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MORRISTOWN - The Town of Morristown is preparing to undertake a traffic survey to study and analyze the municipality's mobility patterns and improvement needs, with the end goal of alleviating congestion, improving safety, and developing strategies for future growth. At Morristown's November 10 town council meeting, the survey contract was awarded to the international consulting, engineering and design firm Arup in a 6-0 vote.

Arup's New York office has executed an impressive list of public projects, including the first phase of the new Second Avenue Subway, the Fulton Street Transit Center, and the recently completed, JetBlue Airway's Terminal 5 at JFK Airport. A kick-off meeting between the Town of Morristown and Arup is planned for Monday, November 14 at Town Hall.

The objective of the study is to identify the flow of all forms of transit throughout Morristown's roadways and issue recommendations to address the need for improved efficiency and safety. Mobility improvements in Morristown pose a unique set of challenges including diverse roadway use, multiple agency roadway ownership, and historic considerations. Roadways will be analyzed and accommodated based on the role of each street within the network, not simply on a street by street basis. In addition, new parking management techniques will be explored so that scarce land can be used more efficiently and traffic minimized.

The study will consider the wide variety of mobility options in Morristown; ensuring the movement of pedestrians, cyclists, transit and transit riders are given the same thought and consideration as private vehicle drivers. The project will embrace the Morristown Moving Forward's goal of balancing modes in a linked system that better supports downtown land uses and enhances the public realm. The study will gather data and develop a project work plan to outline the issues facing Morristown, while considering relevant local design standards and paying particular attention to the roadway typologies set forth in Morristown Moving Forward, which provide a springboard to implementing multi-modal streetscape design.

Mayor Timothy Dougherty added, "This mobility study is essential to the future health and stability of our great town. It is not just aimed at enhancing convenience and travel times, but will benefit Morristown's residents and visitors today and into the future by reducing congestion and improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. The results of this study will serve as

the blueprint for infrastructure improvements that will allow our community to continue to thrive and be the location of choice for business and residents alike.”

Arup has proposed a 10-month project schedule which can be refined at the project kick-off meeting. The scope of work provides detailed descriptions of the work to be performed as part of the Morristown Engineering and Design of Mobility Improvements project and is organized into two phases of seven major tasks.

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