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Re: Speed Limit on CR50 (Swimming River Road)

Dear Ms. Melnick,

I understand that the temporary speed limit on CR50 of 35 miles per hour has reached a one-year time limit. Further, I know you are considering seeking approval for a permanent change from the previous 40 miles per hour.

On April 19, 2002 this agency investigated a Fatal Crash on CR50 involving a 17-year-old resident. The Traffic Safety Bureau of the Middletown Township Police is continually receiving complaints from residents and citizen groups about speeding, the speed limit, and truck traffic on this section of CR50. Most recently are the concerns and media attention concerning expansion of Republic Services (MARPAL) bulky waste transfer station. The Lincroft Village Green Association is seeking cross walks on CR50 at three locations in the affected area.

I understand that your position would be to have a consistent speed on CR50 as much as possible. Knowing that certain warrants are needed to support approval of a permanent speed reduction, I also know that public opinion and the opinion of local officials can weigh into the decision making process to set a speed limit.

The Traffic Safety Bureau of the Middletown Township Police supports a permanent speed limit of 35 miles per hour on the section of CR50 from CR520 to our border with Tinton Falls. We will do our best to enforce the 35-mile per hour speed limit.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frederick J. Henry".

Lt. Frederick J. Henry
Traffic & Safety Bureau

Approved: _____

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Ochess".
Chief Robert Ochess