

## **A Message from the Mayor**

*On behalf of the City of Albany, I am proud to announce the beginning of a much-needed construction project on Delaware Avenue. After several years of planning, engineering, and community involvement, the Delaware Avenue area will soon benefit from a total reconstruction, involving new pavement, curbs, drainage systems and sidewalks, among other improvements. The revitalization of our City has been an important goal for my administration, and we will continue to work hard to meet this goal. The City recently secured Economic Stimulus funding under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which will aid in our repairs of Albany's infrastructure. With this funding, we plan to extend the paving and sidewalk work on Delaware Avenue beyond the Holland/Morton Avenue intersection to Madison Avenue. We understand that this project may cause inconveniences for people that live, work and drive along Delaware Avenue, but I urge you to please be patient as we work together to complete this vital improvement. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office or the project engineering staff. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and I look forward to the completion of this project.*

**Gerald D. Jennings**  
Mayor

## **What does this project involve?**

This project involves the complete reconstruction of Delaware Avenue with new asphalt pavement, granite curbs, drainage system, concrete sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic signals, street light improvements, and

streetscape amenities between the NYS Thruway Bridge and Holland/Morton Avenues. The extended section from Holland/Morton Avenues to Madison Avenue will also be paved and will have new sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic signals. ADA-compliant amenities will be provided throughout Delaware Avenue. All construction will occur within the City right-of-way. The contractor performing the work is Callanan Industries, Inc. The contractor will begin work in April 2009. The contractor will stop work during Winter 2009 / 2010 and restart again in Spring 2010. The project will be completed in fall 2010.

## **Will pedestrians, bicyclists & vehicles be allowed through the work areas?**

Yes, it is very important that all types of traffic are allowed to safely go through the work areas at all times. This includes police, fire, and other emergency services, vehicles, bus service, delivery services, bicyclists, and pedestrians. As with any type of construction project, there will be inconveniences to the public, but the project was designed to help keep these inconveniences to a minimum. At no time will any business be required to close or any building access restricted as a result of the construction. Daily lane closures will be used, but both travel lanes will be open during the morning and afternoon rush hours. Parking lane restrictions will also be necessary, but the contract specifically limits the amount of on-street parking that can be closed at any one time. It will also be necessary to close sidewalks during some construction operations, but this will be limited to only one side of the street at a time and signed pedestrian walkways will be in place to safely direct people around the work site. CDTA will continue with their scheduled bus service along Delaware Avenue;

however the locations of some bus stops may be adjusted due to construction activities. In addition, CDTA will be consolidating some of their bus stops. Information on any CDTA bus service changes will be posted on, or near, the bus stops. It can also be obtained directly from CDTA by calling their daytime operations (482-8067), nighttime dispatch (482-9191), or visiting their web site: [www.cdta.org/news](http://www.cdta.org/news)

## **2009 Project Schedule**

### **April 2009 thru November 2009**

To limit inconveniences, the contract has been segmented into 4 distinct areas. Area 1 is between Holland/Morton Avenues and Hurlbut Street, Area 2 is between Hurlbut Street and Second Avenue, Area 3 is between Second Avenue and the Thruway, and Area 4 is between Holland/Morton Avenues and Madison Avenue. During the next 8 months Callanan Industries will be primarily working in Area 1, installing the drainage system, sanitary sewer repairs, curb and sidewalk, and roadway reconstruction. During this time period, the contractor will also be working on the paving and sidewalk replacements in Area 4 and minor work within the other areas. When Area 1 is complete, the contractor will move to Area 2, and then to Area 3.

During the spring and summer of 2009, National Grid, Verizon, and Time Warner Cable will be relocating and/or replacing utility poles and wires. National Grid will also be completing the installation of the new gas mains that were started last fall.

## **When will the Contractor be working?**

Typical work hours/days for the contractor and utility companies are:

- Monday thru Saturday between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- Sunday and nighttime work may only be allowed for special circumstances, and only when approved by the City.

**Who should you contact if you have any questions or comments?**

For your convenience, a project office has been opened on Delaware Avenue specifically for this project. The project office will be open when the Contractor is working.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this project, you can visit the project office during regular business hours. You may also call, fax, email, or mail your inquiry to the project office at:

Delaware Ave Road Rehabilitation Project Office  
500 Delaware Avenue  
Albany, NY 12209-1415  
Attn: Mr. George Cline, Resident Engineer

Phone: 514-2714  
E-mail: [gcline@chacompanies.com](mailto:gcline@chacompanies.com)

As always, you may also contact the Mayor's Office (434-5100) or Dede Rudolph, City Engineer (427-7480) with any questions or comments.

For **After Hour Emergencies** Please Call:

Albany Police Department  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 438-4000

Albany Dept. of General Services  
432-1144

The City will be providing updated newsletters as construction progresses. Project information is also available on the City's website [www.albanyny.org](http://www.albanyny.org)

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Road  
Rehabilitation  
Project  
NYS Thruway Bridge  
to  
Madison Avenue**

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