Transportation Project Report

Draft Design Report

June 2019

Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Various Locations Project Identification Number (PIN): 1760.94 City of Rensselaer Rensselaer County









Project Approval Sheet

Mi	<u>lestones</u>	<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Dates</u>
A.	Recommendation for, Initiation, Scope and	The project cost and schedule are consistent with the Regional Capita	l Program.
	Design Approval:	Regional Program Manager	Date
В.	Recommendation for Scope and Design Approval	No nonstandard features have been identified, created, or retained.	
		Greenman-Pedersen, Inc	Date
C.	Public Hearing Certification (23 USC 128):	A public hearing was not required.	
	120).	Greenman-Pedersen, Inc	Date
D.	Categorical Exclusion Determination on Behalf of FHWA	This project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under the National Environment the NYSDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement Regarding Categorical	
		NYSDOT Regional Director	Date
E.	Local Project Nonstandard Feature Approval	No nonstandard features are being retained or created on Non-NHS local	roadways.
		Responsible Local Official	Date
F.	Local Project Scope and Design Approval	The required environmental determinations have been made, and the prefor this project is ready for final design.	ferred alternative
		Responsible Local Official	Date

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Group Director Responsible for Production of this Initial Project Proposal/Final Design Report (IPP/FDR):

Reviewed By: Mike Wieszchowski, P.E., PTOE Assistant Vice President, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

Description of Work Performed: Directed the preparation of the IPP/FDR in accordance with established standards, policies, regulations and procedures, except as otherwise explained in this document.

PLACE P.E. STAMP

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1.1 PUBLIC FRIENDLY DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

NYSDOT has established a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP), which is a five-year multi-agency plan that takes a three-pronged approach to improve pedestrian safety. The plan includes focusing on engineering improvements to improve pedestrian safety and minimize crash potential by implementing countermeasures at the crossings on local urban roads and streets. Projects funded through the PSAP are funded through the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program.

The City of Rensselaer submitted a PSAP application form with supporting documentation and the following signalized intersections were selected for funding:

- 1. Intersection of Washington Avenue, Forbes Avenue and 7th Street
- 2. Intersection of Broadway and Partition Street
- 3. Intersection of Broadway and Pine Street
- 4. Intersection of Broadway and McNaughton Avenue
- 5. Intersection of 1st Street, Partition Street and East Street
- 6. Intersection of 3rd Street and Catherine Street.

A project location map is shown on the cover sheet of the project plans attached in Appendix A.

1.2. PROJECT LOCATION

- A. City/Village/Township: City of Rensselaer
- B. County: Rensselaer County
- C. Any other description information which is pertinent: The project is located at the six intersections listed in section 1.1
- D. Length: 6 Intersections totaling approximately 430± linear feet.
- E. Federal Aid System: **Highway Safety Improvement Program** FUNTIONAL CLASS: **Varies** (see section 2.1)
- F. Existing AADT: See critical design elements in Section 2.1.
- G. Trucks (%): See critical design elements in Section 2.1.

1.3. PROJECT NEEDS

Existing Characteristics of Concern					
Element	Measure/Indicator				
	All 6 intersections lack pedestrian push buttons except the corner of Washington and Seventh				
Traffic Signal Deficiencies	The intersection of Broadway and Pine had a flashing yellow light.				

	Washington Avanua Forhas Avanua and 7th Street
	Washington Avenue, Forbes Avenue and 7 th Street – The intersection lacks pedestrian signals at 3/4 of the quadrants of the intersection. 2 of the crosswalks aren't high intensity ladder style. The ramps at the south side of Washington and 7 th , and Washington and Forbes lack detectable warning units. The existing ramp at the north end of Washington and Forbes has a slope that is not ADA compliant. Broadway and Partition Street –
	The intersection lacks pedestrian push buttons and signals at all quadrants of the intersection. The existing crosswalks are not high intensity ladder style. The existing curb ramps are not ADA compliant.
Curh Ramn/Pedestrian Facility	Broadway and Pine Street – The intersection lacks pedestrian push buttons and signals at all quadrants of the intersection. The intersection lacks crosswalks. The existing traffic signal is only one flashing yellow light.
Curb Ramp/Pedestrian Facility Deficiencies	Broadway and McNaughton Avenue – The intersection lacks Pedestrian push buttons and signals at all quadrants of the intersection. The existing curb ramps lack detectable warning units. There are no crosswalks. There is only one traffic head in each direction.
	1st Street, Partition Street and East Street — The intersection lacks Pedestrian push buttons and signals at all quadrants of the intersection. The existing curbs ramps at the east corner of partition and east street, the east facing curb ramp at the west corner of partition and east street lack detectable warning units and are not ADA compliant. The crosswalks are also all not high intensity ladder style.
	3 rd Street and Catherine Street – The pedestrian push buttons do not work. The intersection lacks pedestrian signals. The intersection lacks crosswalks. There are no detectable warning units at the southwest corner of the intersection.
Other Pertinent Measure(s)	N/A
Project Element(S) To Be Addre	ssed:
☐ Highway Element-Specific☐ Bridge Element-Specific☐ Other:	☑ Operational Maintenance☑ Where & When
	ility & Reliability

1.4. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

(1) Correct safety deficiencies using cost effective accident reduction measures such that accident reduction benefits equal or exceed project costs attributable to safety work.

1.5. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK

The proposed work for this project will include installation of pedestrian signals, curb ramps, and striping all of which are described below.

Curb Ramps:

The proposed impacts to the existing curb ramps and sidewalk will vary per intersection. Prior to construction, all existing curb ramps will be inventoried and evaluated based on the critical design elements for pedestrian facilities. Those not meeting current design standards will be replaced and installed with detectable warnings. Similarly, pavement conditions at crosswalk locations will be reviewed, and crosswalk areas will be milled and resurfaced if pavement is deemed unacceptable.

Pedestrian Signals:

With the exception of Washington Avenue and 7th street, the other five intersections lack any pedestrian signals. As part of the project, pedestrian signals will be constructed to provide safe passage across both the major and minor approaches of each intersection. A preliminary survey of the existing traffic signal controllers indicates that the controller at Broadway and McNaughton Avenue will need to be replaced so that it can accommodate the addition of pedestrian timings. All other controllers will remain. To minimize costs and impacts to roadway the project will attempt to resue conduit wherever feasible. All new pedestrian signals installed will include Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) pushbuttons.

Striping /Signage:

At the six signalized intersections, the existing stop bars and crosswalks will be removed and replaced. The crosswalks will be upgraded to Type ladder-standard (LS) to increase visibility. Signage will also be upgraded and installed to ensure compliance with the MUTCD and latest NYSDOT Guidance. Additionally, all school sign posts will be installed with two sign posts and reflective strips per TSMI 16-03 for increased visibility. Below is a summary of the planned improvements:

Traffic signals:

This project is expected to have a minor impact on the existing traffic signals. At the intersections of Broadway/Pine Street and Broadway/McNaughton Avenue a microwave detector will be added to serve the minor approach thereby converting each intersection to semi-actuated operation. Each intersection currently operates under a pretimed condition which is inefficient for motor vehicles, but also fails to allow the integration of a pedestrian phase. Under a pretimed condition pedestrian phase would activate under each cycle which renders the use of APS pushbuttons unnecessary. Outside of the microwave detectors and replacement of the outdated controller at Broadway and McNaughton Avenue mentioned above, the project will not adjust field timings (for lane optimization), head layout, or detection.

For a more in-depth discussion of the design criteria and nonstandard features **see section 2.1** of this report.

2.1 DESIGN STANDARDS

Design Standards					
Project Type	NYSDOT Design Guidance				
Sign and/or Traffic Signal Upgrading Projects	NYSDOT Highway Design Manual Chapter 11				
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	NYSDOT Highway Design Manual Chapters 17 & 18				
Drainage System Restoration	NYSDOT Highway Design Manual Chapters 8 & 19				
1R Projects	NYSDOT Highway Design Manual Chapter 7				
Engineering Directive 15-004	Design, Construction and Inspection of Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right of Way				
Traffic Safety and Mobility Instruction 17-07	Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Countermeasure Details				

2.2 OTHER DESIGN PARAMETERS

There are no other design parameters.

2.3 NON-STANDARD/NON-CONFORMING FEATURES -

There are no nonstandard or nonconforming roadway features within the project limits.

Existing pedestrian facilities within the scope of this project will be evaluated in final design for conformance with the applicable standards in the NYSDOT Critical Elements for the Design, Layout and Acceptance of Pedestrian Facilities found on the NYSDOT Highway Design Manual Chapter 18 webpage. If the work at any facility will not meet the applicable standards, then the procedural requirements identified in ED 15-004 - Design, Construction and Inspection of Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right of Way will be followed and the facility will be rehabilitated, replaced or justified as nonstandard.

2.4 SPECIAL TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REQUIRED

2.5 WORKZONE SAFETY & MOBILITY

The City has determined that this project is not significant per 23 CFR 630.1010.

A Transportation Management Plan (TMP) will be prepared for the project consistent with 23 CFR 630.1012. The TMP will consist of a Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) plan. Transportation Operations (TO) and Public Information (PI) components of a TMP will be considered during final design.

2.6	ASSE	ET MANAGEM	IENT (OPTIONAL) Applies	\boxtimes	Not	: Applicable	
2.7	POTE	NTIAL UTILIT	Y INVOLVEMENT				
		Yes		\boxtimes		No	
2.8	RIGH	IT OF WAY					
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3.1 E	ENVIRO	NMENTAL CI	ASSIFICATION				
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SEQR	۹ (State	Environmenta	al Quality Review Ad	ct):			
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The fol	lowing (Checklist(s) are	e attached:				
⊠ Fed	deral En	vironmental A	pprovals Workshee	t (FEA	AW)		
⊠ Soo	cial, Ecc	onomic and En	vironmental Resou	rces C	Check	klist	

3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Comparison of Alternatives					
		Alternatives Evaluated			
Category	Null	Reasonable/Preferred Alternative – Alt. 1			
Social	Social, Economic and Environmental Resources Checklist (SEERC)				
Social - B Neighborhoods and Community Cohesion - #3	None	The project will provide improvements to walking and bicycle options to nearby business and residential areas			
Social - C General Social Groups - #1	None	The project will improve existing conditions and provide safer means of crossing at intersections.			
Social - D Community Services - #1	None	The Doane Stuart School is located at the intersection of Washington Ave/ Forbes/ 7 th .			
Economic – B. – Business Districts	None	The project will construct or modify pedestrian signals and reconstruct curb ramps as needed depending upon existing conditions.			

3.3 ANTICIPATED PERMITS/CERTIFICATIONS/COORDINATION

All the intersections are local roadways and will not require permitting from NYSDOT or the County.

Permits 1

City of Rensselaer Road Opening Permit

Coordination

- Coordination with the City of Rensselaer
- Coordination with the New York State Department of Transportation
- Coordination with the Federal Highway Administration
- Coordination with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

3.4 NYS SMART GROWTH PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY ACT (SGPIPA)

To the extent practicable this project has met the relevant criteria as described in ECL § 6-0107. The Smart Growth Screening Tool was used to assess the project's consistency and alignment with relevant Smart Growth criteria; the tool was completed by the Region's Planning and Program Management group on and reflects the current project scope.

