

14 Glenwood Street, McKownville, New York 12203

August 12, 1965

Mr. Carl J. Walters  
105 Euclid Avenue  
Altamont, New York

Dear Mr. Walters:

My neighbors and myself believe the future Town Government of Guilderland could do a great deal more for this part of town. Suggestions are:

1. Urge the State to proceed with construction of the South side Arterial, at least as far as Russell Road. If this is futile, have the Town or County construct a new road connecting the Three Hills Terrace area with McKownville, say at McKown Road. 75 Guilderland families down there merit some consideration. Furthermore, it should be made more convenient for people in this area to shop at Stuyvesant Plaza and transport to Guilderland schools.
2. A new Thru-way exit in the vicinity of Russell Road would speed up industrial growth in that part of Guilderland. Considerable acreage is idle due to inadequate roads there.
3. Urge the State and Albany government officials to expedite the traffic flow on Western Avenue, the gateway to our Town. Congestion in the mornings, particularly in winter, is a disgrace. Government certainly should take the responsibility for getting our residents to their jobs on time.
  - a. A left turn lane (three lanes in all) should be placed at Fuller Road, Hillcrest Avenue, Daytona Avenue and Brevator Street. Possibly the City of Albany should prohibit left turns at the last three, and force State workers to turn right to the Arterial, constructed at great expense.
  - b. More people would ride Traction Company bus lines if the City of Albany took steps to improve traffic flow to Downtown points.
  - c. Bus stop lanes, of the type being placed on Route 5, are just as important to Western Avenue traffic.

4. Repair sidewalks, replace missing slabs on Western Avenue, on State-owned land. If, for no other reason, to take care of bicycle traffic, before another fatal accident occurs to some child.
5. Provide ball-playing fields for the youngsters in this end of the town. It would be less costly than a Town Police Force.

Friends who live near McCormack Corners tell me they believe water could be obtained from the Watervliet Reservoir water shed. Why isn't there negotiation with Watervliet by qualified legal counsel to represent the Town.

Sincerely yours,

*Hugh P. [unclear]*