

The McKownville Improvement Association

June 1, 1978

The Honorable Hugh L. Carey
Governor
State of New York
Albany, New York

Dear Governor Carey:

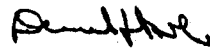
The proposed widening of Western Avenue in McKownville is vehemently opposed by the residents and businesses of McKownville. Over 300 petitions in opposition to the widening have been received and the petitions are being sent to you (after which I should like them returned to me).

We met with Commissioner Hennessy and explained to him that the slated destruction of trees by Niagara-Mohawk, New York Telephone, and the State of New York and its contractors will make our section of Western Avenue more prone to commercialization which will decrease traffic safety. The widening will also reduce property values in McKownville, and property values are the major form of real savings for most households in these inflationary times. Since no new sets of pedestrian cross-lights are planned for this section of Western Avenue, and the width of the buffer strip between the cars and the sidewalks will be reduced (in some cases to zero), pedestrian safety will not be improved for those walking along the "Main Street" of our hamlet. The improvement of Western Avenue in McKownville does not mean widening; rather curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike-paths, pedestrian cross-lights, and a speed limit lowered to better complement the urban character of McKownville will increase safety moreso than the planned turning lanes.

I hope that the people of McKownville can count on you to halt the present plans to widen Western Avenue in McKownville. It means a great deal to them and to me.

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Sincerely,


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