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Hi Mike:

The preliminary plans for the Fuller Road rebuilding are terrific. You and your office and the County and your engineers have done a wonderful job.

The following suggestions for improving the plans are but four.

1. The "green" median islands are fantastic but could you include some along the northern end as well as the southern end--traffic calming for all of Fuller Road is what is the purpose of this? (It has been suggested that the Association volunteer to take care of the "green" islands in McKownville--and that seems like a great idea to me).

2. Some better ways to protect pedestrians crossing Fuller Road near the University heating plant are needed--a traffic light, a pedestrian activated traffic light, horizontal stripes in the road, flashing lights or a raised pedestrian pavement crossing area--or some other devices to impose improved pedestrian safety.

3. Bus patron shelters on Washington near Fuller are needed. And if bus

service along Fuller is to be improved, as it probably will be, then bus shelters along Fuller are also needed.

4. And, a full environmental impact study is requested--the rebuilding of Fuller Road is a great opportunity to get the flooding of Fuller Road and Western Avenue ameliorated. But without the University and NanoTech and Harriman revealing their intentions about building, rebuilding, landscaping, parking and so forth, this opportunity may be lost. That intersection--which is also the intersection of a NYDOT owned storm sewer and a County owned storm sewer with the storm drains from Stuyvesant Plaza and Office complex and the storm sewers owned by the Town of Guilderland--is important to McKownville and all the persons driving through that intersection. A well done full environmental impact study might reveal the very information needed to create the best solution to the flooding problem. This opportunity just cannot be ignored.

Again the Association is very pleased with the preliminary plans for the rebuilding of Fuller Road.

We are certainly looking forward to much better days with the our new Fuller Road.

Thank you.

Don Reeb, president, McKownville Improvement Association, 489-3909, 5 Norwood Street, Albany, NY 12203

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