

copy of Traffic Commission Meeting
of Town Supervisor
MEMORANDUM

File 9155

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TO: Robert E. Frank

January 29, 1964

FROM: James M. Wallace

SUBJECT: Summary of meeting on January 29 concerning traffic conditions on Route 20 in the Town of Guilderland.

The following were present at the meeting:

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| Gordon Robinson, Supervisor | Town of Guilderland |
| Oscar Widstrand | Department of Public Works |
| Eugene Maguire | " |
| Kenneth Scott | " |
| Sgt. Dwyer | New York State Police |
| Sgt. Van Aiken | " |
| Lloyd A. Maeder | State Traffic Commission |
| Robert E. Frank | " |
| James M. Wallace | " |

Mr. Robinson expressed the dissatisfaction of the town with conditions on Route 20 westerly from the Albany City line. He specifically requested the following measures:

1. A lower speed limit on Route 20.
2. A traffic signal on Route 20 at or in the vicinity of McKown Road.
3. A signal on Route 20 at Johnson Road
4. A left turn phase to facilitate westbound left turns on Route 20 at Schoolhouse Road.

It was decided as follows:

1. Additional speed checks would be taken
2. The accident record on the entire section of highway would be summarized and reviewed.
3. A traffic study, including volume counts and delays, would be conducted in the vicinity of McKown Road. The delay studies, if possible, will be made in the presence of Mr. Robinson. Mr. Robinson specifically requested that this study include ~~Woodland~~ ^{Woodland} Court. One study is to be made as soon as the weather improves, perhaps in the beginning of March, and one check will be made during the summer. We agreed to consider the impact which a signal would have on left turns from all streets which intersect Route 20 in the area, particularly those streets which are connected. The connected network should be considered, and a line diagram showing the streets should be available. The observations, including volume counts and delay studies, should be made between 7 and 8:30 A.M. and between 4:30 and 6 P.M. on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.
4. A traffic count and delay study will be made some time in March at the Johnson Road intersection. The hours and day would be the same as in the preceding item, but the studies need not be simultaneous. Mr. Robinson directed attention to the morning movement of school buses from Johnson Road.

5. We will obtain the traffic count at the Schoolhouse Road intersection to determine if a left turn interval is desirable. Mr. Robinson requested that the study be made between 4:30 and 6 P.M. Mr. Maeder cited bad experience which we have had at the Route 5 - Wolf Road intersection in Colonie where there is an advance green. We will review this situation also, and will consider using an extended green, rather than advance, which would tend to eliminate the difficulty caused when opposing motorists jump the red after the display of the side road yellow.

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