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Plandome Rd Vision Project: Meeting 2/23 7pm @ MHS

Dear Neighbors

Several years ago, the Town invited the Manhasset community to a public forum held at the high school to embark on a Plandome Rd Vision project. Very similar to a host of other Long Island communities, the vision project objective is to improve our 'downtown'. Covering the Plandome Rd business district from Northern Blvd to Webster Ave, it addresses long awaited solutions to both safety and structural aspects that enhance a thriving 'downtown'. The Town used what was learned from community participants in that past meeting to begin a far more detailed planning process and has successfully achieved initial available grant funding.

The Town formed a stakeholders planning group that has been working for months including numerous Town officials, highways, planning and traffic engineering departments, a professional traffic architectural engineering firm, Nassau County Police, School District, as well as representatives of the Coalition for a Safer Manhasset, Manhasset's civic organizations, and Chamber of Commerce. The Greater Council of Manhasset Civic Associations has tried to keep local civic association leaders and village officials informed on the planning process throughout the past several months. The planning has achieved a point that is now ready to be shared with the Manhasset community for more feedback and input. Households should be receiving event postcards and hopefully more advertisement in the Manhasset Press.

While the Vision Project lays out a plan for the entire strip, its implementation will be subject to funding sources that become available. For example, the Town received a funding award from a Department of Transportation Grant titled "Safe Routes to Schools", together with funding through NYS Sen Craig Johnson's office it provides funds for implementing a 1st phase, covering Plandome Rd from Mary Jane Davies Green to Park Ave, due to grant funding required parameters.

Those who have been active in the planning process are indeed excited that the Town has committed to this project. The plan is by no means 'fait accompli'. While I believe it provides for the basic roadway improvement design, significant community input is desired on what has been developed thus far for traffic calming improvements to a host of related aesthetical issues are needed. With a plan ready to proceed, additional funding sources become more probable.

I hope residents will take the time to learn more and provide constructive comments to make the plan even better. Please bring your creative minds and leave your darts at home so that we can focus on achieving the right plan. I thank Councilwoman Poons and Supervisor Kaiman for their focus on this long awaiting Manhasset improvement. Please join us for a public meeting forum which will take place on **Tuesday Feb 23rd At 7pm in the High School Cafeteria.**

Sincerely,

Rich Bentley,