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May 1, 2002

Mr. Edward Costigan, Vice-President for Operations, Stuvvesant Plaza, Inc.

Mr. George E. Nealon, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, Albany County.

Dar Messrs. Costigan and Nealon:

I would like to call to your attention again a need for a specific traffic signal improvement:

Location: Junction of Fuller Road and Executive Park Drive,

Guilderland.

Item needed: Audible pedestrian traffic signal.

This is a crossing that we use a great deal, as do others who live in our McKownville area. This junction is directly behind our house, and sometimes we make the crossing two or three times a day.

My particular problem, which calls for additional help with crossing, is that I am legally blind. I have a good bit of vision, beyond that legal point, but I am unable to see the pedestrian crossing lights unless it is very cloudy or it is night. I usually manage the crossing, but it sometimes is dangerous. An audible signal, such as those installed at the junction of Fuller Road and Western Avenue, is what is needed.

If it is not possible to make such an addition to the signals soon, I would ask that you include it in your planning if there are to be changes in Fuller Road or in this particular intersection. Such a change would be deeply appreciated. No doubt, it would assist other pedestrians as well.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Harriet Seeley, Northeastern Association of the Blind
Mr. James Murley, Chief of Police, Town of Guilderland

Mr. Todd Gifford, Supervisor, Highway Department, Town of Guilderland.

Members, McKownville Improvement Association Planning Study Committee.

May 3, 2002

Dear Don,

I'm sorry I didn't get this matter to you earlier, so that it could have been a part of your consideration. Could you please pass on the other copies to the other two persons in the drafting group. Are there others to whom i should send it?

Do you know of any other persons in the area who have visual problems and who might benefit from an audible traffic signal? I'd like to let them know of this request.

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