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Village Center Study Work Session Scheduled

On Monday, April 04, <u>FHI Studio</u>, the Village's consultant leading the <u>Village Center Strategic Mobility and Placemaking Plan</u>, will present a summary of their observations and findings collected during a Village Center walk audit and site visit to Sprague Road. The <u>work session</u> will be held at 6:00 PM and members of the Scarsdale community are encouraged to attend in person or by Zoom.

As added background, the Village Center walk audit and Sprague Road site visit were conducted on March 29 and involved the consultant team, Village Board of Trustees, staff, and members of community-based organizations, including representation from Scarsdale Neighborhood Associations, the League of Women Voters, Conservation Advisory Council, and Scarsdale Forum, among others. The walk audit provided opportunity for participants to work directly with the consultant team to highlight Village Center strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. This session was followed by a site visit of the Sprague Road corridor to discuss traffic safety concerns and innovative tools available to address such issues as pass-through traffic, excessive traffic volumes, and unsafe driving, all of which erode neighborhood safety and quality of life.

Public engagement is a critical dimension of the study and will inform future investment decisions. A project website is being developed and is anticipated to launch within the next two weeks. Additionally, there will be opportunities for public participation in the coming months, including another Village Board work session in May 2022, a virtual public workshop in June, and two public meetings in August. The final report will be presented to the Village Board in September.

The study goals include increasing pedestrian and cyclist safety, providing access for all users, improving traffic flow and circulation, activating public spaces, and increasing sustainability.