TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 11:00am Stow Town Building

380 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775

Town Building and On-line

Topic: TSAC

Time: December 21, 2022 11:00AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 817 5629 5320 Passcode: 364920

1.	11:00 AM	Call to Order
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Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Administrative Items

2.	Public Input
3	Vote in Brian Hatch as a voting Member
4.	Review Minutes
5.	Member Updates

Appointments/Discussion/Action Items

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6.	TSS Graphics Sidewalk Entrance					
7.	Stow Acres					
8.	Sudbury Road/Pine Bluff					
9.	Barton Road					
10.	Stow Condo Development off Boxboro Road					
11.	Common Road					
12.	Library Hill Intersection					
13.	Gleasondale Village					
14.	Winter Parking Ban					
15.	Stop Sign for Mariboro Road at Gleasondale					
16.	Vote on Purchase of Barriers for Marlboro Road.	0				

Posted December 16, 2022 at 4:00pm



Town of Stow Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes of November 9, 2022, Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting

Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Steve Nadeau, & Valerie Oorthuys

(Fire Chief John P Benoit absent)

Other individuals present: Town Administrator Denise Dembkoski and Building Commissioner Frank

Ramsbottom

Chief Sallese called meeting to order 1:02 PM

Approval of Minutes | October 26, 2022

Steve moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2022

Valerie Seconded.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)

Member Updates

-Chief Sallese ordered the Traffic Counter through the MRS Grant. Estimated delivery is by the end of November.

Public Input and Response to Concerns:

- -Wheeler Road at 117: No one appeared at the meeting to discuss concern sent in. Police Department will work on area enforcement in that area.
- -Crescent Street: No one appeared for the meeting to discuss concern sent in. Highway department to update signage. Discussion regarding changing signs to "No Exit" instead of "Do Not Enter" but at this time verbiage of "Do Not Enter" will remain.
- -Common Road Closure for Construction and possibility of turning road into a one-way: At this point in time, the Library Committee so there isn't anyone to discuss the issue with that this time. Valerie will work with the committee when they are created to discuss the issue.
- -Nan's: Town Administrator Denise Dembkoski and Building Commissioner Frank Ramsbottom were present for the meeting to discuss ongoing parking and traffic control issues. Discussion regarding ongoing traffic and parking concerns will be addressed through permitting channels to start. Meeting with Nans set up for Monday, November 14th with Town Administrator, Building Commissioner, Town Planner and Police Chief

Highway Department List:

- Crosswalks: Currently working on painting over the old crosswalks with black paint.
- -Engine Break Signs: Currently in progress
- -Wheeler Road Trimming: Weather dependent will take place on 11/10/22.



-Permanent Speed Feedback Sign: Installation has started. The four locations will be Wheeler, Gleasondale Road and two on old Marlboro Road.

Temporary Feedback Signs: Two are located on Boxboro Road, one on Harvard Rd., and one will be moved to Red Acre based on previous discussions.

Circuit Drive Signs: This will be installed week of 11/14/22.

Tree Lighting:

-On 12/2, the Highway Department will bring barricades, light towers, and cones to the lot for the event the following day.

Truck Restriction:

-Discussion was had with key members of Hudson's version of TSAC. Traffic study authorized for that area by Town Administrator. Valerie and Chief Sallese have thought of some other alternatives in the meantime and are looking to discuss these alternatives with the residents in that area. Next meeting of TSAC will be used to discuss those options exclusively. Meeting will be held after normal business hours to allow working residents to attend.

Next Meeting will be on December 7, 2022 at 6 PM.

Chief Sallese motions to adjourn. Steve Nadeu seconds.

VOTED: 3-0 (Unanimously In favor: Steve Nadeau – Yea; Chief Sallese – Yea; Valerie Oorthuys-Yea)





Town of Stow TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

380 Great Road Stow, Massachusetts 01775-1122 (978) 897-4545

December 9, 2022

Select Board 380 Great Road Stow, MA 01775

RE: Marlboro Road

Since the creation of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, we have discussed the high traffic volume and high-speed area of Marlboro Road multiple times. Residents have been expressing concern to the Police Department directly for years. One of the Police Department's highest impact traffic enforcements has been Marlboro Road.

Following the policy of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, we have identified Marlboro Road as an affected area and that the neighborhood very much supports the Committees finding that measures need to be taken. We have had many passionate residents suggest many ideas, from speed bumps, truck restrictions, signage, stricter enforcement.

