

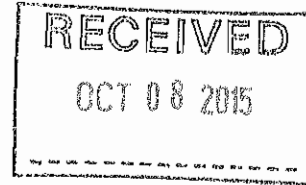
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RE: Speed Limit Request, VT 2A Williston

Dear Mr. McGuire,

This letter is in response to your July 22, 2015 letter requesting reduction of speed limit on VT 2A from Industrial Avenue north to the Williston/Essex town line.

The Traffic Operations unit has conducted an engineering study, and found that the 85th percentile free flow speeds range from 38-40 mph, showing very good compliance with the existing 40 mph speed limit. There have been 14 reported crashes in the study area in the five year period 2010-2014, well below the average rate for similar sections of Vermont highways. The speed limit is intended to be the maximum allowable speed during "ideal" conditions (such as early on a sunny weekend morning with very little traffic); it is not unexpected that in congested areas, the actual speeds during peak flow periods will be below the speed limit. We recommend that the existing 40 mph speed limit be retained.

We will forward this recommendation to the Vermont Traffic Committee, who makes the final decisions. This topic will be on the agenda of the next Traffic Committee meeting on Thursday October 22, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the VTrans Board Room on the 5th floor of the National Life Building in Montpelier. Please attend if you wish to present testimony on behalf of the town. If you or members of the public are unable to attend but would still like to participate, please let me know and we can arrange a telephone connection. We encourage the town to notify local stakeholders of the opportunity to participate in this meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 477-3251 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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Traffic Operations Engineer

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