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The Honorable Jane Brauning
Town Clerk of Romulus
1435 Prospect Street
Willard, NY 14588

RE: SPEED REDUCTION REQUEST
COUNTY ROUTE 129
TOWN OF ROMULUS

Dear Ms. Brauning:

This is in further response to your letter where you requested a speed reduction on County Route 129, in the town of Romulus. New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) safety staff have completed their study.

NYSDOT professionals determined that lowering the speed limit would not be appropriate at this time. Engineers reviewed the crash history at this location, documented field conditions and performed multiple test drives at various speeds along this route. During these test drives the engineers evaluated the reactions of other motorists on the road as well as documented if they were able to maintain that speed based on the geometry of the road, developmental density, and pedestrian activity. They determined that the appropriate speed is the existing speed limit of 55 mph, which would be considered the prevailing free flow speed, at which the majority of the drivers are driving. Drivers are influenced more by the appearance of the highway and prevailing traffic speeds, rather than a posted speed limit. Setting the speed limit at the prevailing free flow speed decreases conflicts, minimizes crashes, and makes it easier for vehicles and pedestrians to judge the speed of approaching vehicles.

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Justin Fukes in our Syracuse office at (315) 428-4623.

Very truly yours,

Scott R. Bates, P.E., PTOE
Regional Traffic Engineer

Cc: R. Gates, Superintendent, Seneca County DPW