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Mayor Ortt Announces Opening Of Meadow Drive Extension

NORTH TONAWANDA - Mayor Ortt, Congressman Brian Higgins, Senator George Maziarz, City Attorney Shawn Nickerson and other local officials participated in a ribbon cutting event for the long awaited Meadow Drive Extension which will extend from West to East between Nash Road and Erie Avenue.

The project, which included 1.4 million dollars in federal funds, along with state and local funds, has been in the works since 2006. It now connects the mid-city business district to a burgeoning commercial/industrial corridor along Erie Avenue, while improving traffic flow in the city.

"This is a long overdue and much needed extension that will not only provide short term construction jobs, but will also result in better traffic flow and connect Payne Avenue and our mid-city business district to Erie Avenue and a budding commercial/industrial corridor," said Mayor Ortt. "Despite numerous road blocks, some unforeseen, others unnecessary, and thanks to the collective efforts of City Attorney Shawn Nickerson, city engineer Dale Marshall and our Common Council, working together with my office, this project is finally a reality."

"This project adds an important link in the infrastructure chain connecting people, businesses and neighborhoods," said Congressman Brian Higgins. "With this significant federal commitment we are reinvesting in our communities, putting people to work and nation building here at home."

The work was completed by DiPizio Construction Company, Inc. who was awarded the bid on the project, and Parsons Brinckerhoff was the design engineers.

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