

Keyport Launches One-Week Demonstration Project

The Borough of Keyport will be installing a temporary improvement, also called a demonstration project, at the intersection of Maple Place, Atlantic Street, Church Street, and the Henry Hudson Trail. The goal of this project is to demonstrate safety and access improvements for Henry Hudson Trail users as well as all others walking, bicycling, and driving through the intersection. The project will be installed from May 14th through May 21st. A rain date is set for the following week. The area was selected based on extensive community input that identified this intersection as one in need of substantial improvement.

The demonstration project is part of the Keyport Complete Streets Plan. A complete streets approach to the design and operation of streets is one that supports people of all ages, abilities, and mobility choices. That means that streets are safe for bicyclists and pedestrians, young and old, and those with disabilities, among many others.

Along with this demonstration project, the Borough is releasing the draft Complete Street Design Guide for public comment and review. It is available on KeyportStreets.com. The guide contains recommendations for every street in the Borough and including strategies for traffic calming, improvements to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and stormwater management techniques, among many others. The guide details how the Borough should convert Broad and Main Street into a one-way pair with protected bicycle lanes, how to calm traffic and improve intersections on 1st Street, ways to make residential streets safer and more attractive, and other recommendations.

This planning effort is being funded through a grant provided by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's (NJTPA) Planning for Emerging Centers Program. The program provides technical assistance to municipalities to help create more sustainable, transit-supportive, and walkable communities, and conduct comprehensive strategic planning at the local level. The NJTPA, in consultation with the Borough of Keyport, hired consultant team Fitzgerald and Halliday Inc. (FHI) to lead this effort. For more information, visit KeyportStreets.com.

