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August 26, 2024

The Honorable Ralph Ekstrand
Mayor, Village of Farmingdale
361 Main Street, P.O. Box 220
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Dear Mayor Ekstrand:

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) professionals have completed an investigation regarding your request for median fencing along NYS Route 109, a "No Turn on Red" restriction on southbound Main Street at NYS Route 109, additional pedestrian crossing times at the intersections of NYS Route 109 and Staples Street and NYS Route 109 and Main Street, and an elevated walkway over NYS Route 109 at Main Street in the Village of Farmingdale. The investigation included a crash analysis, traffic vehicle counts, traffic signal inspection, and field observations of the area.

NYSDOT professionals recently repaved, narrowed the through lanes, lowered the speed limit, installed fully protected left turn arrows, and installed high visibility pavement markings on NYS Route 109. NYSDOT is also scheduled to lengthen various NYS Route 109 turn lanes. This lane work will be undertaken in an upcoming Safety Enhancement project which is currently scheduled for a bid opening in the Fall of 2025.

For the crash analysis, NYSDOT professionals reviewed the most current three years of data available from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles including the December 29, 2024 and the January 2, 2024 pedestrian crashes. The data did not reveal a pattern of vehicle crashes. Traffic counts showed a moderate number of vehicles traversing this section of highway. Field observations did not show any issues with vehicles maintaining their lane of travel or entering/exiting NYS Route 109. Traffic signal inspection showed pedestrian signal heads with countdown timers working as designed.

Based on the data and analysis, the installation of a median fence or an elevated walkway is not deemed necessary. To enhance pedestrian safety, NYSDOT traffic signal mechanics adjusted the allotted pedestrian clearance time for crossing NYS Route 109 at Staples Street and Main Street. In addition, NYSDOT maintenance crews will replace missing "Pedestrian Warning" and "No Stopping Anytime" signs on

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eastbound and westbound NYS Route 109. NYSDOT maintenance professionals will also install a "No Turn on Red" restriction on southbound Main Street at NYS Route 109. This sign work will be completed by the end of calendar year 2024.

Thank you for your interest in and support for the transportation system. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or Karyn Meyer, Director of Government Relations, at (631) 952-6632.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Causin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard B. Causin, P.E.
Regional Director

cc: Karyn Meyer, Director of Government Relations