4.1 FUNDING

FUNDING SOURCE: 1			
MPO INVOLVEMENT:	☐ No	⊠ Yes	

	TIP N	lame: (City of	Rensselaer	PSAP	TIP No.: R327
TIP AMENDMENT RE	QUIRE	D:	\boxtimes	No	☐ Yes	; Needed by:
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4.2 COST AND SCHEDULE		Permi		J		4(f)/106 FHWA sign-off Consultant(s) for: dangered species (ESA)

Schedule and Cost						
Project Phase	Activity Duration	Estimated Cost	Fund Source	Obligation Date		
Design V-VI	9/2019 - 11/2019	\$50,000	HSIP (100% Federal)	SFY 2020		
Construction	4/2020 to 8/2020	\$395,000	HSIP (100% Federal)	SFY 2020		
Construction Inspection	4/2020 to 8/2020	\$55,000	HSIP (100% Federal)	SFY 2020		
TOTAL ESTIMATED C	OST	\$500,000				

BASIS OF ESTIMATE: TIP

PROGRAM DISPOSITION/LETTING: Scheduled for letting in SFY 2020

STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE: No Remarks:

Design approval is scheduled for July of 2020 with construction scheduled to begin in April of 2020 and last four months.

Project Schedule				
Activity	Date Occurred/Tentative			
Scope Approval	January 2019			
Design Approval	July 2019			
ROW Acquisition	Not required			
Construction Start	April 2020			
Construction Complete	August 2020			

Project Cost (in millions)					
Activitie	s	Reasonable/Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1)			
	Bridge	\$0			
Construction Costs	Highway	\$308,700			
	Field Change Item	\$18,200			
Incidentals (10%)	\$36,300			
Subtotal 1		\$363,200			
Contingency (15% at Design Approval)		\$64,000			
Mobilization	(4%)	\$17,800			
Subtotal	2	\$445,000			
Expected Award Amount (Inflate current costs/prices at 0%/yr. to midpoint of construction to arrive at \$ amount to be entered here) See HDM 21.6.3.2 B		\$0			
Construction Inspe	ection (9%)	\$55,000			
ROW Costs		\$0			
Total Alternativ	ve Costs	\$500,000			

5.1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Notifications to public officials, potential stakeholders and emergency responders and schools have been completed.

Public Involvement Plan Schedule of Milestone Dates	
Activity	Date Occurred/Tentative
Stake holder Meeting	Not Required
Focus Group Meeting	Not Required
Meeting with City Reps.	March 2019
Meeting with Agency (SHPO/USCG/USACE, etc.)	Not Required

Public Involvement Plan Schedule of Milestone Dates	
Activity	Date Occurred/Tentative
Public Informational Meeting	Not Required

6.1 LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / APPENDCIES

Project Appendices

Appendix A – Project Plans

Appendix B – Environmental Documents

- Endangered Species Act Transmittal Sheet
- Section 106 Concurrence Memorandum (Coordination ongoing)
- Federal Environmental Approval Worksheet (FEAW)
- Social, Economic and Environmental Resources Checklist (SEERC)

Appendix C – Traffic Information

- Complete Streets Checklist
- NYSDOT Smart Growth Screening

Appendix A Plans, Profiles, and Typical Sections

INTERSECTIONS

WASHINGTON AVENUE/FORBES AVENUE/7TH STREET

5 1ST STREET/PARTITION STREET/EAST STREET

2 BROADWAY/PARTITION STREET 3 BROADWAY/PINE STREET

4 BROADWAY/MCNAUGHTON AVENUE

6 3RD STREET/CATHERINE STREET



RENSSELAER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)

CITY OF RENSSELAER, RENSSELAER COUNTY

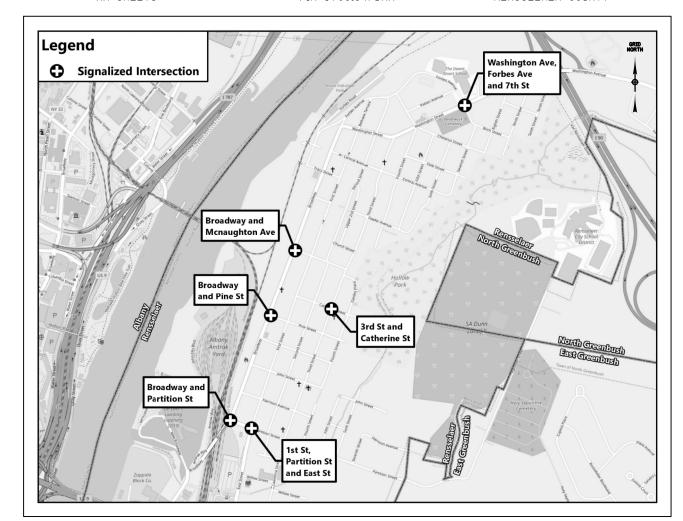
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PRELIMINARY PLANS

XX SHEETS

PIN 1760.94/DXX

RENSSELAER COUNTY



PROJECT LOCATION NOT TO SCALE

THE LATEST REVISIONS OF THE STANDARD SHEETS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH ARE CURRENT ON THE DATE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS, SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE IN EFFECT. ALL PAY ITEMS AND WORK CONTAINED IN THE CONTRACT AND ANY ADDITIONAL PAY ITEMS AND WORK ENCOUNTERED DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE STANDARD SHEET(S) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

ALL WORK CONTEMPLATED UNDER THIS CONTRACT IS TO BE COVERED BY AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS (US CUSTOMARY) REFERENCED IN THE CONTRACT PROJECT "PROPOSAL" EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BY THESE PLANS OR BY CHANGES SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT PROJECT "PROPOSAL."