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee welcomes all these suggestions. Our policy is to take a step approach, implementing low cost solutions keeping the tax payers in mind. Over the past year the Committee responded to the concerns of Marlboro Road in a few ways. The police department continued traffic assignments in the area, with officers implementing "High Impact Radar", which means that every vehicle travelling over 20% above the limit was stopped, meaning 31 mph or higher. Additional 25 mph signs were added to the roadway by the Highway Department.

Working with the Complete Street Committee grant funds were secured to purchase and install, permanent solar radar feedback signs. These signs have been installed this week and are up running.

The Committee also painted traffic lines on the roadway, with the state minimum width. This gives the illusion to vehicle operators that they are going at a faster rate than they are.

The committee researched other options to reduce the speed of vehicles, as well as reduce the amount of heavy truck traffic volume. The Committee researched speed bumps in the area. This idea was rejected quickly as speed bumps are not ADA compliant. To make them compliant sidewalks would have to be installed on both sides of the roadway causing the Town to take frontage of individual properties as the roadway would have to be increased. The committee then looked into speed tables, which are a gradual increase, to a flat top, to a gradual decline. While this solution would be ADA compliant, the cost for the materials, labor, additional drainage would be approximately \$125,000 to \$150,000 dollars. This option is still available to the Committee and community members, public



hearings, Select Board vote, and a Town Meeting discussion and vote would have to be presented to fund such a project.

The Committee continued and explored other options such as a truck restriction. With the Eversource project traveling on Chestnut St in Hudson, research was done to see if the conduit being installed would have a weight limit preventing heavier vehicles from traveling over it. We contacted the construction contractors and found that the conduit being installed was truck rated and no restriction would be needed. As a committee we know that the law requires that if a roadway is a connecting road to another town, a truck restriction would have to be approved by both Towns. A meeting with the Hudson internal traffic committee was held. Hudson was against the idea of installing a truck restriction on Chestnut St in Hudson. They sighted that other neighborhoods would be affected, and that other neighborhoods would also be requesting the same restrictions. As a committee, it was offered to the Town of Hudson that Stow would pay for a traffic study to see how both towns would be affected if Hudson would agree that the discussion of implementing a restriction would still be feasible on the traffic report. Hudson informed us that even with the traffic study they would not be in favor of the restriction.

The police department recently received a grant for \$20,000 for a traffic counter and specific enforcement campaigns. When deployed this traffic counter, captures the vehicle speed, volume, and class type.

The Committee then researched the idea of closing the entrance off of Gleasondale Road to Marlboro Road, and having traffic turn left around the south side of the Hello Garden. The Committee held a public forum on December 7th to hear the concerns and thoughts of the residents. Two options were presented to the Committee and residents for a pilot program on closing the entrance.

The first pilot option is that barricades would be used to close off Marlboro Road to southbound traffic from Gleasondale Road/Route 62. The barricades would have a lighted sign stating "Suggested Truck Route" directing trucks up to the next intersection for the turn. If vehicles wanted to turn left onto Marlboro Road, they would be able to after the Hello Garden. This would cause the vehicles to have a slower starting speed on Marlboro Road and discourage truck traffic making the sharp left. This option leaves the Northbound traffic on Marlboro Road open, cars would travel continuously on Marlboro Road to the existing stop sign to turn left or right.

The second pilot option would to barricade both the entrance and exit near 2 Marlboro Road, causing all turning traffic to enter and exit on the south side of Hello Garden.

Both these options are attached as appendix A and B.

After over an hour of conversation with a full meeting, both in-persona and virtual, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee voted and unanimously agreed that an updated version of both options would be implemented. The updated version is to keep space open for the residents at 2 Marlboro Road whose property is under an agricultural use and other farm supplies are delivered. The Committee will be utilizing the new traffic counter to collect data before and after the change in the traffic pattern. New temporary signs will be installed to warn people of the new traffic pattern.



This pilot program will be in place for approximately 30 to 60 days, with the option of increasing if more data needs to be collected. It should be noted that that with the Eversource project, traffic from Hudson will be shut down for an undetermined amount of time will the conduit is put in place.

Once the pilot program is complete a public forum will be held to receive input on the perspective of the residents. The Committee will be reviewing if the pilot program was successful by the reduction of volume of all classes of traffic, lower speeds, and the community feeling that they can safely walk on the road.

