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MEDIA ADVISORY

Mayor Gary McCarthy Announces Funding to Study and Repair the Oak Street Bridge

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy today announced that the City has received Federal and State funding for the inspection, analysis, design and repairs for the Oak Street Bridge. The bridge, which was built in the 1930's, carries Oak Street over Amtrak Rail Road and a small creek. It is a very unique bridge that has provided an important link between the Mont Pleasant and Bellevue sections of the City. The bridge was closed by the City in April of this year due to safety concerns discovered during an annual inspection by the New York State Department of Transportation.

Funding has been provided through the newly created Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act known as "MAP-21" and through the cooperation of both the New York State Department of Transportation and the Capital District Transportation Committee. At this time under New York State policy preservation rather than replacement is given priority funding.

The City will begin to solicit responses from eligible engineering firms in the near future with inspection, analysis and design services expected to be undertaken from late 2013 through 2014. Anticipated construction for the project is spring 2015. The project timeline is influenced by both the time required to study and design a long term solution and the time frame of the allocated funding.

Schenectady City Director of Operations William J. Winkler, PE, and City Engineer Christopher R. Wallin, PE, will be available to answer technical questions.

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