

Craig Street Pavement and Bridge Rehabilitation Project  
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City of Schenectady  
Schenectady County

**OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**February 7, 2024, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

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KING**

Location:  
Electric City Barn  
400 Craig Street  
Schenectady, NY 12307

**RAFFLES**



The City of Schenectady invites the community to learn and provide input for the proposed streetscape improvements along Craig Street from Forest Road to Albany Street.

**Project Website:** [www.craig-main-connection.com/craig-street-rebuild](http://www.craig-main-connection.com/craig-street-rebuild)

All are encouraged to participate!

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## **PIN 1761.69 - Craig Street Pavement and Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

City of Schenectady Engineering Department

### **Open House Public Information Meeting No. 1**

The City of Schenectady Department of Engineering invites the public, community members and stakeholders to participate in an open house meeting to learn about how the community's vision for Craig Street will be conducted. The project planning process is being guided by the City of Schenectady Department of Engineering and facilitated by a consultant team led by MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. (MJ) of the Capital Region.

We hope residents and community members will join us for an open house to learn more about the design alternatives that are being considered for the streetscape and roadway improvements along Craig Street from Forest Road to Albany Street. Our team will have multiple information stations where you can see the preliminary design alternatives and participate in discussions with the City and the project team to better understand the project and help inform the final design. There will be no formal presentation of the project at this meeting. All comments will be recorded and taken into consideration. We will also have food from Memphis King BBQ and a range of raffle items that will be given away at the open house. We hope to see you there!

**Project Need:** The Craig Street Corridor is primarily residential, connecting major commercial corridors located on Albany Street and Crane Street, as well as many schools, after-school programs, and other services that are located on many of its side streets. While the Craig Street corridor is a critical connection for these commercial corridors, Craig Street currently lacks adequate infrastructure to promote safe travel by pedestrians, bicycle users, bus riders, and drivers. Sidewalks are present on both sides of Craig Street, but there are no dedicated bicycle facilities along the corridor. The majority of the sidewalks are in various states of disrepair and do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

**Project Purpose:** To correct the existing pavement and pedestrian facility deficiencies along Craig Street while implementing complete streets elements that include sidewalks, a cycle track, parking lanes, and green infrastructure where feasible. These considerations will address the needs of all modes of travel within the project limits such as pedestrians, bicycle users, bus riders, and drivers.

#### **Project Objectives:**

1. Identify and address pavement deficiencies that will provide an extended pavement life.
2. Improve pedestrian facilities including sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and curb ramps to meet current ADA and MUTCD requirements.
3. Provide a dedicated bicycle facility as outlined in the City of Schenectady Bike Infrastructure Master Plan and as selected by the community during the Craig-Main Connection Study.
4. Repair bridge structural elements and reconfigure the bridge deck to match the complete streets improvements on Craig Street.
5. Provide opportunities for community-driven art along the corridor.

**Project Background:** Thanks to the City of Schenectady and the hundreds of community residents who shaped the vision for Craig Street and brought it to life, the proposed streetscape improvements are now funded for final design and implementation. The idea for this project began in 2016 as part of a bike demonstration project. In 2019, the Craig-Main Connection Complete Streets Study worked with the Hamilton Hill and Mont Pleasant Neighborhoods to identify a Complete Streets design that will better serve the neighborhoods through creation of a safer, more efficient, and more inviting corridor that takes into consideration the needs of all travelers, including pedestrians, bicycle users, bus riders and drivers. Including opportunities for community focused and created art was identified as an important component of continuing the community momentum and ownership throughout all phases of the project. Design concepts were derived from community engagement and the selected design option was the community's choice. The tremendous engagement (which included focus group discussions, surveys, open houses, meetings, celebrations, and curbside stations) and community support for the Craig Street project resulted in the City being awarded millions of dollars in federal funding to build the project.