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Chief Michael Sallese, on behalf of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee



From: Chief Michael Sallese

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 12:03 PM

To: Phoenix Dwyer

Subject: FW: request for time on TSAC Agenda - Stow Acres

No the special Marlboro rd tsac meeting, but this will be on the agenda after

Michael Sallese, Chief of Police Stow Police Department 305 Great Road Stow, MA 01775 978-897-4545

From: Kathy Sferra <<u>conservation@stow-ma.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Chief Michael Sallese <<u>policechief@stow-ma.gov</u>>
Subject: request for time on TSAC Agenda - Stow Acres

Hi Chief:

I'd like to request time on an upcoming agenda to talk about the trail that we are constructing at the Stow Acres South Course. As part of the Conservation Restriction purchase, the town acquired a trail easement and we have laid out a trail that circumnavigates the South Course and which we expect to open before the end of the year. There are currently two spots along Randall Road where the trail comes out to the road and walkers would need to walk along the edge of the road. Over time, we can look to relocate these, but I wanted to check in with the Committee and get your thoughts on feasibility and whether there are things that can be done to improve the safety of pedestrians in these locations. Please see attached map. I will have photos and a little more detail I can share at the meeting.

Please let me know when you can fit me on an agenda.

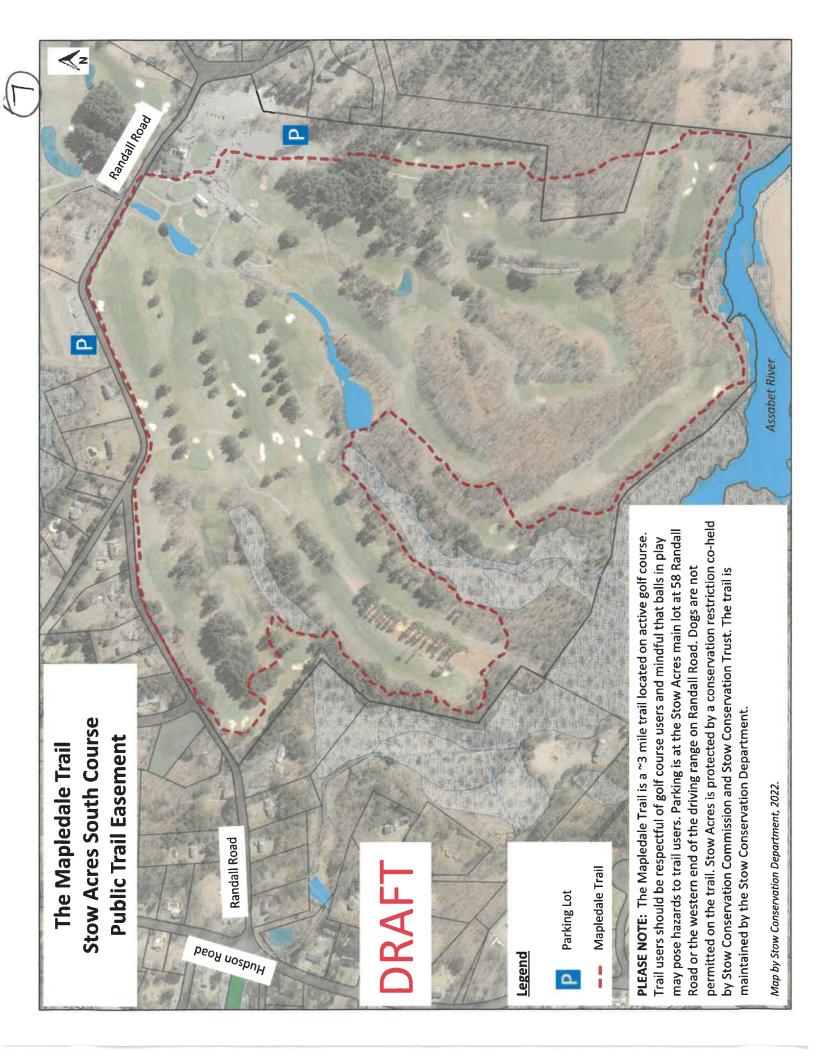
Thank you,

-Kathy

Kathy Sferra
Conservation Director
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From: stowpolice

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 9:55 AM

To: Phoenix Dwyer

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Stow Police 305 Great Road Stow, MA 01775 978-897-4545

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:28 AM **To:** stowpolice <stowpolice@stow-ma.gov>

Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Submitted on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 - 8:27am

Submitted by anonymous user: 96.252.41.192

Submitted values are:

First Name: Frank Last Name: Bemis

Street Address: 310 Sudbury rd

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): 01775 E-Mail Address: fjuniorbe@yahoo.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Sudbury rd pine bluff rec area

