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RE: Traffic & Safety: Route 9A at North State Road
Village of Briarcliff Manor, NY

Dear Mr. Oros, Mr. Gorton, and Supervisor Donnelly:

The Village of Briarcliff Manor (VBM) would like to revisit the Route 9A @ North State Road intersection based on a new Village proposal. As you know, over these many years, the VBM has lobbied for the rehabilitation and update to this important intersection that affects not just local residents but a wider area of people transiting the area.

By way of background I have attached a copy of Village Manager Zegarelli's letter of 13 March 2014 which highlighted the fact that the VBM had commissioned at its own expense the TRC Engineering's study of the intersection. The current intersection configuration is wholly out of date by today's high trafficked standards and adversely impacts everyone crossing this crossroads. Together we have enlisted support for this project with Westchester County, NYS, and the Town of Ossining elected officials. You have made on-site visits and proffered us your staff members to attend and participate in meetings and discussions. The TRC study provided the basis of several potential options to improve the intersection. We have outlined and presented the preferred option (alternate 4) to both NYSDOT the Westchester County Executive's office, the Westchester County DOT, and the Town of Ossining Supervisor. I've attached the correspondence and a copy of alternate 4 as a part of this letter.

While VBM and transiting neighbors are the most affected by this congested intersection, the intersection itself is not under the jurisdiction of VBM. The record is replete with our efforts to engage our State, County and Town officials to seek out funding for this project. All responses to

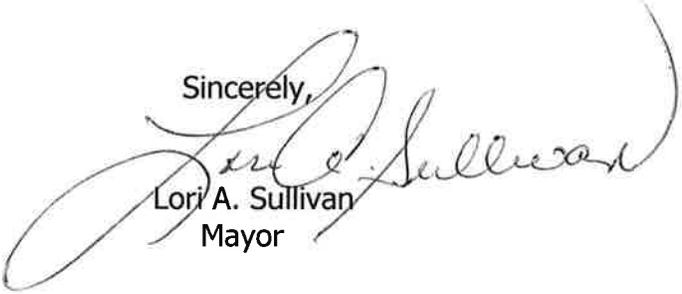
date have been significantly and one-sidedly supportive but consistently absent the funding necessary.

We undertook and paid for the study and design solution. Despite the disappointment in available funding, the VBM Board of Trustees has been unchanged in our support for this project. Even with no jurisdiction in this matter, we believe it is imperative to lobby strongly for its implementation. Here's our point: to verify and ensure our full commitment to this effort, we are prepared to pledge twenty five percent of the cost with like financial support from the State, County, and Town to ensure full funding. To that point, attached please find an updated estimate by our traffic consultants, TRC Engineering, who revised their project cost estimate to be \$630,000. The VBM will pledge a full \$158,000 as our share in this project as contemplated. We would now look to the State, County, and Town to match this funding so this project can be achieved.

We do not take our pledge lightly. We are committed to seeing this important project through and look to you to source the funding as a match to our pledge. I am not aware of any other communities that have suggested a "matching proposal" of this nature for a condition outside of their own jurisdiction. Obviously we are dead serious in seeing this through. I believe our updated project warrants a fresh, open-minded effort to fund this important intersection improvement.

If there are any questions or a need for additional information please contact me accordingly.

Sincerely,



Lori A. Sullivan
Mayor

Cc: Hon. Sandra R. Galef, Member of the Assembly
Hon. Thomas Abinanti, Member of the Assembly
Hon. David Carlucci, Member of the Senate
Hon. Terrence Murphy, Member of the Senate
Hon. Catherine Borgia, Westchester County Legislator
Hon. Michael Smith, Westchester County Legislator
Town Board, Town of Ossining
VBM Mayor and Board of Trustees
Jay Pisco, Westchester County of Public Works Commissioner
Philip E. Zegarelli, Village Manager
David J. Turiano, P.E., Village Engineer
Edward Torhan, Superintendent of Public Works
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Enclosures

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March 13, 2014

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RE: Traffic & Safety: Route 9A at North State Road
Village of Briarcliff Manor, NY

Dear Mr. Gorton:

The Village is in receipt of the February 28, 2014 letter from Regional Director Gorton to the Hon. Sandra A. Galef, copy enclosed. The correspondence makes reference to a very important traffic safety matter in the Village of Briarcliff Manor (VBM) located at the intersection of New York State Route 9A and North State Road. At this location, vehicular and pedestrian traffic movements crossing Route 9A have become increasingly difficult and the traffic light sequences delayed over the past decade, at the least. This results from increased vehicular traffic traveling on both Route 9A and North State Road, but is stymied by the preponderance of traffic light timing oriented or devoted to the northbound/southbound Route 9A traffic pattern.

You may not be aware, but several years ago, the VBM commissioned at its sole expense TRC Engineering of Hawthorne, New York to provide civil and traffic engineering service for this specific area. The work product which has been shared with Westchester County and the NYSDOT evaluated the site and made recommendations for the subject traffic intersection. Specifically, there were four separate proposals that, at various levels and costs, would have eased the traffic transiting east/west through the Route 9A/North State Road intersection. These concepts were aired at numerous meetings of the VBM's Board of Trustees and shared with other parties: concerned neighbors, the Chamber of Commerce, and other agencies. In preparation of such concept plans, for example, numerous traffic counts were performed in 2009 as well as a capacity analysis—level of service report prepared. While this study may appear to be dated, it is our belief that traffic has been exacerbated and that the traffic counts and service report are now conservative in nature reflecting the reality of today's deteriorating conditions.

As is noted above, the plans and reports prepared by TRC Engineering ordered for and by us were discussed at several public meetings of the VBM Village Board. The next steps of the VBM were to meet with state officials to discuss funding and implementation of an improvement plan entitled "Concept Plan – Alt 4A Roadway Improvements". I have enclosed a copy of the VBM's preferred model to your use and information.

As you know, this section Route 9A is also known as the "Briarcliff-Peekskill Parkway" and brings additional topics for discussion. Since it is considered a parkway and the adjacent property is "Westchester County Parkland", the VBM outlined several years ago and is willing to renew its offer to transfer, sell or otherwise identify existing VBM parkland to effect the "offset swap of property" necessary since the TRC studies and traffic alternatives would require the use and taking of land that is currently parkland. As has been stated by VBM on numerous occasions, we have identified property that I believe Westchester County is also interested in as part of addressing this need.

Given the opportunity contained in the exchange of correspondence, VBM officials together with its engineers desire to meet with New York State DOT officials and other state representatives to advance its discussion of implementing this very important highway improvement project. Integral to any improvements would be the County of Westchester as it is apparent that the lands adjacent to the roadway to be improved and modified are within its jurisdiction. Accordingly, Jay Pisco, Westchester County Commissioner of Public Works, is copied on this letter.

VBM looks forward to working with the state on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Zegarelli
Village Manager

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Enclosure