

McKownville Improvement Association

Dear McKownville Resident,

Over the past several months, we have worked to create a proposal for the future of Western Avenue. This has evolved through many public meetings and work sessions. Our proposal was deemed necessary after a plan by the New York State Department of Transportation was brought to our attention. Yet once again, the part of Western Avenue that runs through our neighborhood could be changed to encourage an ever-increasing volume of traffic at the expense of pedestrians.

Our hope is that you will take a few moments to read our proposal. It does two things: first, it lays out concise guidelines for changes to and adjacent to Western Avenue as it passes through our unique community; secondly, it is a prescription for what has most recently become better known as “urban sprawl.”

In a few days, a volunteer will come to your door and ask you to sign a petition which states that you have read the proposal and agree with its content. Our voices are heard more loudly at all levels of government when more than just a few sign the same song!

Residents in McKownville, both long-term and new, know that we have a special place to call home.

Please take the time to become an informed citizen of your community. We have also posted the “Western Avenue Proposal” on the following websites for your convenience:

www.atmos.albany.edu/mckownville

www.capitol.net/~force

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Thank you for your time. One of us will see you soon.

The McKownville Improvement Association