

New Route 20 Traffic Study Slated

The Town of Guilderland's appeal for help in coping with traffic safety problems along Route 20 did not fall on deaf ears.

Town Supervisor Gordon Robinson emerged yesterday from a two-hour Albany conference with state officials with the promise that new traffic studies will be made of Route 20 intersections from McCormack's

Corners to the Albany city line. Mr. Robinson had urged the State Traffic Commission to install traffic signal lights at Route 20 intersections in McKownville following the death of 10-year-old Judith Clark in an auto-pedestrian accident earlier this month.

At the invitation of William S. Hults commission chairman, the supervisor met yesterday with

representatives of the commission, the Department of Public Works and the State Police.

He said Lloyd A. Maeder, commission executive director, indicated an "immediate" survey, including vehicular and pedestrian traffic counts, would be undertaken at the Johnson Road intersection with Route 20.

The intersection is near the Westmere Elementary School

and is used by many of the school's 900 pupils, Mr. Robinson noted. The town wants a stop light installed there.

Mr. Robinson said it was agreed that this study would be followed by others at Route 20 intersections from McCormack's Corners to the city line. They would be made, he said, at different time and on several days, designated by the supervisor himself.

He related that past traffic surveys of the area have been made on a "one-day basis." The supervisor was critical of this method at a recent Town Board meeting when it was learned that a petition for a signal light at the McKownville Road intersection had been denied four days before the McKownville girl's traffic death.