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To: Guilderland Town Board
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Working for two years with the Town of Guilderland on the development of this Report has been both productive and rewarding. The McKownville Neighborhood Association benefitted greatly by the re-examination of its future and Creighton Manning generously congratulates the Association on its contributions to the Report. The Town Board, the Town Planner Jan Weston, the excellent staff of Creighton Manning, that developed the study, Christopher O'Neill at the Capital District Transportation Committee, and the members of the Study Team made the work of developing our recommendations much less like work than it might have been. It was the Town Board and the Guilderland Town Supervisor, Ken Runion, that chose to have this study done and for such outstanding leadership McKownville residents thank you.

The McKownville Improvement Association endorses the recommendations contained in the Report. A summary of the Report, developed by the officers of the Association, is included. The Summary was distributed to McKownville homes and discussed at several of our monthly meetings.

The Association recommends two additions to the Report at this time. They both concern traffic and pedestrian lights--the one near Brookwood and Knowles Terrace on Western, the other near Warren and University Drive on Fuller. Both are needed. The former can possibly use the McKownville Volunteer Fire department emergency light, augmented to permit pedestrians to cross Western Avenue through use of a pedestrian button. The latter would be a new light, again for pedestrian safety.

The most important part of the Report is possibly on page 4-8. It focuses on the array of possible improvements in McKownville. The Report recognizes that it is not the last word, just the best word, at present. Further suggestions will be revealed as work is done and further study occurs. The Association plans to continue to work with the Town, first to implement the recommendations contained in the Report and second to revise the recommendations as events proceed over the coming years..

A Summary of the CME Draft report, McKownville Corridor Study

Pedestrian and Bicycles Facilities and Environments

- SW-1 Johnston Road --sidewalks from Westmere School to Alton Road/Western
- SW-2 Western Avenue Eastbound Side --sidewalks from Alton Road to the City line with some pieces less than 5 feet wide where necessary (about 5,575 feet long, one side) . .
- SW-3 Western Avenue Westbound --sidewalks from the City line to Johnston Road
- SW-4 Crossgates Mall --sidewalks along ring road, Rapp Road and Crossgates Commons Road
- SW-5 Church Road --sidewalks along east side from Farnsworth Drive to Western
- SW-6 Strawberry Lane --sidewalks from Schoolhouse Road into Abele Park, Thruway side
- SW-7 McKown Road --sidewalks from Western along McKown to Abele Park entrance, west side
- SW-8 Williams Court --sidewalks from McKown Road to Westlyn Court, south side
- SW-9 Westlyn Court --sidewalks from Western along Westlyn to Williams, both sides
- SW-10 Brookwood --sidewalks on both sides
- SW-11 Northeast Quadrant --sidewalks on both sides of Elmwood, Parkwood, Glenwood, Norwood, Waverly and Knowles

- SW-12 Mercer --sidewalk from Fuller to the utility right-of-way on one side
- SW-13 Schoolhouse Road --on south side of Western install crosswalk to pedestrian island
- SW-14 Schoolhouse Road Sidewalk improvements
- SW-15 Zoning Ordinance Provisions --move commercial parking to rear of buildings, make parking lot interconnections where possible, and create park-and-ride lots along Western
- BK-1 Designation of Town Bike Routes --on thirteen streets, some of the streets with sidewalks
- BK-2 Multi-Stage Bike Route
- BK-3 Bicycle Parking Ordinance --create bike parking facilities

Trails and Recreational Areas

- TRL-1 Freedom Quad --construct trail from Freedom Quad to Stuyvesant
- TRL-2 Western Avenue --install trail along south side of Western from Thruway Bridge to Schoolhouse
- TRL-3 Patricia Lane --install trail from Patricia Lane to Westmere School and to Price Chopper area
- TRL-4 McKown Road --install trail from Pinnacle Place to Abele Park
- TRL-5 Krum Kill West Branch --install trail from Stuyvesant pond to McKown Road along the Krum Kill stream
- TRL-6 Norwood Street --install trail from Norwood Street to the University
- TRL-7 Recreational Trail system --install trails using sewer rights of way west of Fuller Road
- TRL-8 Town Trail Maps --print and make available maps of trails
- TRL-9 Redevelop McKownville Reservoir --include benches, picnic areas, walking paths suitable for a park

Transit Services and Facilities

- TRN-1 Install Shelters --install 6 shelters on south side of Western and 3 on the north side(at Church Road, Stuyvesant, SUNY)
- TRN-2 Promote CDTA Travel for College Students
- TRN-3 Enhance Traveler Information
- TRN-4 Explore Transit Priority Opportunities
- TRN-5 Explore Opportunities for Express Service

Traffic Operations

- IS-1 Western Avenue/UAlbany Intersection --remove acceleration lane, install ped lights, and buttons and countdown timer (PLBCT), prohibit right turns on red (RTOR)
- IS-2 Western Avenue/McKown Road --prohibit left hand turns out of the commercial properties, install PLBCT, prohibit RTOR
- IS-3 Western Avenue/Parkwood --install PLBCT, prohibit RTOR, improve waiting area on westbound side
- IS-4 Western Avenue/Fuller Road --install PLBCT, prohibit RTOR, prohibit left hand turns at dentist offices, install high visibility crosswalk at Burger King entrance
- IS-5 Western Avenue/Schoolhouse Road --install PLBCT, prohibit RTOR, provide high visibility crosswalk markings at slip ramp and improve refuge island
- IS-6 Western Avenue/Church Road --install PLBCT, prohibit RTOR, implement "all red" phase
- IS-7 Western Avenue/Crossgates --install high visibility crosswalk for crossing Western with a safety island and extend islands to prevent through traffic from using westbound Crossgates lane
- IS-8 Fuller Road/SUNY --provide crosswalks across Fuller

Neighborhood and Community Design

NCD-1--construct a boulevard from Fuller Road alternate to Crossgates by removing one through lane

NCD-2 --construct a median in front on Western in front of Troidle's and Burger King

NCD-3 --install signs for Abele Park

NCD-4 --construct sidewalks, with uniform grass strips and lighting from Johnston Road to City line

Operational Enhancements

OP-1 --establish 30 MPH for Fuller Road to the City line

OP-2 --install bulbouts

OP-3 -reduce curb cuts on Western at Germano's, 1450,Burger King, Christ Lutheran and 5 more

OP-4 -down design Fuller Road Alternate as it enters McKownville

OP-5 -calm traffic on Elmwood

Miscellany

improve storm water management, place center stripes on side streets to better channel traffic, improve the concrete facing(make it stone?) on the Western Avenue flyover more attractive, provide a barrier from traffic for pedestrians crossing the Thruway bridge, new E-Z Pass connections