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Re: DOT Project # 0173-0486; Town of Monroe

Dear Ms. Lindeberg,

I am very grateful for your Department's willingness to conduct the recent Public Information Meeting regarding this project.

As I know you are very aware from the public participation, residents and business owners have significant concerns relative to the Department's consideration of the removal of the traffic signal on Route 25 at Bradford Drive. Several residents are concerned about safety, and strongly feel that the relatively low crash rates at the intersection demonstrate the value of the traffic signal. Communication from the Stepney Fire Company indicated that removal of the signal would negatively impact the home response time of their volunteers. Finally, several local businesses strongly indicated that the removal of the light would have a chilling effect on local commerce.

Of particular note were the concerns raised relative to the traffic counts. As presented at the meeting, DOT performed traffic counts on two occasions. One was on a winter day in January, and the second over Memorial Day weekend. I must emphatically agree with those residents present at the meeting, insofar as these dates would not represent the higher traffic volumes anticipated during other times of the year. Several businesses in this area are seasonal and generate higher traffic during the warmer months. Furthermore, I would expect local traffic to subside during the holiday weekend.

Again, I am thankful that the DOT has provided the opportunity for constituents to voice their concerns and trust that they will be taken seriously. Furthermore, I respectfully request that the DOT conduct further data collection, to ensure that a proper representation of traffic volumes have been observed.

I look forward to meeting with you, along with other Town officials, to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth M. Kellogg', is written over a horizontal line.

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