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with: People speeding down the road well above the posted speed limit mornings and afternoon commute are especially bad. There are no speed limit signs except for at state road traveling towards honey pot for over a mile. The road is a straight away the town is well aware of the speeding problems on the road where it is posted it's posted at 35 miles an hour. 35 mph on this road translates into speeds in excess of 45 miles an hour regularly. The signs that are up are very confusing and congested. One side of the road it says 35 the other side of the road it says 25. The area obviously has lots of elderly children a park a congested neighborhood towards honey pot blind corners etc. Extending the 25 mph zone pass the park was discussed a year ago so far none of those proposed changes have been implemented. And the posted speed limit around town has been dropped in a lot of areas to 25. Once last week in the afternoon and this morning again I've had somebody try and blow through my daughters bus stop. She's a nine-year-old. The road traffic has become increasingly bad with Google maps and Waze. The addition of houses to be built at Stow Acre's will increase road traffic and speeding

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: The lowering of the posted speed limit in congested areas to 25 mph maximum the lowering of the speed limit on Sudbury Road from a posted 35 to 30. Additional signage so that drivers are reminded especially



in straightaway sections where there are no signs for over a mile. Painted speed limits on streets . signage to indicate a park residential neighborhood signs flashing speed signs ect .I'd like to see additional funding for the police department strictly for speeding details whether that's we hire more officers apply for grants etc. if possible officers posted in the mornings in the afternoon doing radar especially around school drop off and pick up times. I know this is a town wide problem and the police departments doing a great job can't be everywhere at once but I would hope that the town can find money in the budget To fund some additional traffic safety measures some streets have bollards and flashing signs some of those streets are dead ends .short of increased patrols which I have seen I haven't seen anything done on Sudbury Road to try and slow down traffic. despite it being a well known problem area for excessive speeding

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at: https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/4896



From: stowpolice

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:33 PM

To: Phoenix Dwyer

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Stow Police 305 Great Road Stow, MA 01775 978-897-4545

From: Stow MA via Stow MA < cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:17 PM **To:** stowpolice <stowpolice@stow-ma.gov>

Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Submitted on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 - 2:16pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 108.49.224.146

Submitted values are:

First Name: Beth Last Name: Sullivan

Street Address: 124 Barton Rd

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow Ma

E-Mail Address: btrama@aol.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Since the new signs have been put up around town . You have posted a 25 speed limit on BARTON rd.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with: we have already have a huge problem with people flying down a very beat up road. They see this sign and thinks it ok. I would like to get the sign that is posted at the first house on 220 Barton Rd Hudson Side to be changed to a correct speed since its private rd and I clearly know that you all know that 25 is ridiculous. 15 should be the limit./ Let me know what i can do to help this process. I know several neighbors have had it with the speed. Never mind the incidents that have happen in the last 6 months.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Sign changes to 15

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:



From: stowpolice

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:22 PM

To: Phoenix Dwyer

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Stow Police 305 Great Road Stow, MA 01775 978-897-4545

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 2:57 PM To: stowpolice <stowpolice@stow-ma.gov>

Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Submitted on Thursday, December 1, 2022 - 2:57pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:18f:47f:4bb0:c51a:cd3c:d707:e3a2

Submitted values are:

First Name: Ian

Last Name: Moncrieff

Street Address: 15 West View Lane

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): STOW, MA 01775

E-Mail Address: ian.moncrieff@klinegroup.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: In the Regency at Stow condo development off

Boxboro Road

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with: Our roads in the development are narrow, with no sidewalks. We get a lot of delivery vehicles traveling at excess speed in the neighborhood which creates concern over the safety of residents walking. We posted 20 mph signs, but these are ignored by delivery trucks and service vehicles entering the community. We are a "Private Way" and would like to know what measures can be taken to control speeders.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

- 1. Mobile radar speed sign(s)
- 2. Written statement from the Town stating what courses of action are available to us, specifically listing any assistance to be rendered by the Town's Police or other departments.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:



From: Chief Michael Sallese

Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:33 AM

To: Phoenix Dwyer

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

The TSAC Agenda

Michael Sallese, Chief of Police Stow Police Department 305 Great Road Stow, MA 01775 978-897-4545

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 9:40 AM **To:** stowpolice <stowpolice@stow-ma.gov>

Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Submitted on Monday, December 5, 2022 - 9:39am

Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:18f:900:7160:3ce2:2a4b:7af5:91c

Submitted values are:

