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Route 20 Traffic Study Underway

A letter which Guilderland Supervisor Gordon Robinson never mailed may have stimulated a state traffic survey of heavily traveled Route 20.

Supervisor Robinson last week told a Town Board meeting that he was sending a strongly

worded protest to the State Traffic Commission concerning its failure to carry out an earlier promise of traffic counts at several McKownville intersections, where the town seeks signal lights to provide traffic "breaks" and protect pedestrians.

However, the Supervisor said today that he had delayed mailing the letter. And the day after his statements appeared in the press, "I got a call from the commission office, saying they were ready to go ahead."

Yesterday, Route 20 traffic counts were underway at McKown Road, Westlyn Court, Glenwood Street and Parkwood Street in McKownville, the supervisor said.

He indicated that state employees were positioned at the intersections with counters from 6 a. m. to 9 a. m. and from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.

In addition, he noted that another traffic count was taken Tuesday at the Johnston Road intersection, near the point where a 10-year-old Guilderland girl was struck by a car and killed in January.

It was the girl's death that spurred Guilderland residents and town officials to seek new traffic studies aimed at getting the state to install the signal lights.

Mr. Robinson noted also that

Guilderland complaints that the highway's speed limits are too high are being acted upon by the commission with a study of traffic speed along Route 20.

The commission's McKown-

ville survey is under the direction of Robert Frank, a Guilderland resident, the supervisor said.

In a related development, Mr. Robinson reported that no-parking signs were installed yester-

day on Fuller Road and adjacent Warren and Mercer Roads.

The supervisor said state troopers were at work tagging cars shortly after the first day of enforcement of the parking ban got underway.

