

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 229

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2025 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT APPLICATION AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MAIN ROAD AND CHESTNUT AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, there exists a need to upgrade existing sidewalks, install new sidewalks and install pedestrian lighting along Main Road (Chestnut Avenue to Oak Road) and Chestnut Avenue (Brewster Road to Lincoln Avenue) to comply with Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland desires to apply for funding through the New Jersey Department of Transportation FY 2025 Regional Transportation Alternatives for said project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Vineland formally approves the grant application for the Main Road and Chestnut Avenue Pedestrian Connections Project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit a grant application for the above stated project to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Vineland.
2. THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Vineland and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.
3. THAT the City Engineer is designated as the City's representative responsible for project direction and management of said agreement.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

May 21, 2024

TO: Robert Dickenson, Business Administrator 

FROM: David J. Maillet, PE, City Engineer 

RE: FY 2025 Regional Transportation Alternatives – Set Aside
Main Road and Chestnut Avenue Pedestrian Connections



I respectfully request a resolution be placed on the agenda for the next City Council meeting authorizing the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant agreement with NJDOT for the Main Road and Chestnut Avenue Pedestrian Connections project.

The project includes upgrading existing sidewalk, installing new sidewalk, and installing pedestrian lighting. The limits are as follows:

- Main Road from Chestnut to Oak
- Chestnut from Brewster to Lincoln
- Maple Avenue from Main to Spring

The process for this funding is such that the scope and estimate have been forwarded to NJDOT for their initial screening. Should the project pass the initial screening, the City will be invited to submit a full application for funding. Once that happens, time will not be on our side, so a resolution of support now is the most prudent course of action.

In addition to support of City Council, official support is needed from the School District and County Board of Commissioners. I have discussed the project with the County Engineer earlier this week, and he is supportive. I am also pursuing support for this project from our regional Transportation Management Association, Cross County Connection.

cc: Mayor Anthony Fanucci
Jim Neher, PW Director





Main Road and Chestnut Avenue Pedestrian Connections City of Vineland

This project improves and expands the City of Vineland's Pedestrian Sidewalk Connections with the installation of sidewalks in areas where they were absent and by replacing older and less compliant sidewalks with new wider, safer, and ADA compliant sidewalks. The City of Vineland has chosen two locations for these improvements. The first area is along Main Road County Route 555, from Chestnut Road to Oak Road. The second area is along Chestnut Avenue from Brewster Road to Lincoln Avenue.