First Name: Hector Last Name: Constantzos

Street Address: 34 Meeting House Ln Apt 316

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): 01775 E-Mail Address: hconstantzos@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Common Rd

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with: Parking on both sides of the road in the winter time narrows the roadway making it hard for vehicles, especially emergency ones, to get by.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Ban parking on the north side (the side next to the church) of Common Rd from <u>Dec 1</u> through Mar 31. Restrict parking only on the south (117) side of the road.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:



From: Chief Michael Sallese

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:01 PM

To: Phoenix Dwyer

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Michael Sallese, Chief of Police Stow Police Department 305 Great Road Stow, MA 01775 978-897-4545

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:01 PM **To:** stowpolice <stowpolice@stow-ma.gov>

Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Submitted on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - 2:00pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 96.252.67.17

Submitted values are:

First Name: Jael Last Name: Gorham

Street Address: 68 Taylor Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): E-Mail Address: jael.gorham@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: The intersection of Library Hill / Hartley Road /

Crescent Street

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with: Twice recently I've seen people not stop at the stop sign heading across Crescent Street going towards Pilot Grove. It seems like that sign isn't as visible as the others.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Paint on the street noting a stop ahead, blinking stop sign, etc.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

To: Town of Stow, MA Complete Streets Committee From: Gleasondale Village Steering Committee

Date: November 21, 2022

Re: Traffic Safety and Control in Gleasondale Village

cc: Select Board, Planning Committee, Highway Department

This memo is to follow up on the one we sent in January of 2020. We understand that a response may have gotten lost in the upheaval of the pandemic, but we feel that now is a good time to bring it back to the fore and renew our requests. While we understand than any redesign of traffic through Gleasondale is not slated until 2024 at the earliest, we make the following requests based on preserving the health, safety, and community spirit of the residents of Gleasondale:

Purchase and install four permanent electronic speed signs in the four locations listed below. Two of these were approved by the Complete Street Committee last winter; have been purchased and have been awaiting installation since last winter.

- 1. Heading south on Route 62, at top of hill before the dangerous curve (max 30 mph)
- 2. Heading north on Route 62, at town line between Hudson and Stow (max 30 mph)
- 3. On Old Marlboro Road from Hudson side at split heading towards Route 62 (max 25 mph)
- 4. On Old Marlboro Road from off Route 62 (max 25 mph)

Purchase and install two permanent electronic crosswalk signs in these two locations:

- 1. In front of school lot to provide a safe crossing to school lot (for young families in particular)
- 2. In front of intersection of Old Marlboro Road and Route 62 for access to Kane land entrance

Remove/never again paint yellow center line on Old Marlboro Road.

At present, the existing yellow center line creates increased safety hazard to residents and walkers along Old Marlboro Road. Cars coming from both directions fail to slow for pedestrians and are falsely confident that there is room for both passing cars and any pedestrians.

Install a sign noting a 2 1/2 ton weight limit on vehicles using Old Marlboro Road.

Old Marlboro Road is a small residential street that is frequently used as a cut through by large freight vehicles. They cause a noise and safety hazard for the residents.

Install signs entering Gleasondale warning that posted speed limits will be strictly enforced.

Increased traffic volume/speeding on Route 62 in particular is creating hazards for residents. Cars heading north from Hudson are coming so fast around the curve with limited visibility at the church



that residents departing driveways cannot see or hear oncoming cars. Strictly enforcing a maximum 30 mph speed limit from the Hudson town line through Gleasondale is critical for residents, for both pedestrians and motor vehicle safety.

We sincerely entreat your committee to preserve our neighborhood, which is being increasingly inundated with unsafe vehicular traffic. As a neighborhood, residents are in agreement that the above suggestions could substantially mitigate these problems. We respectfully disagree with the position that electronic signs are more effective with temporary installation rather than permanent installation. We firmly believe that establishing an expected pattern of speed enforcement through Gleasondale is the solution. As a neighborhood, we have been working on this matter for over 8 years and cannot wait another 4 years for any projected project to resolve Gleasondale traffic issues. We are a thickly settled neighborhood with most houses in close proximity to the road. This should not be seen as a difficult position that needs to be postponed indefinitely. The traffic issues could be resolved with these simple solutions as opposed to any more complex redesign. Please act in the present. Traffic needs to be controlled immediately, not waiting for any artificial point in time based on the bridge construction. Traffic and the bridge redo are two independent matters. We are EAGERLY awaiting your response, comments, and action.

The Steering Committee for the Gleasondale Village Association,

Maura Sieller Joanna Miller Eve Fischer Margaret Costello