

Written correspondence between neighbor, Pamela Posey, and Mark McLean, DOT

Dear Mark,

I am the homeowner at 6 Bradford Road. Thank you for your outreach via phone and follow up site visit to assess the conditions at the intersection of Bradford Road and Rt. 9 westbound in Wellesley. I genuinely appreciate your help.

You investigated many things and I'm summarizing them below to make sure I understood correctly.

1. Re: sidewalk maintenance along Rt. 9, it is the abutting homeowner's job to remove leaves if they wish to keep the sidewalk clean. (Yes)
2. How soon could DOT install a sign for the entrance in advance of Bradford Road? What would that look like? (Traffic: Could you respond to these ? / Thanks)
3. What is the process to ask DOT to install a straight guard rail along the Rt. 9 sidewalk? (I will ask Wellesley DPW if they can install a curved guardrail for the corner turn onto Bradford.) (Traffic: Can you review this area of Rte 9 Westbd. for possible new guardrail, and let me know what you think? In light of the crashes that Ms. Posey mentioned, I wasn't planning on installing new guardrail at this time, since the crashes all seemed related to vehicles that were turning onto Bradford Rd. (apparently, with excessive speed), and not caused by an issue in DOT's jurisdiction (i.e. on Rte 9).
4. I explained that over the past 10 years three vehicles have crashed into my fence at the corner - two while turning onto Bradford in slick driving conditions. In the third case, a young distracted driver was traveling the speed limit (50 mph or more), lost control and hit the corner fence so hard the large shed behind the fence was knocked off its foundation and thrown forward 12 feet. This could easily have been a fatality. He said he glanced at his cell phone before he lost control.
We talked about the 50 mph speed limit sign directly in front of 489 Worcester Road, where a 48 unit development with primary entrance/exit onto Rt. 9 has been proposed. You explained the speed limit there can't be changed because it's based on speed studies indicating 85% of vehicles are traveling 50 mph at that location. Is that correct? (Traffic: I know the signage is based on studies, but is it correct to say that the 85th percentile speed is *higher than 50mph ? / or lower?... / Thanks)*
5. Has DOT been contacted by the traffic consultants for 489 Worcester Street to discuss how to make this stretch of highway (with the proposed entrance/exit on Rt. 9) safer? (District 6 Permits Office: Could you respond to this one? / Thanks)
6. Is there any other way to slow traffic after the light at the intersection of Rt. 16? (I believe this question pertains to Rte. 9's westbound traffic - Traffic: Could you respond? / Thanks)
7. Is there an updated safety rating for the intersection of Rt. 9 and 16, with recent data? (Traffic: could you respond? / Thanks)

Again, thank you for your help.

Best,

Pamela Posey