

**Subject:** Re: Letter to Commissioner Jones re: Mt. Hope Ave. traffic petition follow-up  
**From:** ormanmf@yahoo.com (ormanmf@yahoo.com)  
**To:** Norman@CityofRochester.gov;  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2016 3:14 PM

Thank you Commissioner Jones, that is understood. Will it be possible to get the requested speed and volume reports?

Best regards,

Mike Orman  
554 Mt. Hope Ave.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 4, 2016, at 2:16 PM, "Jones, Norman" <[Norman@CityofRochester.gov](mailto:Norman@CityofRochester.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Orman, I must be perfectly clear that we agreed to only consider the feasibility of the flashing light alternative/option after we have implemented and evaluated the effectiveness of the proposed recommendations. Please note that the proposed measures did not factor in the new student housing project. The traffic study is now complete and we will provide to you our official response in the very near future .

**From:** Michael Orman [mailto:[ormanmf@yahoo.com](mailto:ormanmf@yahoo.com)]  
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**Subject:** Re: Letter to Commissioner Jones re: Mt. Hope Ave. traffic petition follow-up

Dear Commissioner Jones:

Thank you for the clarification. We'd understood that consideration of a light at Mt. Hope/Stewart would occur now, but we appreciate that the staging you've described potentially allows for better consideration of the impact of the proposed student housing development in that vicinity, about which there may be more clarity by then. In addition to the significant issues Peter Psyllos described at our meeting, I'd note that there is a bus stop on Mt. Hope across the street from the entrance to Stewart, and it's quite dangerous for current users of that bus stop (who include residents of the apartment complex at 1150 Mt. Hope) to cross the street in the absence of a traffic light. This will no

doubt become an even bigger issue if some form of student housing is built on the east side of the street. In addition, we hear from the cemetery people that exiting their south gate (which is in the same vicinity and sees frequent use by visitors, funeral processions, and cemetery employees) can be quite difficult. We hope all these factors can be considered when the time comes to address the Mt. Hope/Stewart issue.

Also, I much appreciate your help in obtaining information underlying the engineers' recommendations. With respect to the Robinson/Linden intersections (the first category in my 03/02 message), what you've referenced below will be fine. With respect to speed reports for Mt. Hope north of Elmwood (the third category), you've referenced certain MCDOT/RPD reports, but in addition we are looking for any other speed reports (including any NYSDOT reports) that were considered by the engineers. And then likewise as to volume reports for Mt. Hope north of Elmwood (the second category), which you haven't referenced, we are looking for the MCDOT reports as well as any NYSDOT reports that were considered. I understand that these types of reports are not more than a few pages each. Is it possible for them to be provided?

Thank you again and best regards,

Mike Orman

554 Mt. Hope Ave.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2016 11:51 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Commissioner Jones re: Mt. Hope Ave. traffic petition follow-up

Mr. Orman

Thank you for your feedback. Please allow me to clarify The City and MCDOT's stated action items per our meeting on March 1st :

- Install new reflective delineator posts to bring better awareness of the southerly horizontal curve near Reservoir Avenue/Castle Park;
- Install additional advance pedestrian warning signs for the existing crosswalks at Robinson Drive and at Reservoir Avenue;
- Convert the crosswalks at Mt. Hope & Robinson, Mt. Hope & Reservoir, and at the Ford Street eastbound right turn slip lane to high-visibility pavement markings;
- Install pedestrian-activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the Robinson Drive crosswalk to bring attention to pedestrians waiting to cross;

- Add a No Turn on Red restriction for Wilson Boulevard northbound at Ford Street;
- Add overhead signs and pavement markings to make it clear that all traffic in the left lane of Wilson Boulevard at Ford Street must turn left;
- Continue to use digital speed feedback signs to bring awareness of vehicle speeds; and,
- Continue to deploy random RPD speed enforcement as resources permit.
- We will provide a write up similar to the one provide at the Mayor's meeting for Stewart Street for Robinson and Linden
- Monroe County and RPD radar speed information for Mt. Hope
- The City and Monroe County Traffic will present traffic engineering findings at any public meeting related to the Mt. Hope corridor study.

The Mayor indicated that we will complete the actions outlined above and then collect additional data three months after completion of the work. Base on that result we will review the feasibility of a flashing signal at the Stewart/Mt. Hope intersection.

Let me know if you have additional questions,

Please note: That the City of Rochester will be preparing a formal response to the petition that will be provided to your group

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Orman [<mailto:ormanmf@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 12:28 PM

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Please find the attached letter to Norman H. Jones, copied to Mayor Lovely A. Warren, Terrence J. Rice, James R. McIntosh, and Peter T. Psyllos.

554 Mt. Hope Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14620  
March 2, 2016

Norman H. Jones  
Commissioner of Environmental Services  
City Hall, Room 300B  
30 Church Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

Dear Commissioner Jones:

It was a pleasure meeting with you yesterday. I hope I conveyed how much I appreciate the efforts of everyone who has been involved in responding to the Mt. Hope traffic petition.

I thought that Mayor Warren's proposals were excellent. To recap, the engineers will consider placing a flashing yellow light at Mt. Hope and Stewart Street, and, as to the recommendations for the entire affected stretch of Mt. Hope, a "two phase" process will be followed: first, the recommendations will be implemented, and then a study will be conducted after three months to evaluate the extent to which traffic calming effects have been achieved.

I also appreciate very much your offer to help with obtaining information underlying the summary report presented by the engineers on 01/15/16. Per your direction, here are the specific items of interest:

1. The accident rate and collision information and volume counts for the two other intersections evaluated for potential traffic light installation (Mt. Hope/Robinson Drive and Mt. Hope/Linden Street)
2. The full volume reports for Mt. Hope north of Elmwood Avenue
3. The full speed reports for Mt. Hope north of Elmwood Avenue

Finally, we look forward to receiving the City's letter concerning the overall response to the petition, including as to the crucial enforcement issues. As previously indicated, once that letter and the requested information have been received, the plan is to call a meeting of all the petition signers so that they can be brought up to date and have an opportunity to react. I appreciate very much the offers by you and Director Rice to attend that meeting, and I will be in touch to coordinate potential dates once everything is in hand.

Sincerely,

Michael Orman

cc: Mayor Lovely A. Warren  
Terrence J. Rice  
James R. McIntosh  
Peter T. Psyllos