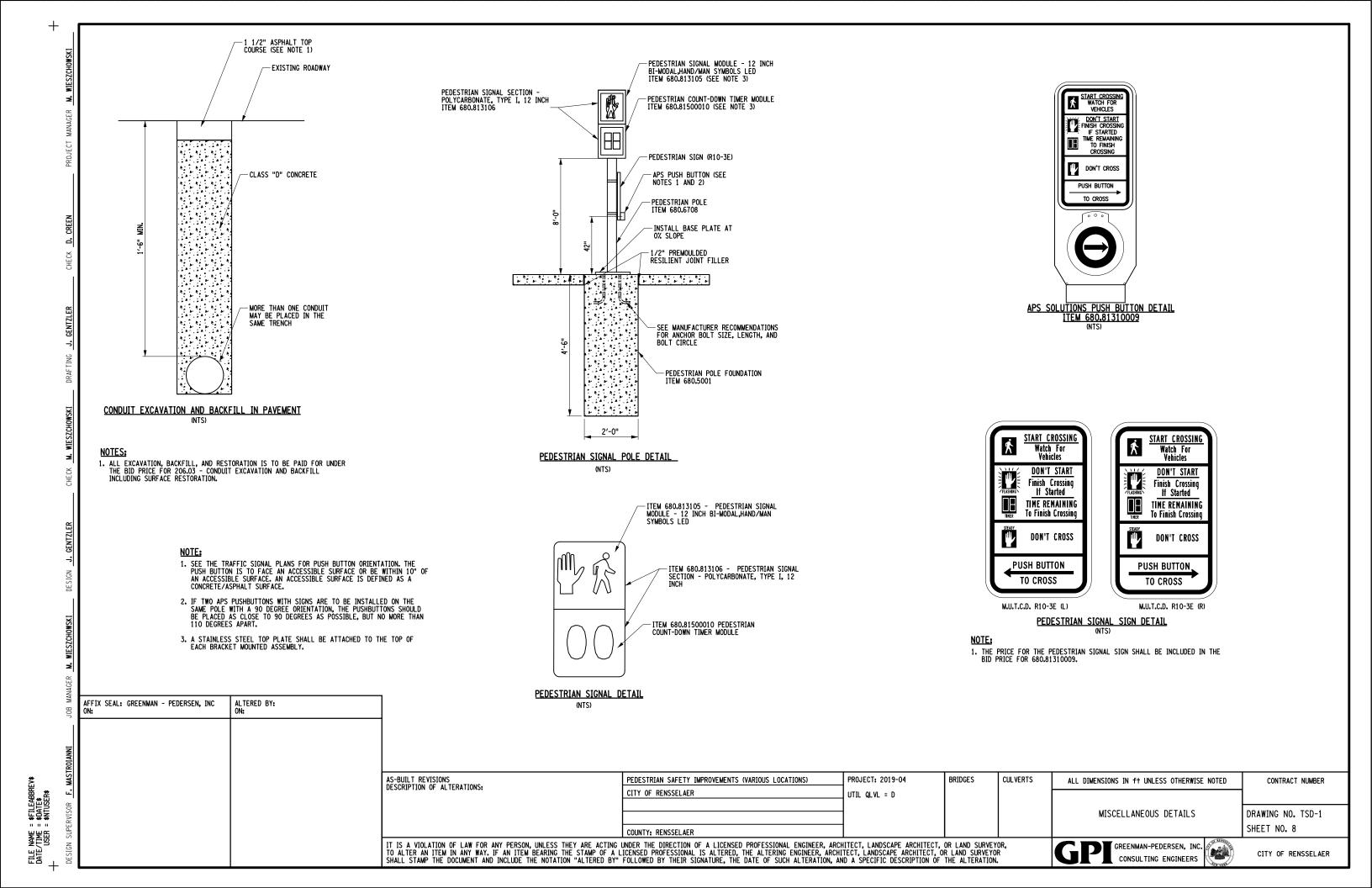
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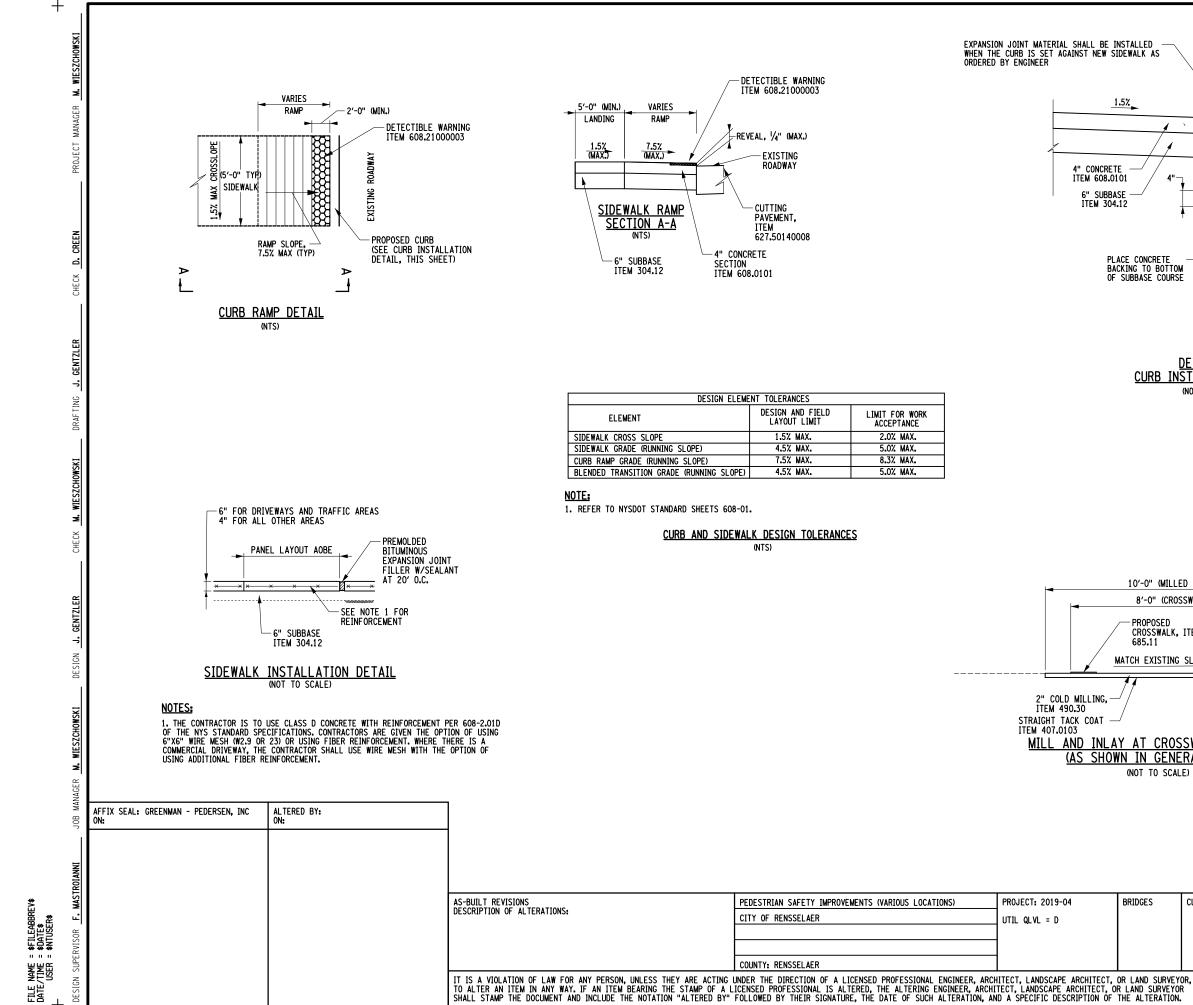
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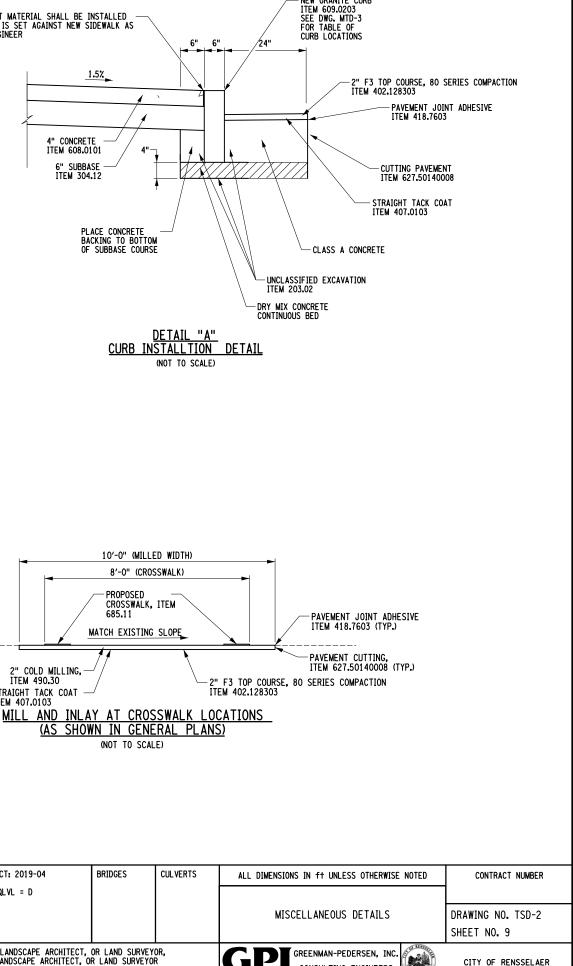
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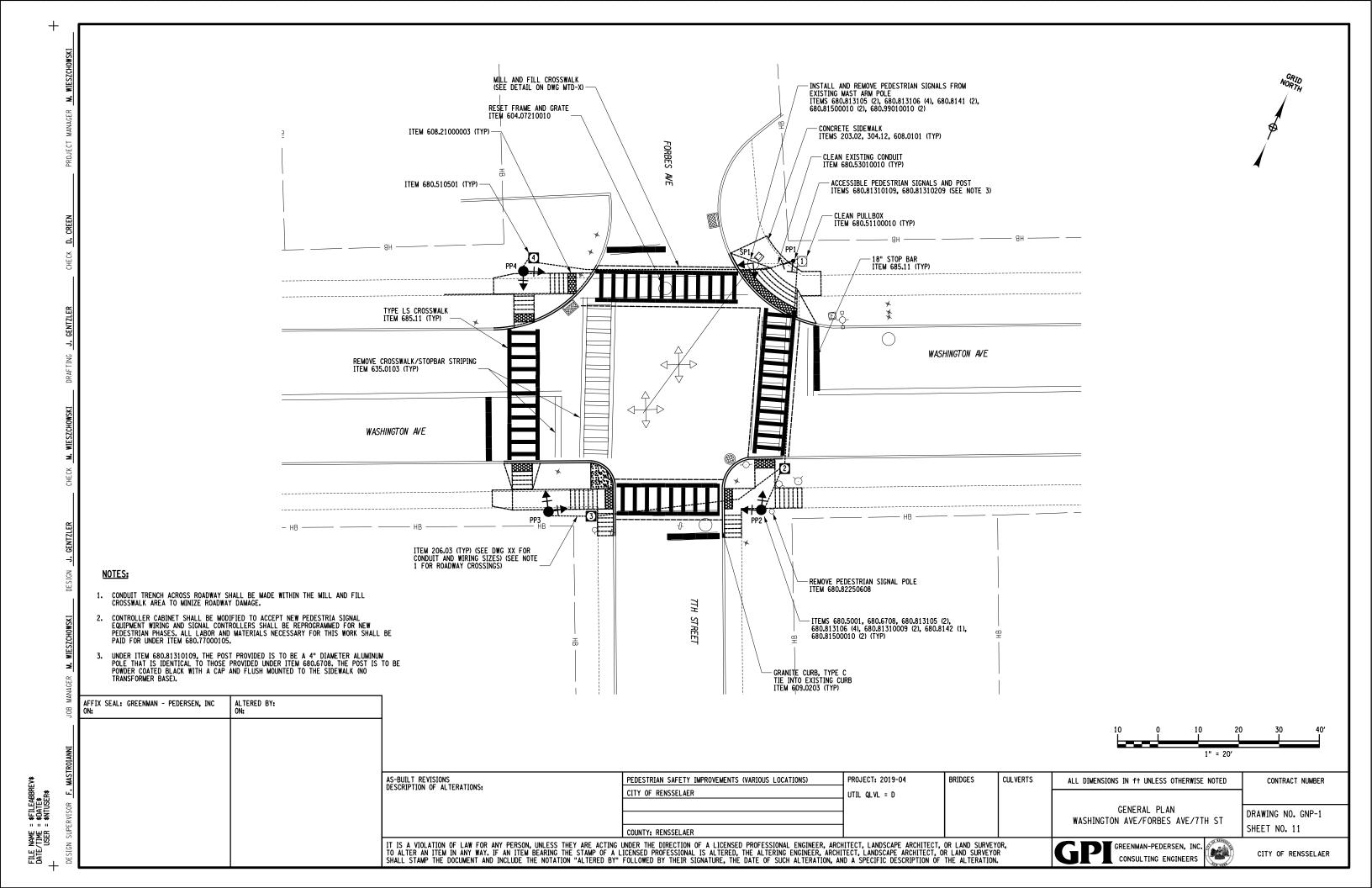


