



*Village of Tivoli
Deputy Mayor
Bryan F. Cranna*

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Ms. Astrid Glynn
Commissioner
New York State Department of Transportation
50 Wolfe Road
Albany, NY 12205

Dear Commissioner Glynn:

Last month an automobile accident occurred at the intersection of New York State Route 9G, and Dutchess County Route 78. A vehicle traveling west on County Route 78 by a driver unfamiliar with the road, failed to stop at a stop sign and collided with a vehicle traveling south on Route 9G. The gentleman operating the southbound vehicle died of his injuries, and the driver and passengers of the westbound vehicle also received injuries. The strong impact of the collision caused the southbound vehicle to be pushed into the private driveway of a homeowner whose property borders Route 9G. Thankfully no one was in the vehicle and or driveway at the time, that vehicle sustained significant damage.

The intersection of county route 78 west and state route 9G is the gateway to the village of Tivoli. This intersection receives a great deal of traffic as most Tivoli residents and visitors to the village use this intersection to enter and exit the village. County route 78 east leads to New York State Route 9, another heavily traveled road.

Unfortunately this intersection has been the scene of more than one accident. The most recent accident which resulted in the death of a person has generated a great deal of concern amongst the constituents I represent within the Village of Tivoli. As the father of two young boys, one of whom will begin traveling on a school bus this September, I too share their concerns.

I take this opportunity to respectfully request your department to conduct a thorough study of this intersection to determine what might be possible to prevent any future accidents.

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I thank Senator Stephen Saland and Assemblyman Molinaro for allowing me this opportunity to join them in requesting such a study from your department, and I thank them for their concern and efforts.

Should you have any question and comments, I would be more than willing to make myself available to you and or a representative from your department.

Several residents including Village of Tivoli officials have begun circulating a petition to have a traffic light placed at the intersection. While I share their strong concerns, I do understand that a study most likely would be needed before such an occurrence.

On behalf of the Village of Tivoli, I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryan F. Cranna
Deputy Mayor