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New Sidewalk Coming to Walnut Bottom Road Near Shippensburg Shopping Center

Shippensburg, PA — Shippensburg Township has secured a \$300,000 grant to construct a new sidewalk along Walnut Bottom Road, addressing a critical pedestrian safety concern in one of the township's busiest commercial corridors.

"This project is about safety and connectivity," said Marc Rideout, Chairman of the Shippensburg Township Board of Supervisors. "Walnut Bottom Road is a vital commercial corridor, and the lack of sidewalks has been a longstanding concern. Thanks to this grant and the support of Senator Greg Rothman, we can finally provide residents and visitors with a safe way to access businesses and services near the Shippensburg Shopping Center."

The project, funded through the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Multimodal Transportation Fund program, will close a 1,460-foot gap in the sidewalk system between Burger King and Taco Bell, creating a safe and continuous pedestrian route along the frontage of the shopping center.

Senator Greg Rothman praised the investment, stating, "Infrastructure improvements like this are essential to the quality of life in our communities. By closing this sidewalk gap, we're making the area safer for pedestrians and supporting local businesses. I'm proud to help secure funding for a project that benefits so many people."

Currently, pedestrians, cyclists, and individuals using wheelchairs or scooters must navigate the narrow shoulder of Walnut Bottom Road or walk through grass to access health, grocery, restaurants, and other businesses. With more than 11,000 vehicles traveling this stretch daily, the absence of sidewalks poses significant safety risks for travelers forced to use the narrow road shoulder. The new sidewalk will include ADA-compliant ramps at four commercial driveways, as well as the construction of a small stream crossing to ensure accessibility for all travelers.

Township officials note that the project aligns with Cumberland County's comprehensive plan, which prioritizes pedestrian infrastructure improvements in high-traffic areas. Once completed, the sidewalk will not only improve safety but also encourage walking and active transportation, benefiting both residents and local businesses.

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