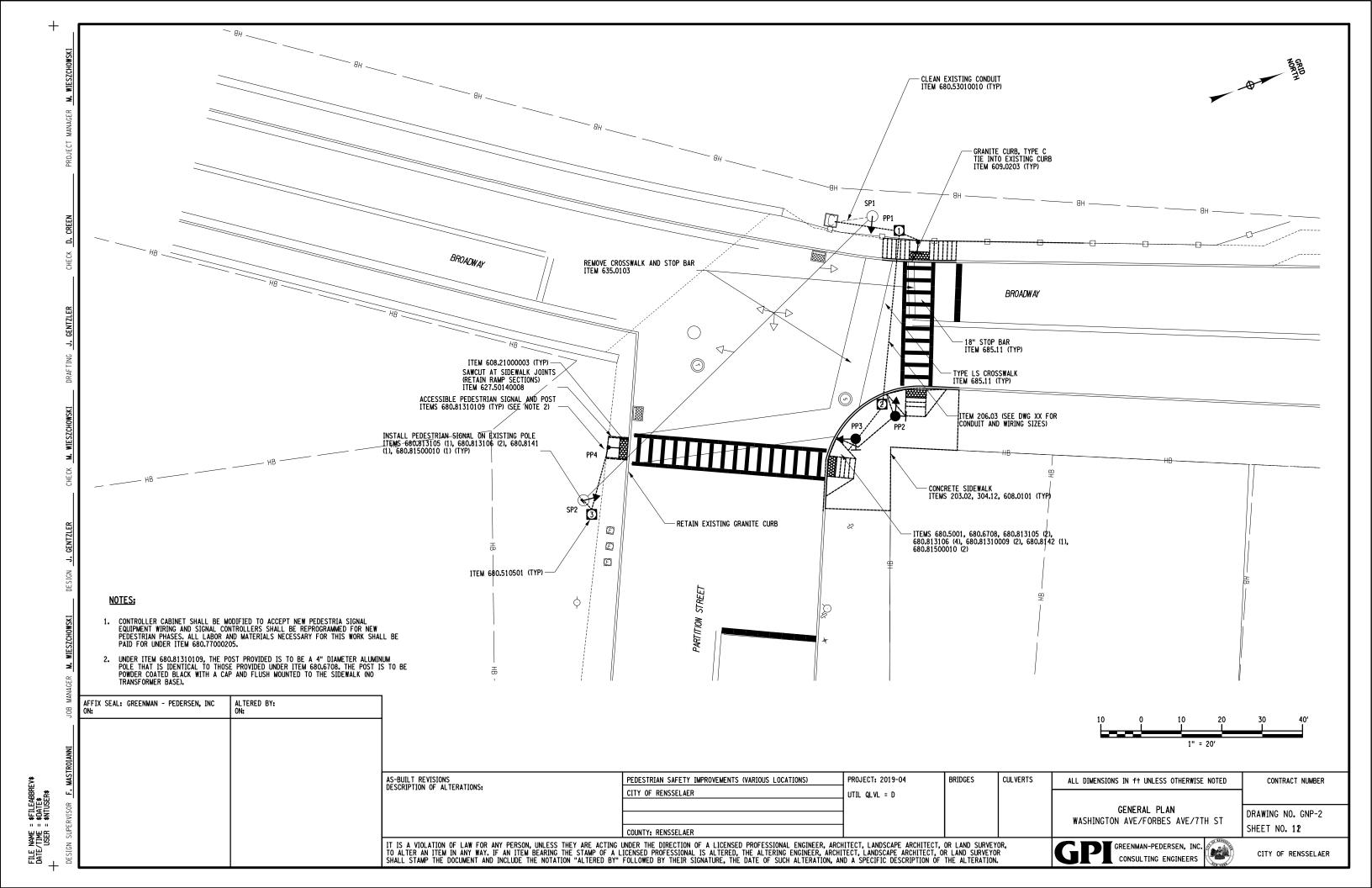


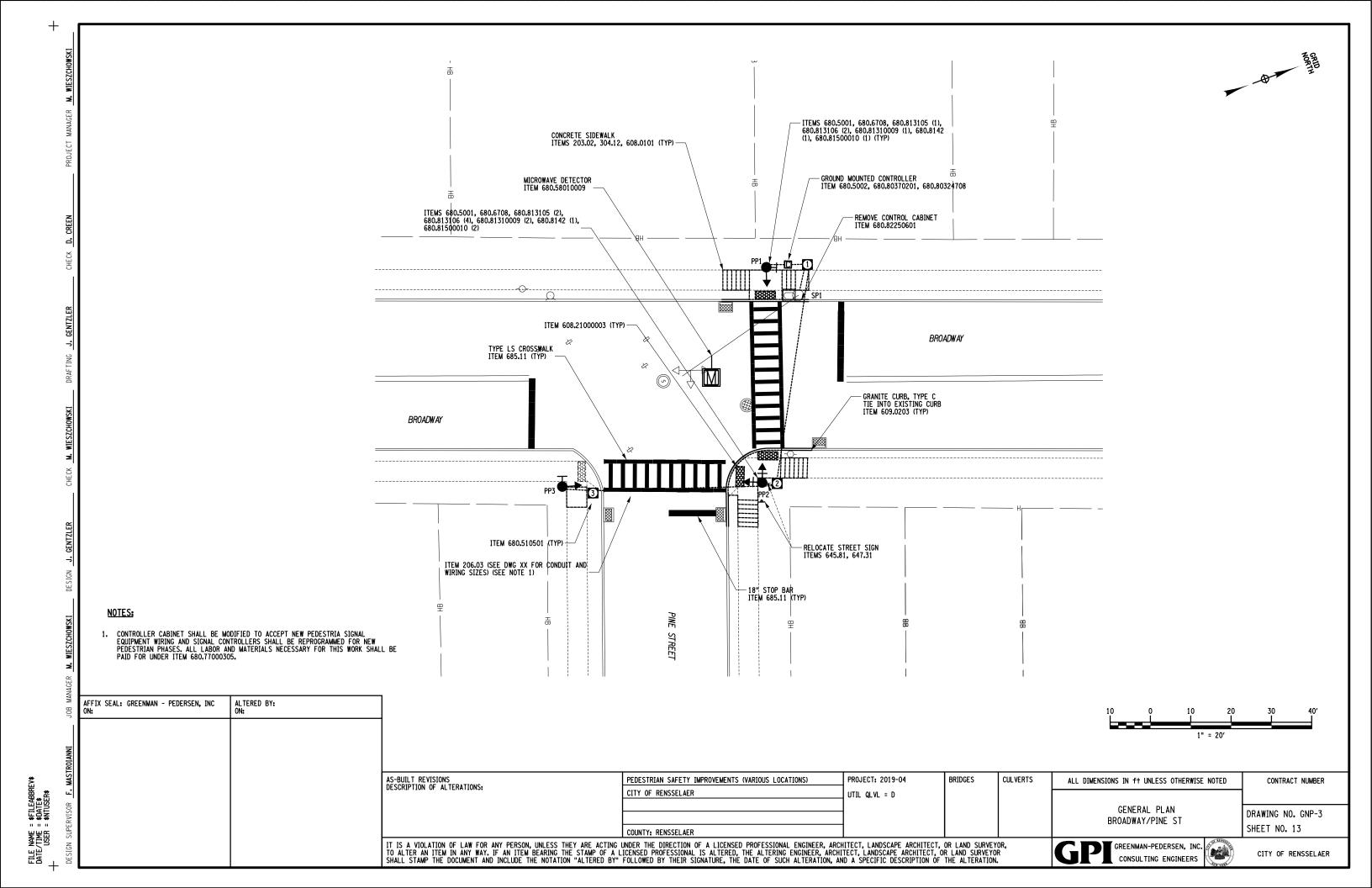


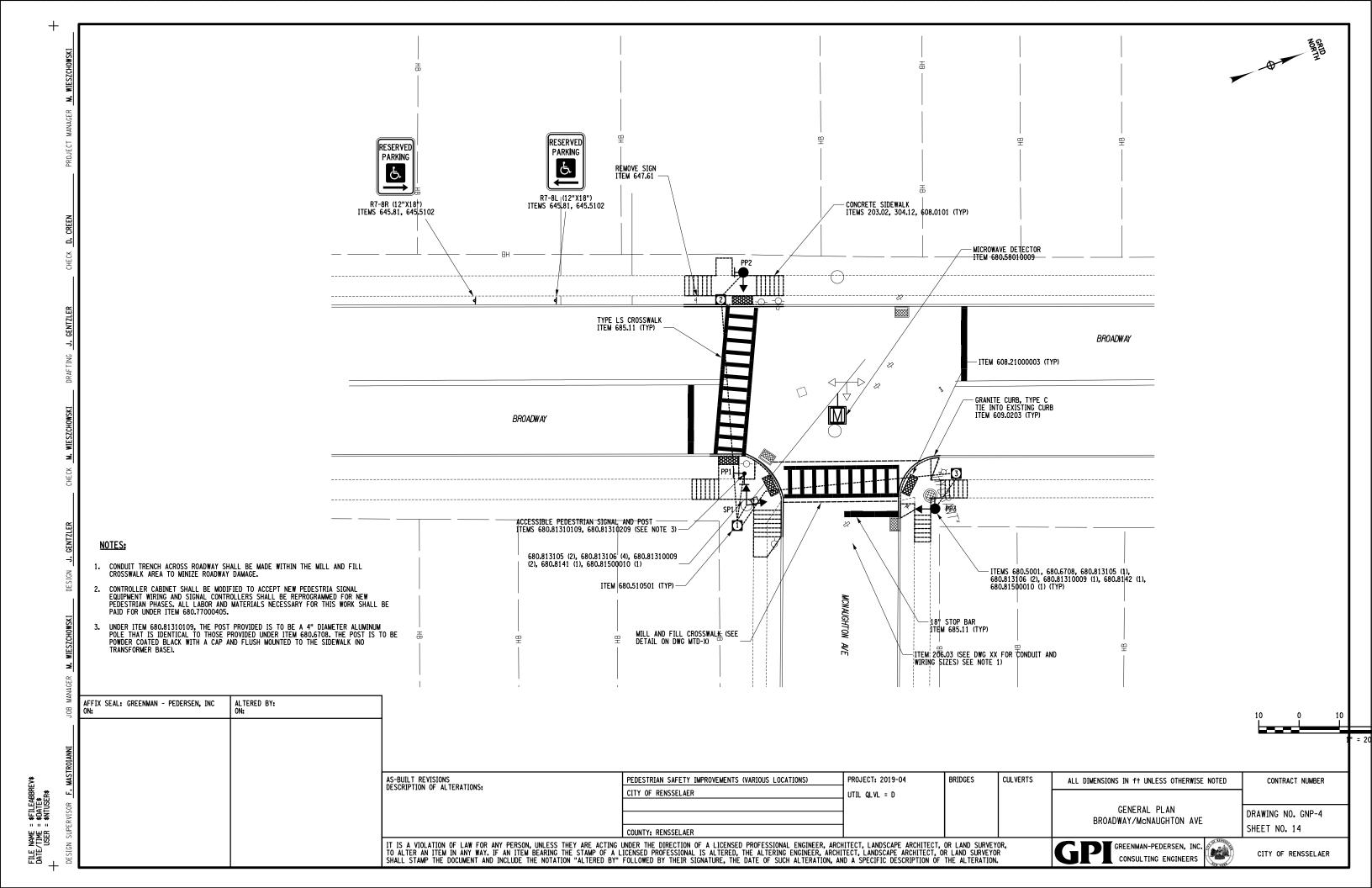
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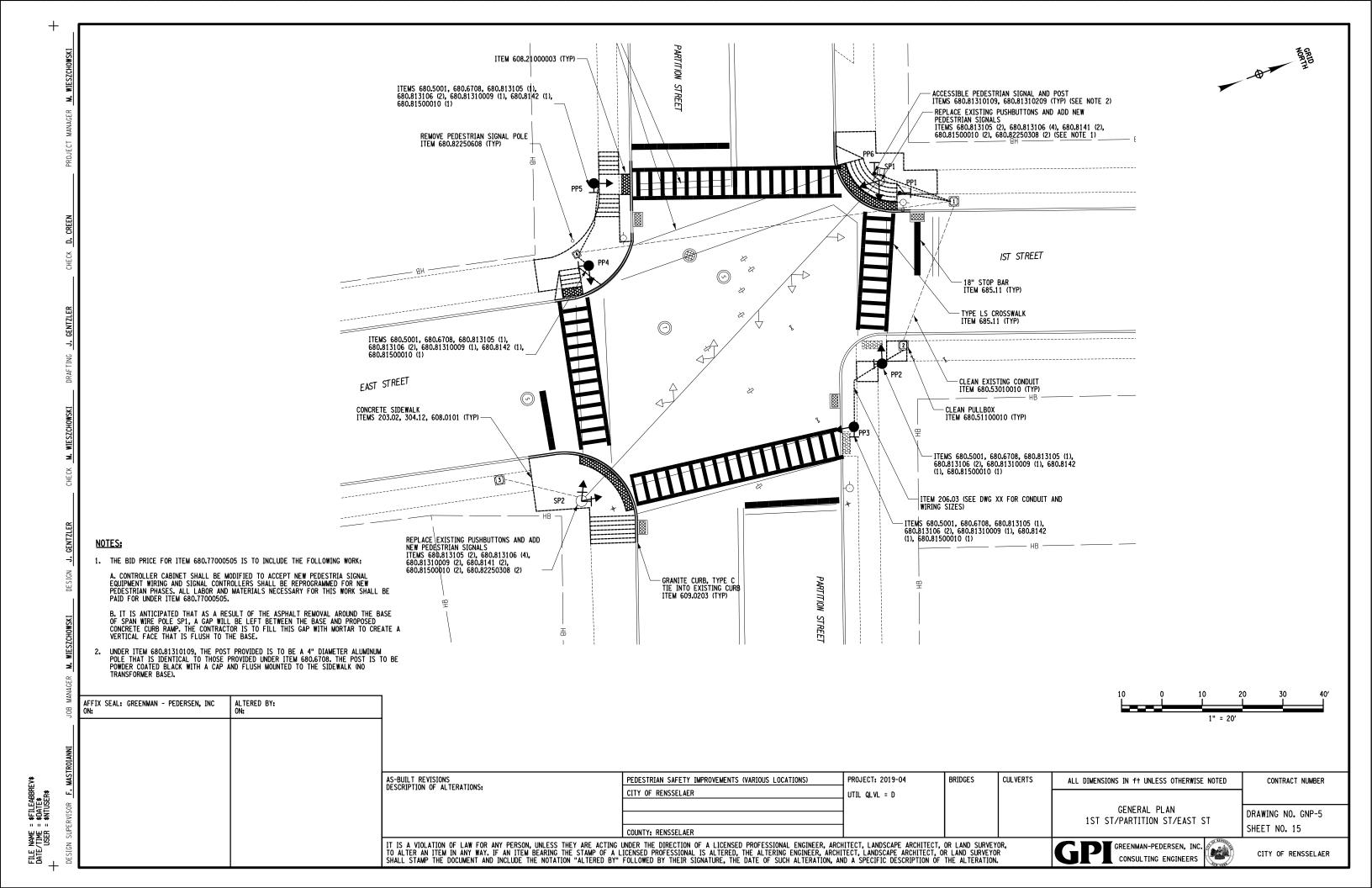
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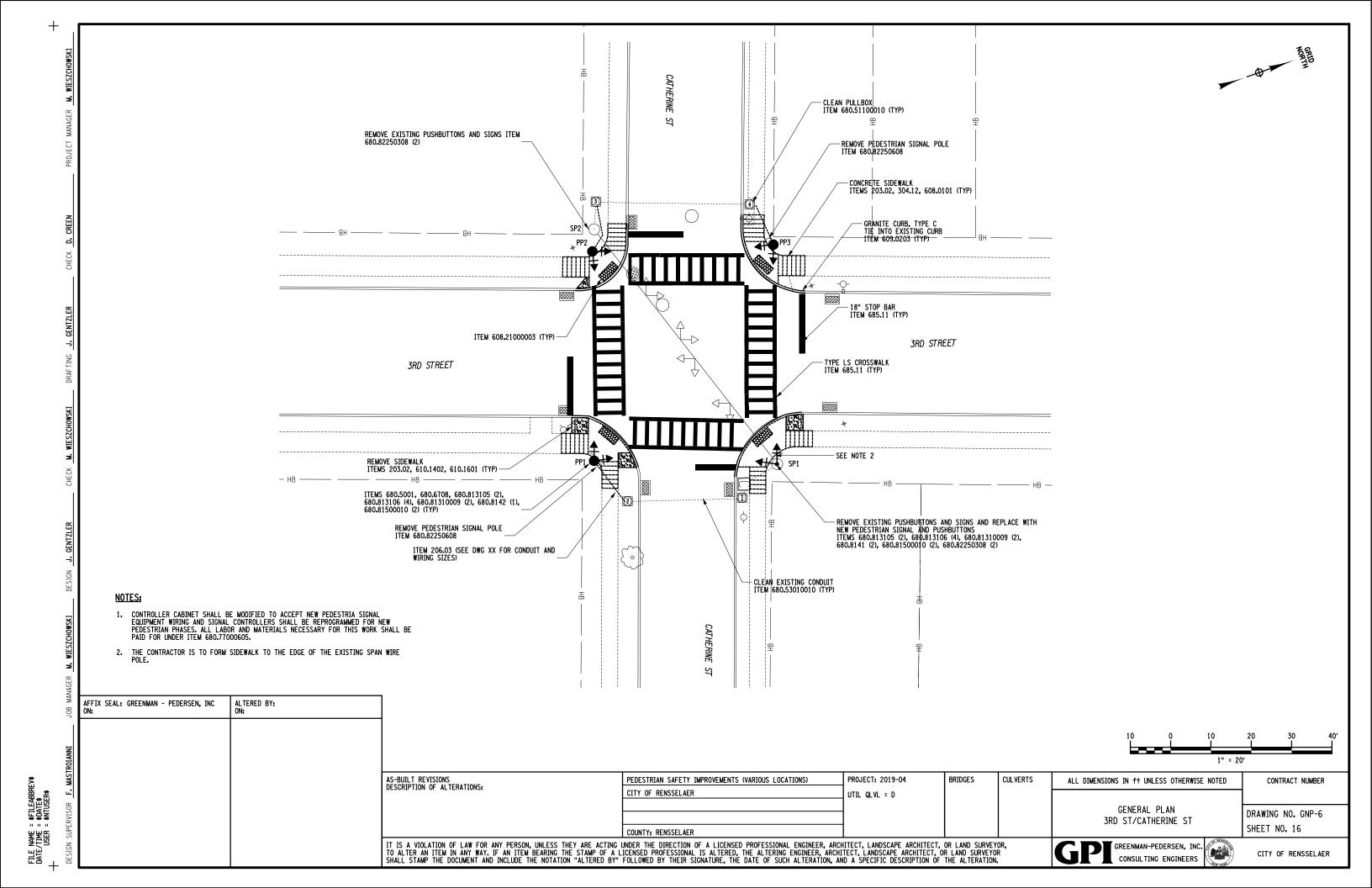