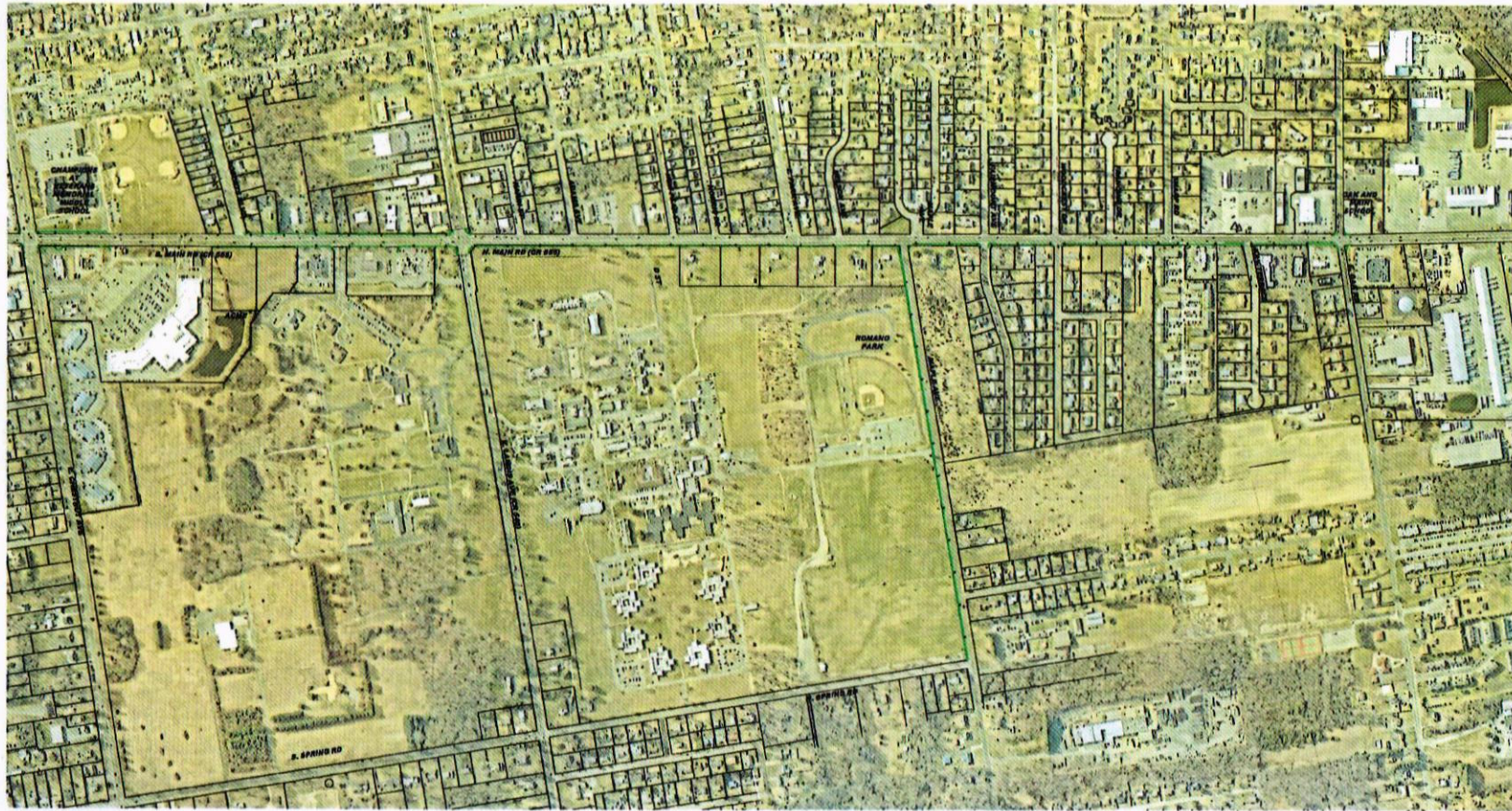
The Main Road Improvements improve and expand the pedestrian sidewalk access on both the east and west sides in the vicinity of Memorial School from Chestnut Avenue to Landis Avenue. The improvements in this section include ADA upgrades at all intersections, new 5' wide sidewalk installed throughout, the installation of decorative street lightings, as well as new striping and signage. Improvements continue with the installation of a new 5' wide sidewalk along the east side of Main Road from Landis Avenue to Maple Avenue, where no sidewalk currently exists. Other improvements in this section include ADA upgrades at all intersections, the installation of decorative street lightings, as well as new striping and signage. Additional new sidewalk is planned to be installed along Maple Avenue from Main Road to North Spring Road. Planned improvements include a minimum 5' wide sidewalk, decorative street lighting and a connect to the entrance with Romano Park. These improvements will bring ADA compliant sidewalk to the park allowing for the enhanced accessibility for the local residents. Romano Park will be home of the newly planned Jake's Law Playground, scheduled for construction this year. Pedestrian improvements continue along east side of Main Road from Maple Avenue to Oak Road ending at the intersection which serves as a commercial node, with the installation of ADA upgrades at all intersections, new 5' wide sidewalk installed throughout, the installation of decorative street lightings, as well as new striping and signage. These improvements complete the planned pedestrian enhancements along Main Road. Together they provide new and enhanced ADA compliant access to Memorial School, Romano Park, NJ State School Facility, local shopping and businesses, and the many neighbors along and surrounding this section.

The Chestnut Avenue Improvements will also improve and expand the pedestrian sidewalk access along the south side of Chestnut Avenue from Brewster Road to Lincoln Avenue. The improvement includes the installation of a new 5' sidewalk and ADA upgrades. This new sidewalk access will provide a connection between the Vineland High School Complex with residential apartment complexes, sport fields and Giampietro Memorial Park.

