#### **FAQs**

#### **Q:** Why is a roundabout the preferred alternative?

A: A roundabout will enhance safety by slowing speeds and reducing the number and severity of crashes, and the addition of sidewalks and high-visibility signage will enhance safety for pedestrians.

The intersection also would operate more efficiently, as vehicles would need to stop for shorter durations. Vehicles turning onto Route 4 from the off-ramp would be given the same priority as any other vehicle. The roundabout alternative would minimize delay, fuel consumption, and vehicle emissions.

The roundabout could accommodate an increase in traffic volume as the town continues to experience commercial and residential growth along the corridor.

#### Q: Will the State need to purchase any land for this project?

A: No property will need to be acquired as part of this project.

#### **Q: Will there be construction at night?**

- A: Nighttime construction will be considered to reduce the duration of construction.
- **Q:** How will pedestrians and bicyclists maneuver through the roundabout?
- A: Pedestrians/bicyclists will maneuver through the roundabout using sidewalks and a marked crosswalk across the ramp. High-Visibility signage and crosswalk stripes will alert drivers that a pedestrian or bicyclist may be crossing. A pedestrian/bicyclist will be able to cross the roadway lane(s) to a refuge island, which will provide an area for them to wait, if necessary, until they can safely cross the rest of the way.

Please submit questions or comments about the project to:

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# US Route 4/Interstate 90 Westbound Ramps Intersection Safety Enhancements



Town of East Greenbush Rensselaer County



Department of Transportation

### **Project Overview**

The New York State Department of Transportation is developing a project to upgrade the intersection of Route 4 and the I-90 westbound ramps at Exit 9 in East Greenbush. The project will enhance safety at the intersection, improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. NYSDOT will present the project at a town pre-board meeting to solicit feedback from town officials and the public.





## What Will the Project Accomplish?

The project will construct a modern, two-lane roundabout at the intersection. Sidewalks will be added from the Mannix Road roundabout south to the bridge over I-90, with a crosswalk crossing the ramp. Lighting and landscaping will be added.

### **Minimizing Construction Impacts**

Traffic will be maintained on-site, as much as possible, with the potential need for short-term detours. The intent of any detour would be to reduce the duration of construction and its impact on the traveling public. Businesses north and south of the intersection will remain accessible to the public throughout construction.

## **Project Schedule**

Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2021 and be completed by the end of the year.

## Comments

Written comments from the public may be submitted after the meeting via email or U.S. mail. Please send all comments to the project contact by August 26, 2020. NYSDOT has been working with the town of East Greenbush since the onset of the project and will continue to do so throughout the project duration.