Appendix B Environmental Information

Endangered Species Act

1. Federal Highway Administration Endangered Species Act Transmittal Sheet

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

2. SHPO Concurrence - TBD

Other Forms

- 3. Social, Economic, and Environmental Checklist
- 4. Federal Environmental Approvals Worksheet

Section 7 ESA Process: ESA Transmittal Sheet

PIN: 1760.94 PROJECT NAME: Rensselaer Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Section 7 ESA Process: ESA/EFH Transmittal Sheet

Step 3: Documentation. Please complete the appropriate boxes below and complete the documentation as described.

	ESA/EFH Does Not Apply	No Effect, Activity- Based	No Effect, No Suitable Habitat or No Effect	BATS: MA, NLAA, 14-Day Form, or IPaC Submittal	NLEB: MA, LAA 30 Day Form, or IPaC Submittal	MA, NLAA, Traditional 7-step Process	MA, LAA, Formal Consultation
Northern Long-eared Bat		15/24					
Indiana Bat					NA		
Bog Turtle				NA	NA		
Mollusks (Dwarf Wedge Mussel, Rayed Bean, Clubshell, Chittenango Ovate Amber Snail)				NA	NA		
Karner Blue Butterfly				NA	NA		
Sturgeon (Shortnose, Atlantic)				NA	NA		
Sea Turtles				NA	NA		
Atlantic Large Whales			NA	NA	NA		
EFH Resources (circle one)	EFH Does Not Apply	No Effect, Activity- Based	NA	NA	EFH Programmatic Agreement Applies	EFH Programmatic Agreement MAY Apply	Individual EFH Consultation is Required
Documentation Required	The IPaC/NMFS ESA/EFH Mapper report is included in the Design Report.	Record the corresponding number of the activity in the box above. This sheet and the IPaC/NMFS ESA/EFH printout are included in the Design Report.	NYSDOT submits "No Effect, No Suitable Habitat Determination" to FHWA. Concurrence has been obtained if 15 days passes without correspondence from FHWA.	NYSDOT submits 14- day Form to USFWS- cc: Area Engineer, OR submits through IPaC w/Area Engineer included.	day Form to FHWA- then to USFWS, OR	NYSDOT submits either BE or BA to FHWA, who submits to USFWS for concurrence.	NYSDOT submits BA to FHWA for Initiation of Formal Consultation with USFWS or NMFS.

Instructions for Use: This Summary Sheet is sent to FHWA for concurrence for all submissions, except "ESA Does Not Apply" and "No Effect, Activity-Based". A submittal package includes all documentation for all species requiring concurrence, with a cover letter requesting concurrence, so that FHWA can make one ESA determination. SEE EACH SPECIES-SPECIFIC PACKAGE FOR SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTALS. Also, FHWA requires documentation of compliance with ESA in the Design Report.

TEM 4.4.9.3.11 Appendix G (December 2018)

Highway/Bridge Work Types

- 1. Joint and Crack Sealing
- 2. Pavement Marking
- 3. Impact Attenuator Repair or Replacement
- 4. Repair and Replace Loop Detectors
- 5. On-call Guide Rail Repair
- 6. Rigid Pavement Repairs (spall repair, grinding, etc.)
- 7. Pavement Grooving
- 8. Microsurfacing and Chip Sealing
- 9. Shoulder Rumble Strip Installation
- 10. Delineator and/or Reference Marker Placement or Replacement
- 11. Graffiti Removal and/or Prevention
- 12. Shoulder Rehabilitation and/or Repair
- 13. Traffic Management Systems Maintenance (communications cable, hardware for ITS, RWIS, etc.)
- 14. Highway Lighting Upgrading (excluding luminaire replacement and installation of high mast lighting)
- Bicycle Path and Walkway Rehabilitation (e.g. ADA curb ramps)
- 16. Install, Replace and/or Repair Permanent Traffic Count Detectors
- 17. Install, Replace and/or Repair Weigh-in-Motion Detectors
- 18. Recharge Basin Reconditioning
- 19. Underdrain Installation
- 20. Guide Rail and/or Median Barrier Upgrading (including placement of new guide railing or median barrier)
- 21. Upgrading Sign(s) and/or Traffic Signal(s)
- 22. Install, Replace and/or Repair Right-Of-Way, Pedestrian and Permanent Snow Fencing
- 23. Park and Ride Lot Rehabilitation
- 1R Projects that do not involve drainage work or work off of the paved surface/shoulder
- 25. 2R Projects that do not involve drainage work or work off of the paved surface/shoulder
- 26. 3R Projects (freeway and non-freeway) that do not involve drainage work, bridge work, or work off of the paved surface/shoulder
- 27. Highway-Rail Grade Crossing: installation of new and/or replacement of existing automatic warning devices
- 28. Highway-Rail Grade Crossing: installation of new and/or replacement of existing signage
- 29. Highway-Rail Grade Crossing: interconnection of grade crossing warning systems with vehicular traffic signal system
- 30. Highway-Rail Grade Crossing: surface replacement or upgrade
- 31. Bridge Work: Maintenance, alteration, and demolition of bridges/structures from October 1 to March 31 that does not include alteration of permanent street lighting and does not alter bat roost potential, or involve any work within rivers, streams, or wetlands, OR the same type of work between April 1 and September 30 that has negative Bridge/Bat Survey results.
- 32. Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (M&PT) activities within the operational right-of-way.

Social, Economic and Environmental Resources Checklist			
PIN:1760.94	FUNDING TYPE: HSIP		
DESCRIPTION: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT	DATE:5/21/19		
VARIOUS LOCATIONS (CITY OF RENSSELAER)	REVISION DATE:		
MUNICIPALITY: CITY OF RENSSELAER	NEPA CLASS: Class II Cat Ex		
COUNTY: RENSSELAER	SEQRA TYPE: Type II		
SCOPE: The project will either replace or install pedestrian signals and curb ramps at (6) signalized			

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SOCIAL,	IF YES, GO TO IMPACT OR ISSUE; IF NO CHECK BOX BELOW		CT¹ OR UE?	
		NO	YES	NO
	Social			
A. Land	d Use			
1. ls t	there potential to affect current land use/zoning?	\boxtimes		
	there a lack of consistency with community's comprehensive in and/or other local or regional planning goals?	\boxtimes		
3. Wil	Il the project affect any planned or future development?	\boxtimes		
_	ghborhoods and Community Cohesion			
	e relocations of homes or businesses proposed or acquisition community resources anticipated?			
	there potential for changes to neighborhood character?	\boxtimes		
	there a potential to impact transportation options (e.g., transit, lking, bicycling)? Focuses on improving pedestrian safety		\boxtimes	
4. Are	e there potential changes to travel patterns that could affect ighborhood quality of life?			
ger cor	If the project divide or isolate portions of the community or nerate new development that could affect the current mmunity structure?	\boxtimes		
C. Gen	eral Social Groups			
eld	e there potential effects to the ability of transit dependent, lerly, or disabled populations to access destinations articularly local businesses and health care facilities)?		\boxtimes	
	es the project have the potential to disproportionately impact vincome or minority populations (Environmental Justice)?	\boxtimes		
eld	e there alterations to pedestrian facilities that would affect the lerly or disabled such as lengthening pedestrian crossings or oviding median refuge?	\boxtimes		
D. Com	nmunity Services			
Re	there potential to affect access to or use of Schools, creation Areas or Places of Worship (e.g., detours, sidewalk moval, addition of curb ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian signals,		\boxtimes	

