

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – BUREAU OF ENGINEERING INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Tracy Samuelson, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning

FROM: Amy Rohrbach, Project Engineer

RE: Sidewalk Deferral Request – LVHN Muhlenberg – 2545 Schoenersville Rd

DATE: November 5, 2020

Lehigh Valley Health Network, Muhlenberg Campus, is proposing to construct a Helipad adjacent to the hospital near the Emergency Department entrance. We have received a request for deferral of sidewalk along the property frontages of Schoenersville Rd, Westgate Dr, and Bathgate Dr, dated October 30, 2020 and revised November 4, 2020. The applicant is requesting a deferral of sidewalk until construction of the proposed helipad is complete. Construction of the helipad is anticipated to be completed in early 2021 and design of the sidewalk is anticipated in late 2020 with construction occurring in the latter part of 2021.

The applicant proposes to install sidewalk along the north side of Bathgate Drive and into the hospital campus to complete the missing connection to tie in with the internal loop roadway at the SW corner of the property. The missing link along Westgate Drive is also proposed to be installed from the end of the existing sidewalk north-eastwardly to the existing ADA ramp at the Schoenersville Road intersection. Along Schoenersville Rd, sidewalk is proposed along the hospital frontage north to the area of 2663 Schoenersville Rd at which time the sidewalk will turn in toward the property to connect with the internal sidewalk.

The applicant is requesting that a deferral be granted for the sidewalk further north of the 2633 Schoenersville Rd connection due to the fact that this area contains stormwater management facilities and steep slopes. Further north the grades are not conducive to installing sidewalk and there is no pedestrian access due to the configuration of the roadway and bridge at the Route 22 interchange.

In view of the above information, the Department of Public Works supports a deferral of sidewalk at this property until the completion of the helipad project. Sidewalk along the above noted areas must be completed no later than October 31, 2021.

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