The proposed improvements tie into and expand upon previous City projects that enhanced pedestrian access to their residents. These were the Chestnut Avenue Safety Improvements and Rehabilitation Project and the Landis Avenue Pedestrian Network Project. These similar projects closely located to the proposed Main Road & Chestnut Avenue Improvements help to demonstrate to the public the City's commitment to a planned program of pedestrian enhancements.

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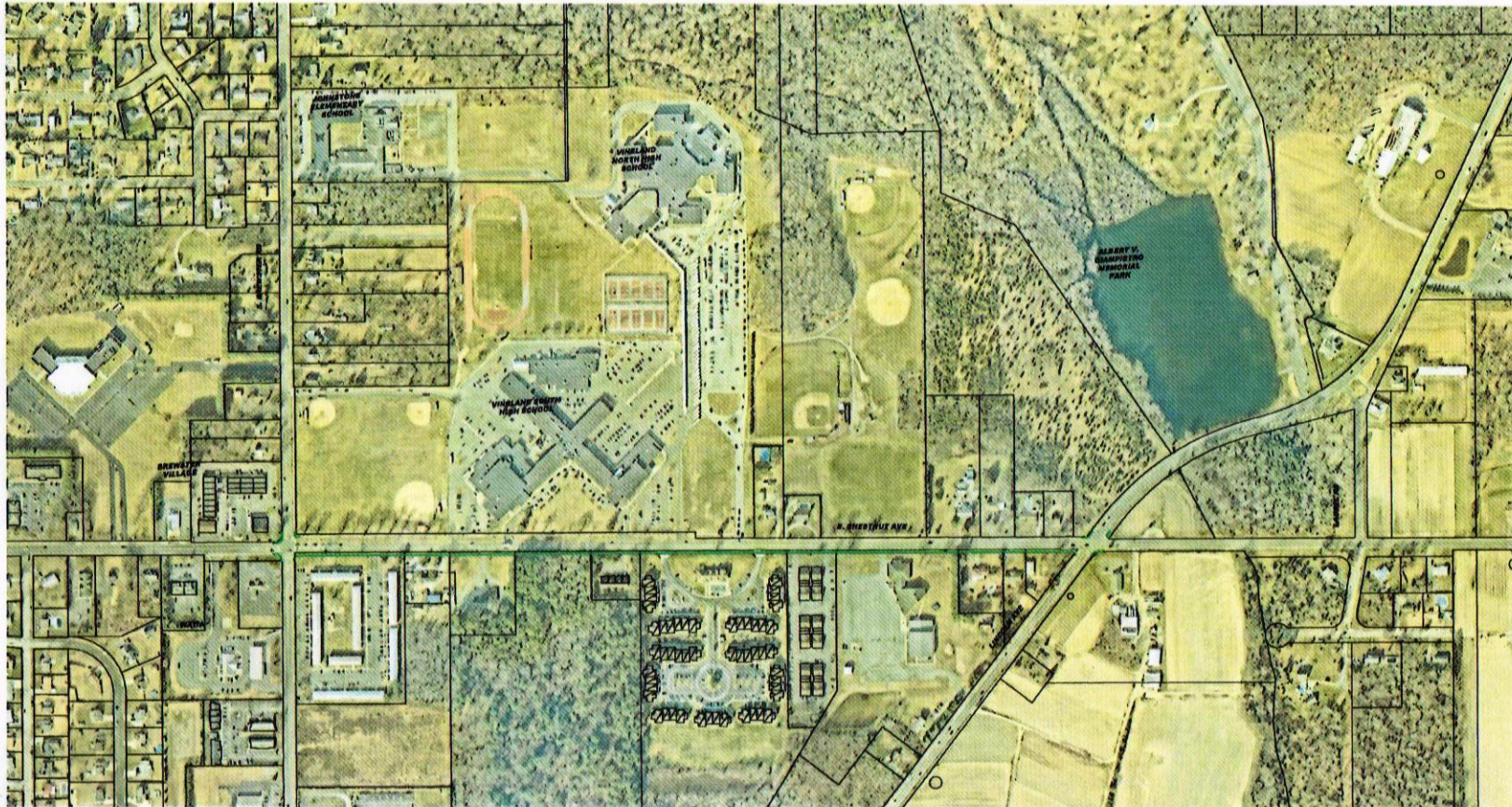
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