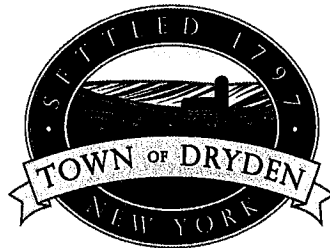


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Mike Gallerani, PE
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Dear Mr. Gallerani,

We are writing to request a reduction in the speed limit along Route 13 in the Town of Dryden and the Village of Dryden. The area for the reduction is from the intersection of Bahar Drive and Rt. 13 (Tompkins Cortland Community College entrance) and the intersection of Rt. 13 and Rt. 38 (intersection of North Street and Freeville Road). The current speed limit is 45 mph, and we would like to request a reduction to 30 mph.

We believe that creating a 30 mph speed zone on this section of North Road (Rt.13) will greatly reduce the safety risks for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicle operators. There are no sidewalks in that area, so pedestrians and cyclists are forced onto the shoulder of Rt. 13. There is a mobile home park, other businesses, and it is a walkway for TC3 students to access the businesses along North Road, and access to the Village of Dryden and their network of sidewalks. It also makes logical sense, as this reduction would be between two existing traffic lights, a distance of two thousand feet.

There are two additional events that is making this request more urgent. A 749 unit apartment building is being constructed in the Village, with access right at this exact area of North Road for both vehicles and pedestrians. The need for sidewalks is urgent for this project, but also for a speed reduction for safety of all the new residents of the apartment complex. And a popular restaurant has recently relocated to North Road, and pedestrian traffic will be increasing there as well.

We urge you give this request the utmost consideration. We would be happy to speak with you to this discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Jason Leifer, Supervisor, Town of Dryden
Michael Murphy, Mayor, Village of Dryden

Cc: The Honorable Anna Kelles, New York State Assembly
The Honorable Greg Mezey, Tompkins County Legislature
The Honorable Michael Lane, Tompkins County Legislature
Jeff Smith, Highway Director, Tompkins County