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Agency of Transportation

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RE: Reduced Speed Limit, US-2, East Montpelier

Dear Mr. Gardner:

This letter is in response to your March 30, 2020 letter requesting a review of the speed limit on US-2 in the vicinity of the Towne Hill Road intersection. Since this is a regulatory issue, Traffic Operations will conduct a traffic engineering study, as required by State Law, and will forward a recommendation to the Vermont Traffic Committee, who makes the final decision. You will be notified of our recommendation 2-3 weeks prior to the Traffic Committee meeting where this issue will be discussed, in the event you wish to attend and provide testimony.

Speed limits on state highways are set by the Vermont Traffic Committee, made up of the Secretary of Transportation, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and the Commissioner of Public Safety, on the basis of an engineering study performed by the Agency of Transportation. The Committee meets about three times per year, and the town and other interested parties may present testimony at the meetings.

This item will be added to the agenda for the next Traffic Committee meeting. A date for this meeting has not been set yet, but will likely be in late summer. Please note that this timeframe may be affected by the current COVID-19 response efforts and Stay at Home Directive.

Additionally, VTrans Traffic Operations will undertake a Traffic Investigation to review the safety of the intersection of Towne Hill Road with US-2. Review and improvements other than the speed limit are outside the purview of the Traffic Committee but the Agency recognizes your concerns with this intersection extend beyond the speed limit and will review the intersection accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 371-8827 or at ian.degutis@vermont.gov if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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