May 2019 PIN 1760.94

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS	IF YES, GO TO IMPACT OR ISSUE; IF NO CHECK BOX BELOW	ACT OR JE; IF NO ISSUE? ELOW	
ata \2 Draiget is near Chanandahawa High Cahaal	NO	YES	NO
etc.)? Project is near Shenendehowa High School.	N		
Is there potential to affect emergency service response?	\boxtimes		Ш
Economic			
A. Regional and Local Economies			
Is there potential to affect local economic viability (e.g., development potential, tax revenues, employment opportunities, retail sales or public expenditures)?	\boxtimes		
Is there a potential to divert traffic away from businesses?	\boxtimes		
B. Business Districts			
Are there potential effects on the viability or character of Business Districts?	\boxtimes		
Will the project affect transportation options available for patrons getting into or out of the District?	\boxtimes		
Will sidewalks, bicycling opportunities or transit opportunities to or within the district be affected? Focuses on improving pedestrian safety			
Will parking within the district be affected?	\boxtimes		
C. Specific Business Impacts	"		
Are effects to specific businesses anticipated? (e.g., sidewalks, bicycling opportunities, or handicapped access to and from businesses)?	\boxtimes		
Will the project affect available transportation options for patrons to businesses?	\boxtimes		
3. Will the project affect the ability of businesses to receive deliveries?	\boxtimes		
4. Will parking for businesses be affected?	\boxtimes		
Environmental			
Are there wetlands within or immediately adjacent to the project limits? See Environmental Procedures Manual (EPM) 4.A.R, Executive	П		\boxtimes
Order (EO) 11990 may apply.			
Are there Surface Waters (other than wetlands) within or immediately adjacent to the project limits? lakes, ponds streams or wetlands of any jurisdiction	\boxtimes		
 Is there a designated Wild or Scenic River within or immediately adjacent to the project limits? (See <u>The Environmental Manual</u> (TEM) 4.4.3) 	\boxtimes		
Will the project require a U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit? Project area includes a bridge over navigable waters of U.S.	\boxtimes		
 Does the project area contain waters regulated as Navigable by U. S. Army Corps of Engineers? Section 404/10 Individual Permit or NWP 23 may be required 	\boxtimes		
6. Is the project in a mapped Flood Zone? TEM section 4.?, EO 11988	\boxtimes		
7. Is the project in or could it affect a designated coastal area? FAN and/or Consistency determination may be required. See TEM 4.6	\boxtimes		

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SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS	IF YES, GO TO IMPACT OR ISSUE; IF NO CHECK BOX BELOW	IMPAC ISSU	JE?
	NO	YES	NO
8. Is the project area above a Sole Source Aquifer? See TEM 4.4 Coordination with FHWA and/or EPA may be required.			
 Will the project involve one (1) acre of ground disturbance (or 5,000 sf in the East of Hudson watershed)? 	\boxtimes		
10. Are federally/state listed endangered species or designated critical habitat indicated for the project county? Coordination with DEC and/or a FHWA determination may be required. See <u>TEM 4.4.9.3</u> Threatened- Northern Long-eared Bat, Endangered- Karner Blue Butterfly			\boxtimes
11. Is the project in a designated Critical Environmental Area? <i>TEM</i> 4.4.11(SEQR issue)	\boxtimes		
12. Are there any resources protected by Section 106 (or Section 1409) within the project limits or immediate area? See <u>TEM</u> <u>4.4.12 Appendix G</u>			
13. Is Native American coordination required outside of Section 106 consultation? The project on or affecting Native American Lands or other areas of interest	\boxtimes		
14. Is there a use, constructive use or temporary occupancy of a 4(f) resource? See <u>SECTION 4(f) POLICY PAPER</u> and contact Area Engineer.			
15. Will the project involve conversion of a 6(f) resource? listed as having Land and Water Conservation funds spent on the resource	\boxtimes		
16. Is there any potential to affect the character of important and possibly significant the visual resources of the project area and its environs? (See <u>PDM Chapter 3.2.2.2</u>)	\boxtimes		
17. Will the project convert land protected by the Federal Farmland Protection Act? See <u>TEM 4.4.15</u>	\boxtimes		
18. Will the project acquire active farmland from an Agricultural District? (SEQR issue)	\boxtimes		
19. Is the project in a non-attainment area and exceed the CO screening criteria? see <u>EPM Chapter 1 1.1-19 an Air Quality Analysis required</u>	\boxtimes		
20. Is the project in a non-attainment area and exceed the PM screening criteria? see <u>EPM Chapter 1 1.1-19? A hot spot analysis is required</u>	\boxtimes		
21. Is the project a Type I Noise project as per 23 CFR 772? See TEM 4.4.18	\boxtimes		
22. Will the project require the removal of Asbestos Containing Materials? See <u>TEM 4.4.19</u>	\boxtimes		
23. Does the project area contain Contaminated and Hazardous Materials?	\boxtimes		
24. Will the project increase the height of towers, construct new towers or other obstructions in a known migratory bird flyway?			

NOTES:

¹ The term "impacts" means both positive and negative effects. Both types of effects should be discussed in the body of the report as appropriate.

PREPARED BY (Print Name and Title): Jeff Gentzler, P.E. - Project Engineer – Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided above is true and accurate.

Responsible Local Official ______ Date _______

Print Name and Title:

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PIN: 1760.94	Completed by: JSG	Date Completed: 5/21/19	FUNDING TYPE: Federal
DESCRIPTION: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (CITY OF RENSSELAER)			NEPA CLASS: Class II: CE
			SEQR TYPE: Type II
LOCALITY (Village	, Town, City): CITY OF RENSS	ELAER	COUNTY: RENSSELAER

Purpose of this Worksheet:

- Implement the <u>Programmatic Agreement Between the Federal Highway Administration</u>, New York Division (FHWA), and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) <u>Regarding the Processing of Actions Classified as Categorical Exclusions (CEs) for Federal-Aid Highway Projects (PARCE)</u>, executed September 2017.
- Communicate the project National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) classification and identify whether the FHWA or the NYSDOT (titles identified per <u>Project Development Manual (PDM) Chapter 4</u>, <u>Exhibit 4-2</u>) is making the CE determination.
- Identify any FHWA independent determinations, approvals and/or concurrences required before the CE determination can be made.
- To be included within the Design Approval Document (DAD) in accordance with the documentation requirements in the PARCE.

Categorical Exclusion (CE) - a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a Federal agency (40 CFR 1508.4). Actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant environmental effect are excluded from the requirement to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (23 CFR 771.115(b)).

Instructions:

Initial review of the Federal Environmental Approval Worksheet (FEAW) should occur in scoping or early in Design Phase I to identify potential risks. Complete new review of the FEAW periodically, particularly if project parameters or site condition changes result in potential resource impacts. Completion of the FEAW with signature in Step 4 is required prior to Design Approval. See PDM Chapter 4 for additional details.

Step 1A: Unusual Circumstances Threshold Determination – 23 CFR 771.117(b)

Do any, or the potential for any, unusual circumstances exist¹?

•	Significant environmental impacts	YES _	$NO \boxtimes$
•	Substantial controversy on environmental grounds	YES _	$NO \boxtimes$
•	Significant impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the DOT Act or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act	YES 🗌	NO⊠
•	Inconsistencies with any Federal, State, or local law, requirement or administrative determination relating to the environmental aspects of the project	YES 🗌	NO⊠

If yes to any of the above, contact the Main Office Project Liaison (MOPL) (see PDM Exhibit 4-1). Any project which would normally be classified as a CE but could involve unusual circumstances (or even uncertainty) will require consultation with the Office of Environment (OOE) and subsequently with the FHWA to determine if CE classification is still warranted. If, after consultation with the FHWA, it is determined that the project cannot be progressed as a CE, **skip** to step 4 and see PDM Chapter 4 for NEPA Class I (EIS) or Class III (EA) processing. If, after consultation with the FHWA, it is determined that the project can be progressed as a CE, **proceed to step 1B**.

If no to all the above, then this project qualifies as a CE; proceed to step 1B.

Step 1B: Identification of CE action

Is the project an action listed in 23 CFR 771.117 (c) - (d) (or as identified in FHWA's additional flexibilities memo)? **YES NO**

If Yes, proceed to step 2.

If No, contact the MOPL (see PDM Exhibit 4-1). If, after consultation with the OOE and the FHWA, it is determined that the project cannot be progressed as a CE, **skip to step 4** and see PDM Chapter 4 for NEPA Class I (EIS) or Class III (EA) processing. If, after consultation with the FHWA, it is determined that the project can continue as a CE, **proceed to step 2**.

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¹ See definitions and examples of unusual circumstances in FEAW_Instructions.doc

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Step 2: FHWA environmental actions required prior to CE determination²

The Step 2 table identifies certain issues that require: the FHWA to make the CE determination (Column A and 2.4); independent FHWA determinations (2.1); FHWA approvals, compliance or concurrence (2.2); or notification to the FHWA (2.3). Review *the FEAW Thresholds document* to determine how to fill out each column of Step 2.

FHW	A (2.3). Review the FEAW Thresholds document	<i>ment</i> to determ	ine how to fill out e	ach column of St	ep 2.
2.1	Required FHWA Independent environmental determinations	PARCE threshold exceeded ³	FHWA independent determination/ concurrence required	Date determination/ concurrence issued	Resource not present, or present but threshold not exceeded
		Α	В	B1	С
	utive Order (EO) 11990 Protection of ands Individual Finding			Date Issued	
	Section 7 Threatened and Endangered			Date Issued	
	on 106 of National Historic Preservation Act		\boxtimes	TBD	
	on 4(f) (Park, Wildlife Refuge, Historic Sites, National Wild and Scenic Rivers)			Date Issued	\boxtimes
2.2	Other FHWA environmental approvals, compliance and/or concurrence required	PARCE threshold exceeded ³	Threshold exceeded; FHWA approval, compliance or concurrence required		Resource not present, or present but threshold not exceeded
	1988 Floodplains				
	3112 Invasive Species				
	2898 Environmental Justice				
	Drinking Water Act Section 1424(e)				
US A NWP	rmy Corps of Engineers, Section 404/10 #23				
Section 6(f) Land and Water Conservation Funds					
Migratory Bird Treaty Act					\boxtimes
23CFR772 Type I Noise abatement					
Other Environmental Issues requiring FHWA notification		PARCE threshold exceeded ³	FHWA notification threshold exceeded		Resource not present, or present but threshold not exceeded
	US Army Corps of Engineers, Section 404/10 Individual Permit				\boxtimes
National Wild and Scenic Rivers					
US Coast Guard Bridge Permit					
Known hazardous waste site (only EPA National Priority list)					
Project on or affecting Native American Lands					\boxtimes
2.4	Other Issues Triggering FHWA Approval of Categorical Exclusion	PARCE threshold exceeded ³			Resource not present, or present but threshold not exceeded
Prope	erty Acquisition				\boxtimes
Majo	Traffic Disruptions				\boxtimes
Chan	ges in Access Control				\boxtimes

² This table does not represent all environmental issues and actions that a project is subject to. Classification as a CE does not exempt the project from further environmental review. Refer to the PDM and The Environmental Manual (TEM) to determine review requirements.

³ When PARCE threshold is exceeded, the NYSDOT recommends that the project qualifies as a CE and requests the FHWA make the CE determination. Information on PARCE specific thresholds are contained within *the FEAW Thresholds document*.

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Step 3: Who makes the NEPA CE Determination?

To identify which party, either the FHWA or the NYSDOT, makes the CE determination in accordance with the PARCE, follow the instructions found in the table below, beginning in Step 3A. This step also identifies which correspondence shell to use to distribute the FEAW and other environmental notifications or approvals.

