



December 15, 2022

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
New York State Senator, District 35
New York State Senate Majority Leader
28 Wells Avenue, Building #3, 5th Floor
Yonkers, New York 10701

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ROUTE 9 FROM SLEEPY HOLLOW TO HASTINGS
COMPLETE STREET PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is pleased to inform you that WSP USA, Inc. has been tentatively designated as the design consultants for the preliminary engineering phase of the Route 9 Complete Streets project. Development of a consultant proposal and negotiations can now commence to finalize their contractual obligations with an anticipated onboarding of June 2023. A copy of the Route 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Plan will be provided to the design team for the start of work.

To ensure that the public interest is served a quality product and delivered at a reasonable cost, the Department's Capital Project Development Process consists of four phases: Planning, Preliminary Design, Final Design and Construction (see attachment). This project is in the Preliminary Design phase.

The next step for the Route 9 Complete Streets project is to conduct preliminary engineering and obtain design approval. This next step includes assessment of the previously completed Conceptual Design Plan, needs, conditions, stakeholder engagement, project objectives, solutions, compliance with regulations (e.g. NEPA) and environmental determination. The outcome identifies preferred alternative(s) for eventual design approval. The design approval document records the decision-making process and informs decision-makers, partners, and stakeholders.

We look forward to a continued coordination with your office, the five river towns, the public, stakeholders, and a collaborative engagement with NYSDOT on this important matter.

Thank you for your interest in and support for our transportation system. Please contact our project manager, Jenny Baez (Jenny.Baez@dot.ny.gov) at 845-431-5857 or mark.tiano@dot.ny.gov at 845-431-5775 for additional information.

Sincerely,

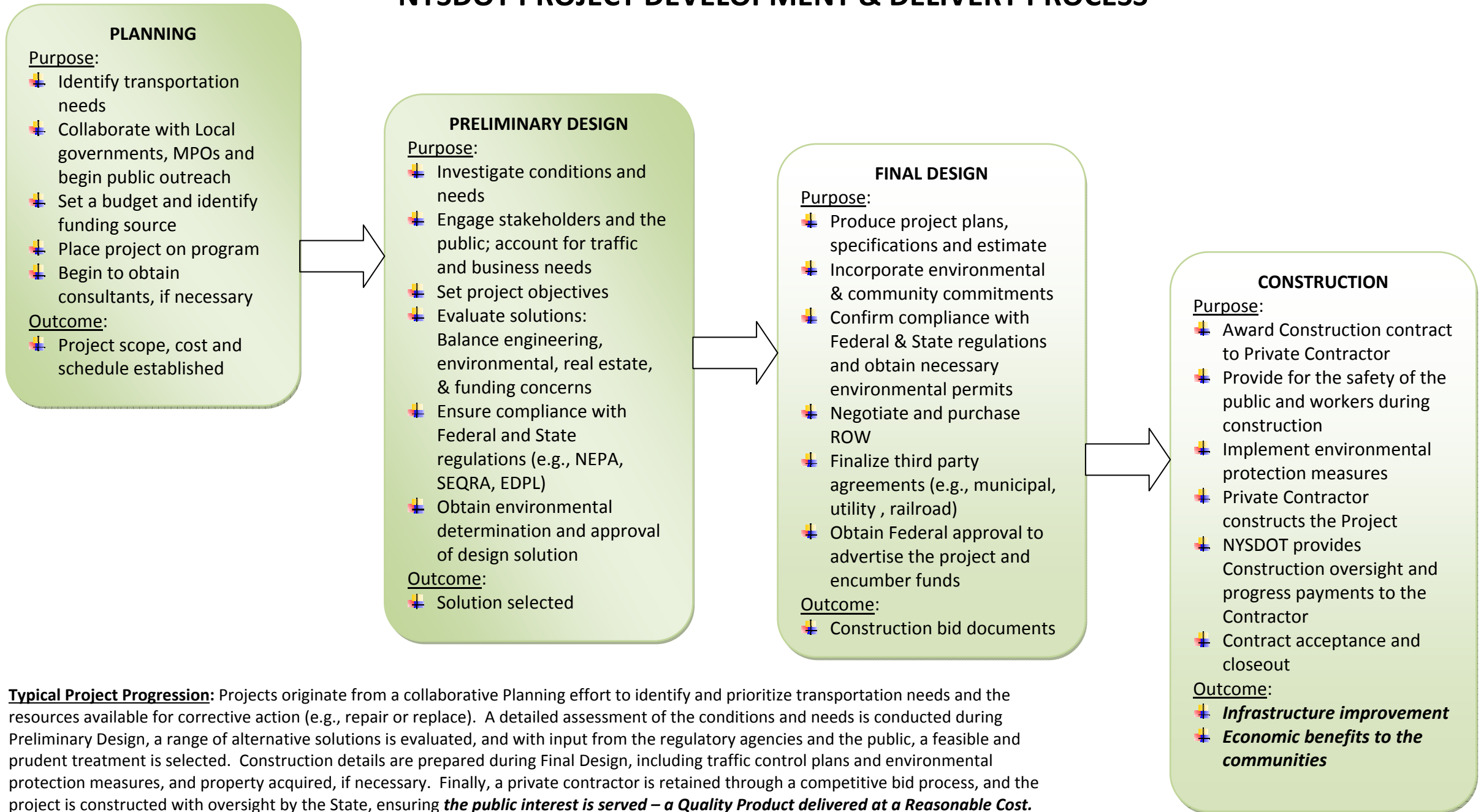


Mark J. Tiano, P.E.
Regional Design Engineer

Attachment

cc: Jenny Baez, NYSDOT, Region 8
Ed Guerrero, NYSDOT, Region 8
Susan Tolchin, Special Assistant to Senator Stewart-Cousins
Mayor Vincent Rossillo, Dobbs Ferry
Mayor Karen G. Brown, Tarrytown
Mayor Ken Wray, Sleepy Hollow
Mayor Brian Smith, Irvington
Mayor Nicola Armacost, Hastings-on-Hudson
Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi, Town of Mount Pleasant
Supervisor Paul Feiner, Town of Greenburg
Norma Drummond, Westchester County Planning Commissioner

NYS DOT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY PROCESS



Typical Project Progression: Projects originate from a collaborative Planning effort to identify and prioritize transportation needs and the resources available for corrective action (e.g., repair or replace). A detailed assessment of the conditions and needs is conducted during Preliminary Design, a range of alternative solutions is evaluated, and with input from the regulatory agencies and the public, a feasible and prudent treatment is selected. Construction details are prepared during Final Design, including traffic control plans and environmental protection measures, and property acquired, if necessary. Finally, a private contractor is retained through a competitive bid process, and the project is constructed with oversight by the State, ensuring ***the public interest is served – a Quality Product delivered at a Reasonable Cost.***