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Design Concept for \$14 M Erie Boulevard Reconstruction
Project Now Posted on Schenectady Website

*City Web Page offers Views & "Virtual Drive" Down Proposed
'Erie-Edison Technology Corridor'*

SCHENECTADY -- Mayor Brian U. Stratton today announced that artistic renderings, animation and other public information on \$14 million in improvements proposed for Erie Boulevard, between I-890 and Union Street in the City of Schenectady, are now available for public viewing and comment via a link from the City's official website: www.cityofschenectady.com.

"We are delighted that nearly all the information that was presented at our first public meeting on November 29th regarding the preferred design concept for Erie Boulevard is now available on line for everyone to see," said Mayor Brian U. Stratton.

Public comments on the proposed project must be received by December 21, 2007.

The webpage allows the public to comment on the project by downloading a comment form, which can be mailed to City Hall, or faxed to the City Engineering Department at 382-1050. Following the public comment period, any changes or redesigns will be available for viewing during a second public meeting in early 2008.

Mayor Stratton, who first proposed major improvements to the Erie Boulevard corridor during his 2003 campaign for mayor, has worked to secure \$14 million in federal and state funding for the roadway, including \$2 million from Senators Schumer and Clinton. The project will require a five-percent match from the city, or about \$700,000. The project has been named "The Erie-Edison Technology Corridor."

By clicking on a link on the City homepage, users will be redirected to a page on Clough Harbour & Associates' website that contains the information presented at last month's public informational meeting held at the GE Theater at Proctors.

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The web page includes a copy of the complete PowerPoint presentation shown to the public, various visualizations and animations depicting of the proposed improvements, and a brief description of the design principles that will be central to the project's success. Clough Harbour & Associates is the consultant engineer for this project.

“Through state-of-the-art animation produced by Clough Harbour and linked to our website, you can almost imagine what it will be like to drive down the new Erie-Edison Technology Corridor when it is finished,” Mayor Stratton said.