

TO: Board of Supervisors,  
County of Albany, Albany, N. Y.

WHEREAS, the Western Turnpike, known as Route No. 20 running west from the City of Albany is one of the main arteries of traffic in the highway system of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the said Route No. 20 from the West city line of Albany to Fonda's Corners on such highway, as now constituted and existing, is but a two-lane highway eighteen (18) feet in width, and from that point to Duanesburg it is only sixteen (16) feet in width, both widths being entirely inadequate for the great volume of traffic which passes over and upon such Route No. 20 in an easterly and westerly direction, causing serious traffic congestion and delays and constitutes a menace to the safety and lives of the users of such highway; and

WHEREAS, it is a necessity that such Route No. 20 should be widened and improved,

NOW, therefore be it resolved, and

WE do petition the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albany to take all necessary steps and to procure all documents, necessary to be procured, in acquiring the needed rights of way or easements along and upon said Route No. 20 for such widening and improvements as may be requested and required by the Division of Highways for such widening and improvement.

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To: The Department of Public Works, Division of Highways,  
Mr. Harvey O. Schemerhorn, Commissioner, Albany, N.Y.

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WHEREAS, it is a necessity that such Route No. 20 should be widened and improved,

NOW, therefore, be it resolved, and

WE do hereby petition the highway division of the Department of Public Works of the State of New York to immediately proceed to improve and widen Route No. 20, known as Western Turnpike to a width of forty (40) feet from the Western line of the City of Albany throughout its length to the village of Duanesburg on said Route, and that particularly your department immediately request of the Albany County Board of Supervisors that it proceed to acquire the necessary rights of way or easements within the County of Albany and that when so acquired your Department proceed at once to so widen and improve said Route No. 20 and to maintain its identity as U. S. Route No. 20.

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