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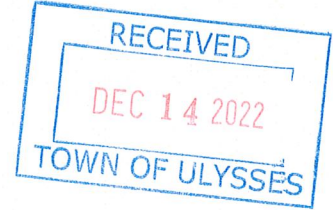
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December 9, 2022

The Honorable Carissa Parlato
Town Clerk, Town of Ulysses
10 Elm Street
Trumansburg, NY 14886



Dear Ms. Parlato:

RE: SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST
ROUTE 96, TOWN OF ULYSSES

This is in further response to your resolution requesting a speed limit reduction on State Route 96 between Iradell Road and Krum Corners Road, in the town of Ulysses. Our safety staff has completed their study.

Based on the existing roadside development, crash analysis, test drives, and radar analysis, our investigation determined that lowering the speed limit would not be appropriate at this time. The 85th percentile speed on this section of Route 96 supports the current speed limit of 55 mph. This is the speed that 85 percent of the drivers are traveling at or below. The 85th percentile speed is a direct measure of the influence of roadway geometry, development density and pedestrian activity on driver behavior for a given location. The 85th percentile is the speed at which drivers will drive under free-flowing conditions and is used to set the speed limit at a safe speed, minimizing crashes, and promoting uniform traffic flow.

This area was previously evaluated recently, and sign improvements were installed through this area as a result of these investigations. These sign enhancements and additions are intended to raise driver awareness of approaching intersections and adverse curvature.

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me at (315) 428-4380.

Very truly yours,

Scott R. Bates, P.E., PTOE
Regional Traffic Engineer