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From: McKownville Improvement Association (contact Don Reeb, 489-39090)  
Subject: Thruway Flyover and January 22 Meeting  
Date: January 8, 2004

Enclosed is a copy of the letter received from the Thruway Authority in response to the FOIL request for information concerning the Exit 24 Flyover. It contains almost no useful information, however.

More importantly, it was very generous of you to make the document from the Thruway Authority available to me. I understand a second document has been provided by the Authority Draft Summary of Access Improvement Concepts, Albany Corridor Study, January 6, 2004. It contains more than a dozen alternatives including a NO FLYOVER proposal and several which would remove the toll booths from Exit 24. The elimination of the Flyover is of great interest to McKownville and the removal of the toll booths from Exit 24 seems to be a proposal well worth recommending. See the "Two Barrier Concept" page 25.

The upcoming meeting of the McKownville Improvement Association is January 22, Thursday, 7pm at the Holiday Inn Express on Western Avenue (the previous site of the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn). You indicated that you would be available to serve as our featured speaker, given the lack of a snowstorm or other such event. I will telephone you again just prior to the meeting to find if you are available. The meeting notices will have already gone out by then but they will have contained the advisory that the meeting's featured speaker might have to be rescheduled because of unforeseeable events.

Finally, the sidewalk snow plowing and your help and concern about our storm water problems and our alleys has been exemplary. The alleys and storm water pipes have been a recurring problem for which the long term solution seems so impossibly expensive as to frustrate all hope for a resolution in the next few years. But we must continue to ask for a rebuilding of the storm sewer system away from our alleys—and hope that somehow the Town and your office can find the funds to pay for it.

Thank you again and I think that you will find that all of McKownville is looking forward to hearing you and thanking you for your supervision and work with the Highway Department.