

# The McKownville Improvement Association

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Mr. Fredric M. Doeing, P.E.  
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Dear Mr. Doeing,

The Board of Directors of the McKownville Improvement Association has directed me to contact you regarding our concern for the safety of pedestrians along the section of Fuller Road between Western Avenue and the most southerly access road to the State University campus. Sidewalks between these two points are in poor condition and poorly maintained. Yet during the school year the walkways are frequently used by students walking to and from Stuyvesant Plaza. The opening of Cross-gates may increase this pedestrian traffic.

We strongly recommend that a traffic light or pedestrian walk light be placed either at the intersection of the SUNYA access road and Fuller Road or at the Mercer Street intersection. Vehicle traffic continues to increase and there is really no safe way for a pedestrian to cross Fuller when walking to or from Stuyvesant Plaza. The present traffic signal at the most northerly exit of SUNYA on Fuller Road, can not be used for pedestrians because there is no space for a side walk on the west side of Fuller Road by the Jewish cemetery.

We would hope, too, that Albany County makes arrangements through the Department of Public Works to keep the walkways along Fuller Road clear of snow and ice in the winter. At present, after a snow fall, pedestrians have to walk in the road, because the snow plows cover the side walk as they plow Fuller. During the short day light hours of the winter, this situation becomes even more dangerous to those walking. Executive Park offices are closing at dusk in the winter which pours considerable traffic onto Fuller. By keeping the sidewalks open, the hazard could be considerably reduced.

There may be other solutions to the problems. We hope your office will look into the matter and correct this potentially dangerous situation.

Sincerely,

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