

G. LUFSD – MacArthur - Salk Traffic Safety (V638)

March 23, 2011

General Project Plan

- Grantee:** Levittown Union Free School District (“LUFSD” or the “School District”)
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$50,000 to be used for a portion of the cost of planning and design, including engineering fees, for a traffic safety project.
- Project Location:** General Douglas MacArthur High School, Levittown, Nassau County
- Project Completion:** September 2008
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Project Description:

Background

The Levittown Union Free School District is located in central Nassau County on Long Island, approximately ten miles east of New York City. The School District, which dates back to the 19th century, was originally called the Jerusalem School District of the Town of Hempstead. The School District’s 5.5 square miles includes parts of the following hamlets: Levittown, North Wantagh, Seaford, Plainedge, and a small part of Hicksville. Currently, there are six elementary schools (K-5), two middle schools (6-8), two high schools (9-12), and one career and technical center. The School District’s population is about 7,900 students.

Among the entire School District, there are two schools, General MacArthur High School (the “High School”) and the Jonas Salk Middle School (the “Middle School”), in which the traffic situation poses safety concerns for the students, staff and community. The problems include: no designated student drop-off/pick-up area for the Middle School; inadequate parking facility for employees; and the student drop-off/pick-up area at the High School is shared by student and staff parking and is also the access lane for emergency responders from the Wantagh Fire Department. Solutions to the problems created by the traffic

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situation at these facilities have been studied by a traffic engineering firm, with input from the School District, the general public including parents and students, and the fire department.

The Project

This project consisted of Phase I of the traffic safety project, which included planning and design. The engineering firm of Nelson and Pope, located in Melville, Long Island was hired to perform the study and to make recommendations to improve and correct the unsafe traffic situation at the High School and the Middle School. Capital improvements paid by the county included: the increase from 445 to 506 parking spaces; new assigned areas for drop-off/pick up areas for both schools; a new access road for the fire department; and most importantly, the installation of a traffic light on Old Jerusalem Road and Wander Lane, which helped to abate the traffic, providing a much safer environment for students, parents and faculty.

Upon completion of the project, the Grantee will furnish a final report, describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Planning and Design including engineering fees	\$105,000	ESD Grant	\$50,000	48%
		School District General Fund	55,000	52%
Total Project Costs	\$105,000	Total Project Financing	\$105,000	100%

Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2010-2011 New York State budget.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.