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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ANNETTE IAFALLO – COMPLETION OF RIDGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

I'm pleased to announce the completion of the Ridge Road construction project. Through this project, Ridge Road has been milled, repaved and restriped from South Park Avenue west to Route 5. Other project highlights include:

- Returning Ridge Road to a shared roadway for vehicle and bike traffic. The bike markings you now see on Ridge Road are the NYS DOT compliant markings indicating a shared road. Several shared roads throughout the area are striped similarly, including nearby Ohio Street,
- A designated left turn lane onto Lehigh Avenue heading west over the railroad bridge, correcting an oversight from when the bridge was reconstructed several years ago,
- Parking on the north and south sides of Ridge Road,
- · Accented crosswalks.
- ADA compliant sidewalks where needed.

In addition, this project laid the foundation for the installation of a HAWK beacon crosswalk on Ridge Road near Steelawanna Avenue in 2022, which will be funded through a generous grant received from <u>Erie County Legislator John Gilmour</u>.

My sincere thanks to DPW Commissioner Tony DeSantis and the DPW team, CPL Engineering, Amherst Paving, general contractor County Line Stone and all other contractors involved for their great work on this project. I also want to thank the community for their patience during construction.

Annette