damage that we can now address through this project. I am pleased Assemblyman Thiele, Mayor Nolan and I have been able to bring different levels of government together to provide real results for the community.”

Thiele, in sharing the same sentiments as the Congressman stated, “The overwhelming success of the Route 114 project has enabled this multi-level government effort to happen. By expanding these traffic-calming measures to CR 60, we are providing motorists with safer roadways. I wish to thank Congressman Bishop for his assistance and perseverance in making this project a reality.”

“The first step will be the County's reconstruction of the riding surface, which will consist of pulverizing and rejuvenating the existing pavement, grading, compaction, and resurfacing with new asphalt,” stated DPW's Chief Engineer William Shannon. “The Suffolk County Department of Public Works looks forward to working on CR 60, Long Beach Road, with the Town of Southamptton and the Village of North Haven.”

According to Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, “This project will greatly assist residents and visitors who travel on CR 60 get to their destinations more safely and conveniently. This is an excellent example of how partnerships between federal, state and county governments can benefit important local improvement efforts and enhance the quality of life in our communities.”

“This project will create safer roadways for our motorists and I want to extend my appreciation on behalf of the residents of the Town of Southamptton to Congressman Bishop and Assemblyman Thiele,” said Southamptton Town Supervisor Patrick A. Heaney.

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