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Input sought on design for Route 50 corridor adjacent to Saratoga Spa State Park

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SARATOGA SPRINGS —The state parks department will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 17, to discuss short- and long-term proposals for improving the Route 50 corridor.

Draft recommendations came from a study of existing conditions, a technical advisory committee and public input from a “visioning” workshop held in January.

The study’s purpose is to determine pedestrian, bicycle and alternative transportation improvements, as well as roadway safety and beautification enhancements for the section of Route 50 adjacent to Saratoga Spa State Park from East West Road to New Street and its connecting roads.

Specific goals are:

- Identify physical and operational treatments that would improve the bicycle and pedestrian environment along the corridor that can easily transition into other stages of implementation such as design
- Enhance connections between residential areas and recreational trails — such as Railroad Run — and the park and Saratoga Performing Arts Center
- Create gateway concepts for this approach to the city and Saratoga Spa State Park
- Develop alternatives for safe and attractive bicycle and pedestrian crossings along Route 50
- Consider opportunities for enhancing accessibility and safety to transit/bus stops and integrating the bicycle and pedestrian network
- Prioritize incremental improvements toward a comprehensive vision considering short- and long-term needs.

Draft short- and long-term recommendations will be presented, followed by a question-and-answer period. The purpose of the meeting is to share ideas and obtain feedback. The results will be used to prepare an implementation strategy for priority improvements.

For information, go to <http://route50corridorstudy.wordpress.com> or call 584-2000, ext. 222, or 306-3702, ext. 11.
