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OCT 15 2018
INC. VILLAGE OF LAUREL HOLLOW

October 11, 2018

Mayor Daniel F. DeVita
Incorporated Village of Laurel Hollow
1492 Laurel Hollow Road
Syosset, New York 11791-9603

Re: Cold Spring Road in the Village of Laurel Hollow

Dear Mayor DeVita,

This is in response to your letter of August 8, 2018, and numerous subsequent discussions regarding Cold Spring Road, between South Woods Road and NYS Route 25A.

The Department's policy pertaining to concrete panel roads is not to cover the concrete panels with an asphalt overlay unless there is a safety issue to address. We have visited the limits of Cold Spring Road within the Village, reviewed accident data for the past three years and consulted with the designer of this project. Please note that this road is being done as a Federal Aid Resurfacing project and the work on this project is ongoing.

The accident data or related lawsuits did not connect to adverse road surface conditions. However, visual inspection indicates relatively polished surface at small locations due to normal wear and tear. These areas will be addressed in the current project. All bare concrete surfaces at bends are grooved to yield additional friction. We find that it is not currently in an unsafe condition. We feel that proposed repairs to the concrete roadway and repaving of the asphalt shoulders that are taking place under this project will address any current deficiencies, which will maintain the roadway in a condition that is safe for the motoring public. This practice is consistent with the work being done by NYSDOT on their own roadways.

Furthermore, installing an asphalt overlay over the existing concrete panel roadway, including other associated work is estimated over and above \$350,000. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to justify this addition as an order on contract and approved by NYSDOT for this Federally Funded project.

As you know, there was discussion with the Village taking over the road at a recent meeting that you had with Nassau County. Unfortunately, that wasn't an acceptable option by the Village. We will continue to monitor the roadway conditions and will take any necessary actions, as required, to maintain the road in a safe manner.

Thank you for your concerns regarding the safety of the roadway. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (516) 571-9607.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Arnold".

Kenneth G. Arnold, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works

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