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Subject: Fuller Road

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First let me thank you for all you have done for Albany and especially for McKownville. You have been great.

The next meeting of the Association is September 23, same time(7pm) and same place(Holiday Inn Express, Western Avenue). The guest speaker will be Assemblyman John McEneny—and we are thrilled.

Concerning Fuller Road and its improvements, I have a suggestion. As you know, Elmwood Street residents have been bothered by vehicles cutting through to avoid the traffic lights at Fuller and Western and the traffic light at Executive Park Drive (EPD). Also, there is need for a pedestrian controlled light on Fuller—the most relevant one is located in Professor Ellinwood's backyard and is hardly usable or even known. And there is no sidewalk along the eastern side of Fuller from the University to Elmwood.

If a traffic light, ^{time} ~~coupled~~ with the traffic light at Executive Park Drive (EPD), was installed on Fuller at the Elmwood intersection with a pedestrian controlled walk light then several betterments would occur. Vehicles traveling south on Fuller encountering a red light at Elmwood would not be able to turn onto Elmwood. And when the light turns green it would also be green at EPD and with oncoming traffic in the opposite lane the vehicles traveling south would not tend to turn into Elmwood then, either. If vehicles traveling south on Fuller encountered a green light at Elmwood, they would also face a green light at EPD and have some tendency to continue on Fuller rather than turn into Elmwood and face a difficult left turn when they come to Western. For those going west on Western who might turn into Elmwood, they would learn that they might encounter a red light when they come to the Elmwood-Fuller Road intersection and possibly learn to stop using Elmwood as a cutoff. The sidewalk along Fuller from the University to the Elmwood intersection would improve pedestrian safety and make walking to Stuyvesant, a frequent trip for University students, much safer.

Not all things are possible—maybe—but if these changes were to be made—installing a traffic light at Elmwood on Fuller Road, installing a pedestrian controlled walk signal at the Elmwood light, installing a sidewalk on the east side of Fuller, and re-timing the EPD light to complement the Elmwood light—I believe that the beleaguered residents on Elmwood and the other residents of McKownville would be most appreciative as would the University students and the Stuyvesant Plaza merchants.

Thank you again ~~for your support~~. Without the support of public officials the McKownville Association would not have the community support it has experienced.

Those attending the September meeting would love to see a copy of the plans for the Fuller Road improvements, if that is possible.

Again, thanks for taking the time from your too busy schedule for us in McKownville.