3	Determine whether the FHWA or the NYSDOT makes the CE determination and whether additional notifications or approvals are required.		
	Is the project an action listed in 23 CFR 771.117 (c) - (d) (Answered yes in Step 1B)?		
3A	YES ☑ If Yes, proceed to 3B. NO ☐ If No, the FHWA makes the CE determination. For Locally Administered Federal Aid Projects only, the DAD, the NYSDOT recommendation and request (that the FHWA determines the project qualifies as a CE) are sent from the Regional Planning and Program Manager (RPPM) to the FHWA directly using Shell 4. For all other projects, the DAD and the NYSDOT recommendation and request (that the FHWA determines the project qualifies as a CE) are sent to the MOPL for review using Shell 3. Proceed to Step 4.		
3B	 Are any of the CE Thresholds from the PARCE not met (Are there any checks in Column A of Step 2)? YES ☐ If Yes, the FHWA makes the CE determination. For Locally Administered Federal Aid Projects only, the DAD and the NYSDOT recommendation and request (that the FHWA determines the project qualifies as a CE) are sent from the RPPM to the FHWA directly using Shell 4. For all other projects, the DAD and the NYSDOT recommendation and request (that the FHWA determines the project qualifies as a CE) are sent to the MOPL for review using Shell 3. Proceed to Step 4. NO ☒ If No, proceed to 3C. 		
3C	 Are there outstanding independent environmental approvals or concurrences? (Are there checks in column B of Step 2.1 without dates in column B1)? YES ☐ If Yes, then the FHWA makes the CE determination. For Locally Administered Federal Aid Projects only, the DAD and the NYSDOT recommendation and request (that the FHWA determines the project qualifies as a CE) are sent from the RPPM to the FHWA directly using Shell 4. For all other projects, the DAD and the NYSDOT recommendation and request (that the FHWA determines the project qualifies as a CE) are sent to the MOPL for review using Shell 3. Proceed to Step 4. NO ☒ If No, the NYSDOT makes the NEPA CE determination. Proceed to 3D. 		
3D	Are there ☐ any circumstances requiring demonstration of applicable EO compliance (any checks in column B of Table 2.2); or ☐ any issues requiring the FHWA environmental notification (any checks in column B of Table 2.3)? YES ☐ If either box is checked, once all required approvals and concurrences have been secured, the NYSDOT makes the CE determination but the information must be forwarded to FHWA for notification or action prior to Design Approval using Shell 1. Proceed to step 4. NO ☒ If neither box is checked, once all required approvals and concurrences have been secured the NYSDOT makes the CE determination without notification to the FHWA. The project will use Shell 2. Proceed to step 4.		

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Step 4: Summary and Recommendation

- The project **is not** located within an area subject to transportation air quality conformity.
 - If the project is within such areas, the NEPA process may not be completed until all transportation conformity requirements are met⁴. Transportation conformity requirements <u>have</u> been met at the time of this signature.
- This project does qualify to be progressed as a Categorical Exclusion.
- The NEPA Determination will be made by NYSDOT
- Project is c(8) "Installation of fencing, signs, pavement markings, small passenger shelters, traffic signals, and railroad warning devices where no substantial land acquisition or traffic disruption will occur." ⁴
- All outstanding FHWA environmental approvals will be obtained and are listed here:
- All the conditions of the PARCE are addressed herein (or within the DAD or attachments).

I certify that the information provided above is true and accurate and recommend the project be processed as described above.

Project Manager/Designer (or Responsible Local Official)	×	Date
Print Name and Title:		
Regional Environmental Unit Supervisor	×	Date
Print Name and Title:		
Regional Local Project Liaison (Locally Administered Projects Only)	×	Date
Print Name and Title:		

Changes that may have occurred since the preparation of the FEAW which would create the need to go through the FEAW again include, but are not limited to: a change in the scope of the proposed project; a change in the social, economic or environmental circumstances or the setting of the project study area (i.e. the affected environment); a change in the federal statutory environmental standards: discovering new information not considered in the original process; and a significant amount of time has passed (equal or greater than three years).

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⁴ See additional information on identifying (c)26, (c)27 & (c)28 versus d (13) in FEAW_Instructions.doc

Appendix C Traffic Info & Complete Streets Checklist

- 1. Capital Project Complete Streets Checklist
- 2. Smart Growth Screening Tool

Chapter 18, Appendix A - CAPITAL PROJECTS COMPLETE STREETS CHECKLIST (18A-4)

PIN: 1760.94 Project Location: City of Rensselaer							
Context: © Urban / Village C Suburban C Rural							
Projec	Project Title: Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Washington Ave/Forbes Ave at 7th St, Broadway at Broadway at Pine St, Broadway at McNaughton Ave, 1st St/Partition St at East St, at Catherine St.						
STEP '	1- APPL	ICABILITY OF CHECK	KLIST				
1.1	Is the project located entirely on a facility where bicyclists and pedestrians are prohibited by law and the project does not involve a shared use path or pedestrian/bicycle structure? If no , continue to question 1.2. If yes , stop here.						
1.2		nis project a 1R* Maint rt b of this question.	enance project? <i>If no</i> ,	continue to question	on 1.3. If yes , go to	○ Yes ⓒ No	
1.2	 Signing Document opportunities or deficiencies in the IPP and <u>stop here.</u> * Refer to Highway Design Manual (HDM) Chapter 7, Exhibit 7-1 "Resurfacing ADA and Safety Assessment 						
1.3	Is this project a Cyclical Pavement Marking project? If no, continue to question 1.4. If yes, review El 13-021* and identify opportunities to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians with the following Complete Streets features: • Travel lane width • Shoulder width • Markings for pedestrians and bicyclists Document opportunities or deficiencies in the IPP and stop here. * El 13-021, "Requirements and Guidance for Pavement Marking Operations - Required Installation of CARDS and Travel Lane and Shoulder Width Adjustments".						
Is this a Maintenance project (as described in the "Definitions" section of this checklist) and different from 1.2 and 1.3 projects? If no, continue to Step 2. If yes, the Project Development Team should continue to look for opportunities during the Design Approval process to improve existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the scope of project. Identify the project type in the space below and stop here. 1.4 C Yes • No						C Yes ⊙ No	
STEP '	1 prepar	ed by: JSG			Date: 5/2	1/19	
STEP 2	2 - IPP L	EVEL QUESTIONS (A	At Initiation)		Comment / Action		

Chapter 18, Appendix A - CAPITAL PROJECTS COMPLETE STREETS CHECKLIST (18A-5) Are there public policies or approved known development plans (e.g., community Complete Streets policy, Comprehensive Plan, MPO Long Range and/or Bike/Ped plan, Corridor Study, etc.) C Yes @ No 2.1 that call for consideration of pedestrian, bicycle or transit facilities in, or linking to, the project area? Contact municipal planning office, Regional Planning Group and Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator. CDTA stops at various Is there an existing or planned sidewalk, shared intersections Yes ○ No 2.2 use path, bicycle facility, pedestrian-crossing facility or transit stop in the project area? a. Is the highway part of an existing or planned State, regional or local bicycle route? If no. proceed to question 2.4. If ves. go to part b of this question. b. Do the existing bicycle accommodations meet 2.3 the minimum standard guidelines of HDM Chapter 17 or the AASHTO "Guide for the C Yes C No Development of Bicycle Facilities"? * Contact Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator * Per HDM Chapter 17- Section 17.4.3, Minimum Standards and Guidelines. Is the highway considered important to bicycle C Yes @ No 2.4 tourism by the municipality or region? Is the highway affected by special events (e.g., fairs, triathlons, festivals) that might influence 2.5 bicycle, pedestrian or transit users? Contact Regional Traffic and Safety Are there existing or proposed generators within Doane Stuart School the project area (refer to the "Guidance" section) that have the potential to generate pedestrian or bicycle traffic or improved transit Yes ○ No 2.6 accommodations? Contact the municipal planning office, Regional Planning Group, and refer to the CAMCI Viewer, described in the "Definitions" section. Is the highway an undivided 4 lane section in an urban or suburban setting, with narrow shoulders, no center turn lanes, and existing Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) < 15,000 vehicles per day? If 2.7 yes, consider a road diet evaluation for the scoping/design phase. Refer to the "Definitions" section for more information on road diets.

C <u>hap</u> t	er 18, Appendix A - CAPITAL PROJECTS COM	PLETE STREETS	CHECKLIST (18A-6)
2.8	Is there evidence of pedestrian activity (e.g., a worn path) and no or limited pedestrian infrastructure?	⊙ Yes ○ No	
	P 2 prepared by: JSG cle/Pedestrian Coordinator has been provided an oppor	rtunity to comment:	Date: 5/21/19 C Yes • No
AT	TACH TO IPP AND INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS	FOR SCOPING/DE	SIGN.
STE	P 3 - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT LEVEL QUESTIONS		Comment / Action

	3 - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT LEVEL QUESTIONS ing/Design Stage)		Comment / Action
3.1	Is there an identified need for bicycle/pedestrian/ transit or "way finding" signs that could be incorporated into the project?	C Yes ⊙ No	
3.2	Is there history of bicycle or pedestrian crashes in the project area for which improvements have not yet been made?	C Yes [®] No	
3.3	Are there existing curb ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian traffic signal features, or sidewalks that don't meet ADA standards per HDM Chapter 18?	⊙ Yes ○ No	
3.4	Is the posted speed limit is 40 mph or more and the paved shoulder width less than 4' (1.2 m) (6' in the Adirondack or other State Park)? Refer to El 13-021.	C Yes ⊙ No	
3.5	Is there a perceived pedestrian safety or access concern that could be addressed by the use of traffic calming tools (e.g., bulb outs, raised pedestrian refuge medians, corner islands, raised crosswalks, mid-block crossings)?	C Yes € No	
3.6	Are there conflicts among vehicles (moving or parked) and bike, pedestrian or transit users which could be addressed by the project?	C Yes ⊙ No	
3.7	Are there opportunities (or has the community expressed a desire) for new/improved pedestrian-level lighting, to create a more inviting or safer environment?	C Yes ⊙ No	
3.8	Does the community have an existing street furniture program or a desire for street appurtenances (e.g., bike racks, benches)?	C Yes ⊙ No	

hapte	r 18, Appendix A - CAPITAL PROJECTS COMP	LETE STREETS	CHECKLIST (18A-7)		
3.9	Are there gaps in the bike/pedestrian connections between existing/planned generators? Consider locations within and in close proximity of the project area. (Within 0.5 mi (800 m) for pedestrian facilities and within 1.0 mi (1600 m) for bicycle facilities.)	C Yes ⓒ No			
3.10	Are existing transit route facilities (bus stops, shelters, pullouts) inadequate or in inconvenient locations? (e.g., not near crosswalks) Consult with Traffic and Safety and transit operator, as appropriate	⊙ Yes ○ No			
3.11	Are there opportunities to improve vehicle parking patterns or to consolidate driveways, (which would benefit transit, pedestrians and bicyclists) as part of this project?	○ Yes ⓒ No			
3.12	Is the project on a "local delivery" route and/or do area businesses rely upon truck deliveries that need to be considered in design?	⊜ Yes ® No			
3.13	Are there opportunities to include green infrastructure which may help reduce stormwater runoff and/or create a more inviting pedestrian environment?	C Yes ⓒ No			
3.14	Are there opportunities to improve bicyclist operation through intersections and interchanges such as with the use of bicycle lane width and/or signing?	C Yes [®] No			
STEP	3 prepared by: JSG		Date: 5/21/19		
Additional comments, supporting documentation and clarifications for answers in step 1, 2 or 3:					

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Smart Growth Screening Tool (STEP 1)

NYSDOT & Local Sponsors –Fill out the Smart Growth Screening Tool until the directions indicate to STOP for the project type under consideration. For all other projects, complete answering the questions. For any questions, refer to Smart Growth <u>Guidance</u> document.

