

Road-widening objectors out of time

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The Lincroft Village Green Association had until Monday to submit its recommendations to the Monmouth County Engineers Office in Freehold to express its opposition to the county's proposal to widen Route 520 from Red Bank to the front of the Lincroft Elementary School.

According to County Engineer Theodore Giannechini, the project remained open for public comment since the

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county held its meeting in June. "We gave the public 60 days," he said. During that period, he said there were about a dozen letters from private residents and letters from the Village Green

and the Lincroft Task Force.

"We got some pretty interesting suggestions," he said.

The county will review all the suggestions, he said, noting that the proposal is still in the infant stage - nothing is set in stone.

In response to the county's meeting, the association held a public forum meeting for residents Aug. 13. Upon arrival, the 150 or so residents in attendance were handed a sur-

vey to complete.

According to Winnie Scuteri, a member of the association, 90 surveys were returned.

The 21 questions asked for residents' opinion on matters ranging from reducing speed limits to constructing a new Parkway exit — to be known as Exit 107 on Tinton Avenue in Tinton Falls.

At one point in time, Lincroft Village, as it was called some 40 years ago, had a blink-

ing light that controlled the traffic at the intersection of Swimming River and Newman Springs roads. The roadway was also referred to as five corners. Originally Phalanx Road met at the intersection of the corner of Route 520 and Swimming River Road.

The association's intention is to have the 20,000 or so vehicles slow down while passing

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through their section of town each day.

"We feel that we can contribute to the outcome," Scuteri said, "because we are a massive group."

According to Scuteri, there are about 200 members in the association and about 2,000

people signed the petition to stop the widening project.

Giannechini said his office and consultants would come up with a final recommendation for the Route 520 corridor. Without committing to a date, he did say there would be another meeting to inform the public as to the results by the fall.

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