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NYSDOT PROPOSES CHANGES TO ERIE CANAL LIFT BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT BASED ON COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

Timeline adjusted to benefit local business owners during summer tourism season

The New York State Department of Transportation today announced proposed changes to its upcoming Erie Canal Lift Bridge Rehabilitation Project. The \$13.7 million investment will extend the service life of the canal bridges along Route 250 in the Village of Fairport and Route 259 in the Village of Spencerport.

As a result of important discussions with the Villages of Fairport and Spencerport, NYSDOT has agreed to:

- Close the Route 250 lift bridge in the Village of Fairport no earlier than September 3rd, 2019.

- Change the alignment of the north and southbound approach of the Route 259 bridge in the Village of Spencerport to improve visibility and sight distance for motorists.

Adjusting the timeline for the Fairport lift bridge will benefit local business owners and summer tourism by alleviating the impact of the closure down to one summer/festival season instead of two.

During the last public meeting, residents and Village officials in Spencerport also voiced concerns about sight distance and the narrow entryway of the Route 259 lift bridge. As a result, NYSDOT offered to adjust the approach of the bridge to make it easier to access while enhancing safety. With the Village's support, NYSDOT will eliminate two Village-owned parking spots to do so.

The closure date for the Route 259 bridge in Spencerport has not been altered at this time, but discussions with the Village are ongoing.

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