Title Of Proposed	Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Various Locations
Project:	
Location of Project:	City of Rensselaer
Brief Description:	Construct pedestrian signals, curb ramps, striping, and other
_	pedestrian improvements at six signalized intersections.

A. Infrastructure:

(Addresses SG Law criterion a. - To advance projects for the use, maintenance or improvement of existing infrastructure)

1.	Does this project use, i	naintain, or improv	e existing infrastructure	?
	Yes 🔀	No 🗌	N/A	

Explain: (use this space to expand on your answers above – the form has no limitations on the length of your narrative)

The City of Rensselaer submitted a PSAP application form with supporting documentation and the following signalized intersections were selected for funding:

- 1. Intersection of Washington Avenue, Forbes Avenue and 7th Street
- 2. Intersection of Broadway and Partition Street
- 3. Intersection of Broadway and Pine Street
- 4. Intersection of Broadway and McNaughton Avenue
- 5. Intersection of 1st Street, Partition Street and East Street
- 6. Intersection of 3rd Street and Catherine Street.

The proposed work will vary per intersection. Prior to construction, all existing curb ramps will be inventoried and evaluated based on the critical design elements for pedestrian facilities. Those not meeting current safety standards will be replaced. Similarly, pavement conditions at crosswalk locations will be reviewed, and crosswalk areas will be milled and resurfaced if pavement is deemed unacceptable. No new utility services are anticipated. but may have to be adjusted if traffic signals are replaced.

A GPS grade field survey will conducted at all intersections to capture curb lines, viisble utilites, and existing striping. Prior to any surveys, DigSafe will be contacted to markout underground utilities.

In general, all crosswalks will be high intensity ladder-style and along with stopbars will be applied using white epoxy reflectorized pavement stripes. Additionally, new pedestrian signals will be installed with Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) pushbuttons at each signalized location. Depending upon project funding, the project may replace the two existing traffic signals at Broadway/Pine Street and Broadway/McNaughtont Avenue that do not meet current design standards.

Maintenance Projects:

- a. Continue with screening tool for the four (4) types of maintenance projects listed below, as defined in **NYSDOT PDM Exhibit 7-1 and described in 7-4:** https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/engineering/design/dqab/pdm
 - Shoulder rehabilitation and/or repair;
 - Upgrade sign(s) and/or traffic signals;
 - Park & ride lot rehabilitation;
 - 1R projects that include single course surfacing (inlay or overlay), per Chapter 7 of the NYSDOT Highway Design Manual.
- b. For all other maintenance projects, STOP here. Attach this document to the programmatic Smart Growth Impact Statement and signed Attestation for Maintenance projects (located in Appendix 2, page 13 in Guidance document).

B. Sustainability:

NYSDOT defines Sustainability as follows: A sustainable society manages resources in a way that fulfills the community/social, economic and environmental needs of the present without compromising the needs and opportunities of future generations. A transportation system that supports a sustainable society is one that:

- Allows individual and societal transportation needs to be met in a manner consistent with human and ecosystem health and with equity within and between generations.
- Is safe, affordable, and accessible, operates efficiently, offers choice of transport mode, and supports a vibrant economy.
- Protects and preserves the environment by limiting transportation emissions and wastes, minimizes the consumption of resources and enhances the existing environment as practicable.

For more information on the Department's Sustainability strategy, refer to Appendix 1 of the Guidance and the NYSDOT web site. www.dot.ny.gov/programs/greenlites/sustainability

(Addresses SG Law criterion j: to promote sustainability by strengthening existing and creating new communities which reduce greenhouse gas emissions and do not compromise the needs of future generations, by among other means encouraging broad based public involvement in developing and implementing a community plan and ensuring the governance structure is adequate to sustain and implement.)

1.	Will this project pro	omote sustainability by	y strengthening existing co	mmunıtıes?
	Yes	No 🖂	N/A	
•	XX7'11 .1	1		
	Will the project radi	1100 04004 01100 000 04		
2.	will the project red	uce greenhouse gas en	HISSIOHS?	

Explain: (use this space to expand on your answers above)

C. Smart Growth Location:

Plans and investments should preserve our communities by promoting its distinct identity through a local vision created by its citizens.

(Addresses SG Law criteria b and c: to advance projects located in municipal centers; to advance projects in developed areas or areas designated for concentrated infill development in a municipally approved comprehensive land use plan, local waterfront revitalization plan and/or brownfield opportunity area plan.)

1.	Is this project Yes	et located in a de	eveloped No	d area?	N/A	
2.	Is the project Yes	t located in a mu	ınicipal No	center?	N/A	
3.	Will this pro	ject foster down	ntown re	evitalization?	N/A	
4.	municipally Brownfield (orehens a plan?	ive land use p	lan, wa	trated infill development in a terfront revitalization plan, or
	Yes		No		N/A	
Expla	in: (use this s	pace to expand	on your	answers above)	
D. Mixed Use Compact Development: Future planning and development should assure the availability of a range of choices in housing and affordability, employment, education transportation and other essential services to encourage a jobs/housing balance and vibrant community-based workforce. (Addresses SG Law criteria e and i: to foster mixed land uses and compact development, downtown revitalization, brownfield redevelopment, the enhancement of beauty in public spaces, the diversity and affordability of housing in proximity to places of employment, recreation and commercial development and the integration of all income groups; to ensure predictability in building and land use codes.)						
1.	Will this pro	ject foster mixe	d land u No	ises?	N/A	
2.	Will the proj Yes	ject foster brown	nfield re No	edevelopment?	N/A	
3.	Will this pro	ject foster enhar	ncemen No	t of beauty in p	ublic sp N/A	aces?
4.	Will the proj	ject foster a dive	ersity of	housing in pro	ximity t	o places of employment and/or
	recreation? Yes		No		N/A	

5.				ect foster a dive and/or compac	•	~ .	ximity t	o places of commercial
	acv	Ye			No		N/A	
6.	Wi	ll this p Y		ect foster integ	ration of No	f all income gro	oups and N/A	d/or age groups?
7.	Wi	ll the p	•	ect ensure predi	ctability No	in land use co	des? N/A	
8.	Wi	ll the p		ect ensure predi	ctability No	in building co	des? N/A	
Explai	in: ((use thi	is sp	pace to expand	on your	answers above	e)	
				on and Access				
transpo	ortat	ion op	tior		ng and	biking to tran		ties to offer a wide range of l automobiles, which increase
						e mobility throautomobile de		ansportation choices including cy.)
	1.	Will tl	-	project provide	public t	transit?	N/A	
	2.		-	oroject enable r		automobile dep		·
	3.	to pro	vide alks	for on-road bi	ke lanes		crosswa	ies (such as shoulder widening alks, new or expanded
(Note: Question 3 is an expansion on question 2. The recently passed Complete Streets legislation requires that consideration be given to complete street design features in the planning, design, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation, but not including resurfacing, maintenance, or pavement recycling of such projects.)								

Explain: (use this space to expand on your answers above)

This project will replace or construct new pedestrian signals, curb ramps, striping, signing, and other pedestrian improvements to help faciliate crossing at six intersections.

F. Coordinated, Community-Based Planning:

Past experience has shown that early and continuing input in the transportation planning process leads to better decisions and more effective use of limited resources. For information on community based planning efforts, the MPO may be a good resource if the project is located within the MPO planning area.

(Addresses SG Law criteria g and h: to coordinate between state and local government and intermunicipal and regional planning; to participate in community based planning and collaboration.)

1.		been participat	ion in c	ommunity-base	ed plann	ning and collaboration on the
	project? Yes		No	\boxtimes	N/A	
2.	Is the proj Yes	ject consistent v	vith loc No	al plans?	N/A	
3.	Is the proj Yes	ject consistent v	vith cou No	unty, regional, a	and state N/A	e plans?
4.	Has there project?	been coordinate	ion bety	ween inter-mun	icipal a	nd regional planning on the
	Yes		No		N/A	
Explain: (use this space to expand on your answers above)						

G. Stewardship of Natural and Cultural Resources:

Clean water, clean air and natural open land are essential elements of public health and quality of life for New York State residents, visitors, and future generations. Restoring and protecting natural assets, and open space, promoting energy efficiency, and green building, should be incorporated into all land use and infrastructure planning decisions.

(Addresses SG Law criterion d: To protect, preserve and enhance the State's resources, including agricultural land, forests surface and ground water, air quality, recreation and open space, scenic areas and significant historic and archeological resources.)

I		Will the project Yes	protect, preserv	ve, and/o No	or enhance agric	cultural N/A	land and/or forests?
2	2.		protect, preserv		or enhance surfa		er and/or groundwater?
3	3.	Will the project Yes	protect, preserv	ve, and/o No	or enhance air q	uality? N/A	
4	1.	Will the project Yes	protect, preserv	ve, and/o No	or enhance recre	eation as N/A	nd/or open space?
5	5.	Will the project Yes	protect, preserv	ve, and/o No	or enhance scen	ic areas	?
6		Will the project resources?	protect, preserv	ve, and/o	or enhance histo	oric and	or archeological
		Yes		No	\boxtimes	N/A	

Explain: (use this space to expand on your answers above)

Smart Growth Impact Statement (STEP 2)

NYSDOT: Complete a Smart Growth Impact Statement (SGIS) below using the information from the Screening Tool.

Local Sponsors: The local sponsors are **not** responsible for completing a Smart Growth Impact Statement. Proceed to Step 3.

Smart Growth Impact Statement

PIN:1760.94

Project Name: Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Various Locations (City of Rensselaer)

Pursuant to ECL Article 6, this project is compliant with the New York State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act. This project has been determined to meet the relevant criteria, to the extent practicable, described in ECL Sec. 6-0107. Specifically, the project:

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This publically supported infrastructure project complies with the state policy of maximizing the social, economic and environmental benefits from public infrastructure development. The project will not contribute to the unnecessary costs of sprawl development, including environmental degradation, disinvestment in urban and suburban communities, or loss of open space induced by sprawl.

Review & Attestation Instructions (STEP 3)

Local Sponsors: Once the Smart Growth Screening Tool is completed, the next step is to submit the project certification statement (Section A) to Responsible Local Official for signature. After signing the document, the completed Screening Tool and Certification statement should be sent to NYSDOT for review as noted below.

NYSDOT: For state-let projects, the Screening Tool and SGIS is forwarded to Regional Director/RPPM/Main Office Program Director or designee for review, and upon approval, the attestation is signed (Section B.2). For locally administered projects, the sponsor's submission and certification statement is reviewed by NYSDOT staff, the appropriate box (Section B.1) is checked, and the attestation is signed (Section B.2).

A. CERTIFICATION (LOCAL PROJECT)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the best of my knowledge, all of the above to be true and correct.

Preparer of this document:	
J.M.M.	6/17/19
Signature	Date
Project Engineer	Jeff Gentzler, P.E.
Title	Printed Name
Responsible Local Official (for local p	projects):
Signature	Date
	Printed Name

B. ATTESTATION (NYSDOT)

1. I HEREBY:		
Concur with the above certification, thereby attesting that this project is in compliance with the State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act		
Concur with the above certification, with the following conditions (information requests, confirming studies, project modifications, etc.):		
(Attach additional sheets as neede	ed)	
(Tituen additional sheets as needed)		
be a recipient of State funding	certification, thereby deeming this project ineligible to g or a subrecipient of Federal funding in accordance Public Infrastructure Policy Act.	
the New York State Smart G	uant to ECL Article 6, this project is compliant with Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act, to the extent the attached Smart Growth Impact Statement.	
NYSDOT Commissioner, Regional Regional Planning & Programming	, ,	
Signature	Date	
Title	Printed Name	