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Clinton Avenue Milling, Paving and Drainage Improvement Project Status

The Borough has put \$500,000 funding in place for the Clinton Avenue project. That amount includes a \$229,000 grant from the NJ Department of Transportation (DOT) so the net out of pocket for taxpayers is projected to be \$271,000. Significant drainage improvements will be made at the western end of the street and have added to the cost estimates. This is the most expensive street project in Northvale's history.

A condition of being awarded the state grant money is that the DOT must approve the Borough Engineer's project plans. Milling and paving will be performed right up to both sides of the CSX railroad right of way (ROW) and some work will be completed within the ROW. That gives CSX the federal, legal right to review and approve or object to the project plans.

The Borough submitted the plans to both the DOT and CSX in August, 2021. DOT approval was received months ago, but we are still, on a daily and very frustrating basis, chasing CSX around for their approval. They seem to have three minor objections that our engineers are working on resolving.

Once we receive the final CSX sign off, the Borough is legally obligated to advertise for contractor bids and then award the job to the low bidder. This cycle should take around 30 days, but we can't start it until the final CSX approval is received.

So, I don't think that we are too far away from starting the work, but we have to overcome the latest CSX roadblock.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Marana".

Pat Marana