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TRUSTEE – VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

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May 2, 2003

John Perry
Woodridge, Village of
5 Plaza Dr.
Woodridge, IL 60517

Re: Westminster / Charing Cross

Dear John:

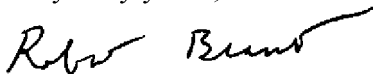
Thank you for the follow-up regarding the traffic control issue at Westminster / Charing Cross. The yield signs on Charing Cross will help alleviate some of the traffic dangers.

However, it does nothing to alleviate danger to pedestrians, which is my major concern. Children, parents with strollers, kids on bikes, etc. routinely cross Westminster Rd. to the new park. The previous studies did not evaluate the pedestrian issue (*see note pasted below*) which will only become more of a problem as the development south of Westminster continues. For that reason, I believe more needs to be done at that intersection.

What other traffic control devices – short of a stop sign – are available? Pedestrian crossing signs? Reflective white-striped crosswalks on the roadway?

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Very truly yours,



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- B. The need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near locations that generate high pedestrian volumes.

Comments:

Pedestrians volumes were not given. However, the area in question does not generate what would be generally considered 'high' pedestrian volumes.

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MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2003

MEMO TO: John Perry, Village Administrator

FROM: Philip J. Modaff, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Trustee Brandt Request – Traffic Control @ Intersection of Westminster and Charing Cross

Trustee Brandt forwarded a concern expressed to him by two residents in his letter to you dated April 26, 2003. Specifically, the letter related a concern about traffic control at the intersection of Westminster Drive and Charing Cross. As you may recall, the Village has reviewed that intersection twice in the past eight months as a result of prior resident inquiries. Below is a summary of file information related to this matter:

- **August, 2002:** Village received inquiries from residents in area requesting a STOP sign at the intersection.
- **September 4 and 5, 2002:** Public Works Department conducted traffic survey over a 24-hour period, collecting data on traffic volume, speed and direction.
- **September 9 – September 20:** Public Works staff analyzed survey data and accident history provided by Police Department. (One vehicle accident was reported, dating to August 23, 2002. That accident report is attached). As you know, we always consult the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to determine what signage, if any, is necessary at any given location. We concluded that none of the MUTCD established warrants necessary for installation of a four-way (or even two-way) STOP sign were met. In order to further verify our analysis, we forwarded the data to the traffic engineer at consulting engineering firm TranSystems. The traffic engineer concurred with our conclusion that no STOP signs were warranted. (A complete copy of the traffic engineer's analysis is attached). I have also attached a brochure published by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference related to speeding in residential areas, which includes a section on installation of unwarranted STOP signs.

- **September 23, 2002:** I issued a memo to you (attached) summarizing results of our analysis and the traffic engineer's analysis and recommended installation of a YIELD sign on Charing Cross. In the memo we acknowledged, "Once the area is fully developed and normal traffic patterns are established, another survey should be completed to help us establish the appropriate traffic control".
- **September 27, 2002:** Letters (attached) are sent to residents who made initial inquiry about a STOP sign. A copy of the resident letters was included in the October 18, 2002, Administrator's Memorandum.
- **March 18 – 20, 2003:** As a follow up measure to the first survey, Public Works Department undertakes another traffic survey, this time over a 48-hour period, to determine if any factors have changed that might warrant a STOP sign. Police are asked to complete an accident history for the prior six-month period. Results of the survey show that traffic volume actually decreased from the prior survey, likely as a result of the re-opening of Heritage Parkway (which was closed to through traffic when the September 2002 survey was taken). The Police Department reported no vehicle accident at that location during the prior six-month period. No other factors were noted that would warrant installation of any STOP signs.
- **March 24, 2003:** Letters are sent to the residents who had made the initial inquiry in August 2002, advising them of our follow up work. Copies of the letter are provided in the Administrator's Memorandum dated March 28, 2003, and also to the Woodridge Park District.
- **April 28, 2003:** I received a copy of the letter from Trustee Brandt and over the next several days completed a review of the file information, including the two surveys taken, and again go through the warrants established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as provided in the TranSystems traffic engineer's report. In concert with the Village Engineer, I have again concluded that no warrants exist for installation of any STOP signs at the intersection.
- **May 1, 2003:** The Village Engineer advises me that the YIELD sign that was intended to be placed on Charing Cross as per my recommendation in September 2002 was never installed. Installation of a YIELD sign by operations personnel was to have been preceded by approval of an authorizing Ordinance. Due to an oversight in this department, that Ordinance was never presented to the Board for their approval, and therefore operations staff was never instructed to install the YIELD sign.

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It remains my recommendation that a YIELD sign on Charing Cross is the only traffic control sign warranted at this time. Therefore, I will prepare an ordinance authorizing the YIELD sign for consideration at the May 22, 2003, meeting of the Mayor and Board. In the meantime, I have issued a work order for the YIELD sign to be installed at that location during the week of May 5 as originally intended back in September 2002.

In the time leading up to the consideration of the proposed ordinance on May 22, I invite any questions regarding our analysis, conclusions and performance related to this matter.

attachments

C: Zill Khan, Assistant Director of Public Works/Village Engineer
Tony Fowler, Superintendent of Operations

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April 26, 2003

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VIA FAX 1-630-719-0021

Dear John:

Two separate residents have come up to me and asked for some sort of traffic control or stop signs at the intersection of Westminster (east/west) and Charing Cross (north/south). One of them had been in an accident at that intersection.

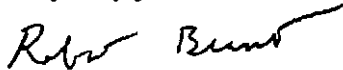
Given the tremendous development south of Westminster and the construction of the new park in the northwest corner of the intersection, I believe stop signs are in order – at least north/south on Charing Cross and probably east/west on Westminster as well.

Without traffic control, it's not a question of if a serious accident will occur at that intersection, it's a question of when.

In the event that a traffic study does not mandate stop signs, please note that I plan to submit a motion to the Village Board to override that decision.

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