

Here is a follow-up to our recent conversations regarding Rt. 205 in Brooklyn. Below is the report I got back from DOT regarding my inquiry about the issue. They basically said it complies and the Local Traffic Authority, AKA: The Board of Selectman, doesn't think it is an issue. I brought this to DOT at the request of Evan Keech, a Scout in Brooklyn. This was before the recent string of accidents. I recommend the following course of action

- QVEC will come up with a 5-year record of accidents on 205. Chief Breen will coordinate.
- The Town BOS is the Local Traffic Authority will take it up at their next meeting and vote to request DOT get involved formally.
- Once We have the Data and a Letter from the Chief, a Vote of the BOS, I will add a cover letter to the "package" and supporting data to the DOT Commissioner, Governors' Office, and DOT's Engineering Department for action.

Does this seem like a good plan? Should the Resident Trooper add his thoughts to the package?

Let me know what you think.

- Pat Boyd

Here is the DOT Response.

This is in response to State Representative Boyd's inquiry regarding crashes occurring in the vicinity of the residential property located at 295 Wauregan Road (Route 205) in the town of Brooklyn.

A cursory review of this portion of Route 205 revealed the following:

- *The posted speed is 40 mph with an 85th percentile speed of approximately 47 mph.*
- *The Average Daily Traffic is approximately 2,400 vehicles.*
- *A review of the Department's latest available crash data from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 revealed 1 reported crash, which was recorded as property damage only.*
- *Curve Arrow signs with advisory speed plaque exists on both approaches of curves on Route 205. The existing curve warning signs will be replaced/updated in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices under State Project No. 0172-0477 which is currently in the Design Phase and the construction phase will not commence until Spring 2023.*

As mentioned above, our records indicate that there was 1 reported crash in a 3-year period within a 1,500-ft radius of the residential property. That crash occurred on August 15, 2019 where a driver swerved off the road and collided with a mailbox causing property damage with no injuries. The Town's Local Traffic Authority (LTA),

Mr. Richard Ives First Selectman, was contacted for input and he confirmed our findings. The LTA stated that Route 205 does not have an overrepresentation of crashes as suggested in the chain of emails below. As requested by the LTA, he was given the property owner's information as he wanted to contact the property owner directly to better understand the concerns in the area and provide feedback on what the Town has been observing.

In summary, the existing curve warning signs are being reviewed under the Design of State Project No. 0172-0477. No further studies are recommended in the vicinity of the residential property located at 295 Wauregan Road in the Town of Brooklyn at this time. Any further questions or concerns should be directed to the Town's Local Traffic Authority.

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