

**New York State DOT awards \$535,000 to create pedestrian enhancements  
and “Safe Route to School” in the Village**

On April 24th, Governor Cuomo announced \$6.5 million in funding to support transportation enhancements in the Southern Tier, including \$535,000 to the Village of Cayuga Heights for the Walking Safe pedestrian accessibility enhancement program. The project will create new handicap accessible sidewalks along Kline and Wyckoff Roads, along with concrete curbing, high visibility crosswalks, signage, improved road shoulders, reduced lane widths and other safety provisions. The Village has also partnered with Lake View Cemetery to provide pathway improvements and pedestrian scale lighting to create a safe walking path connecting the Village to Ithaca High School and Boynton Middle School.

“This project reflects almost a decade of effort to address gaps in the Village’s existing sidewalk network, particularly for children walking to our local schools,” said Mayor Linda Woodard. “The construction of new sidewalks on Kline and Wyckoff Roads and the connection through Lake View Cemetery will go far toward addressing these critical safety issues and fulfilling the Village’s broader environmental goals. The Village thanks the Ithaca City School District, and the Town and City of Ithaca for their support of this application.”

Highlighting the statewide impact of the Transportation Alternatives funding program, Governor Cuomo said, "New York State is making historic, nation-leading investments in cleaner and more sustainable transportation infrastructure which is crucial to the growth of local economies. These investments in bike and pedestrian enhancements across the state will help revitalize communities, reduce our carbon footprint and demonstrate once again that New York is building for the future."