

RESOLUTION - REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF A TRAFFIC STUDY TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE VICINITY OF STATE ROUTES 32 AND 213 AND SURROUNDING AREAS

WHEREAS, the Town of Rosendale is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of State Routes 32 and 213, as well as the surrounding roads and pedestrian routes, has been identified as a critical area requiring increased attention to improve traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by residents regarding the safety of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in this area; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT is currently conducting a traffic study for the intersection of State Routes 32 and 213; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale believes that the current scope of the traffic study should be expanded to address additional safety concerns beyond the intersection itself, which would ensure a comprehensive evaluation of the traffic conditions and the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby formally requests that the New York State Department of Transportation expand the scope of the ongoing traffic study to include the following traffic safety concerns:

1. Lowering of Speed Limits:

The Town requests that the New York State Department of Transportation consider lowering the speed limit from Tillson heading north through the State Routes 213/32 intersection in order to improve traffic safety for all road users.

2. Lowering Speed Limit on Main Street/State Route 213:

The Town requests that the New York State Department of Transportation consider lowering the speed limit on Main Street/State Route 213 in Rosendale to 25 MPH to enhance pedestrian safety. This should be accompanied by improvements to the visibility of crosswalks and the installation of additional traffic mitigation measures, such as safety warning cones or other signage.

3. Safety of Left Turn from Parkcrest Drive and Parkcrest Heights (Senior Housing) onto State Route 32:

The Town expresses concern over the safety of making a left turn from Parkcrest Drive and from Parkcrest Heights onto State Route 32. The Town requests that the New York State Department of Transportation consider traffic mitigation measures, including improved signage, lighting, and visibility, to reduce the risk of accidents at this location.

4. Crossing State Route 32 from the Rosendale Community Center to Park and Ride:

The Town requests that the New York State Department of Transportation address the danger of pedestrians crossing State Route 32 from the Rosendale Community Center to Park and Ride by evaluating the need for additional signage, lighting, or other safety improvements to facilitate safer pedestrian crossings.

5. **Visibility Issues at the Lower James Street/State Route 32 Intersection:**

The Town requests that New York State Department of Transportation assess and address the lack of visibility for drivers exiting or entering the intersection at Lower James Street and State Route 32, specifically on the south side of the bridge, to improve traffic flow and safety.

6. **Installation of a Crosswalk with Crossing Sign on the North Side of the Bridge:**

The Town requests that New York State Department of Transportation consider the installation of a crosswalk with a pedestrian crossing sign on the north side of the bridge, allowing pedestrians to safely cross State Route 32 from Main Street to Bridge Plaza.

7. **Contiguous Sidewalks from Main Street to Fanns Plaza:**

The Town requests that New York State Department of Transportation address the lack of a contiguous sidewalk on the north side of State Route 32 between Main Street/State Route 213 and Fanns Plaza, which poses a significant safety risk to pedestrians who must walk along this section of the road to access the shopping plaza.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, directs the Town Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of New York State Department of Transportation Marie Therese Dominguez, New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey, New York State Assemblywoman, Sarahana Shrestha, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, Ulster County Transportation Council/Ulster County Traffic Safety Board Dennis Doyle and Brian Slack to urge prompt action on these critical safety concerns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale will continue to collaborate with the New York State Department of Transportation, local agencies, and community members to address these issues and ensure a safer environment for all road users in the area.

Motion made at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale, March 12, 2025, by Supervisor Walsh and seconded by Councilm_____.

VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilman Cassidy _____

Councilman Havranek _____

Councilmember Sweeney _____

Councilmember Wykoff _____

Supervisor Walsh _____

Town Seal

Mandy Donald – Town Clerk

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