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NYSDOT AWARDS FUNDING TO VILLAGE FOR “SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL”

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) announced to award Hempstead Village with a total of \$1,572,962 for the Safe Routes to School program. The NYSDOT will grant over \$4.3 for projects all around Long Island.

“We are grateful for this funding from the Department of Transportation. We will use it to improve and implement safety measures for our students,” stated Mayor Hall. “These additional funds bolster our commitment to improving roads for motorist and pedestrians alike.”

The fund will improve pedestrian safety at the Hempstead Union Free School District, particularly at Jackson and Fulton Elementary Schools.

“The Department of Transportation is pleased to provide these federally funded grants to Long Island schools to encourage our students to develop safe, healthy practices of walking and bicycling to school,” stated NYSDOT Regional Director Subi Chakraborti.

The intent of the Safe Routes to School program is to enable and encourage children to adapt to healthy and active lifestyles by promoting transportation alternatives. The fund will help schools and other local agencies implement projects to improve safety while reducing traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution around schools.