



January 8, 2013

**BERKS COUNTY
MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP
STATE ROUTE 222
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST**

Ms. Diane Hollenbach, Manager
Maidencreek Township
One Quarry Road
PO Box 319
Blandon, PA 19510

Dear Ms. Hollenbach:

This letter is in response to your letter of November 8, 2012 requesting a traffic study on State Route 222 in the Maidencreek Township, Berks County.

The Department has completed our traffic and engineering studies on State Route 222 relative to your request. We conducted radar studies checking free flowing vehicles to determine what is known as the 85th percentile speed. This is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the motorists are driving under normal roadway conditions during the daylight hours. Our study indicated that the average 85th percentile speed on this roadway is compatible with the current 55 mph speed limit. We also carefully reviewed the crash history for the most recent five year period. This study did not reveal a pattern of crashes that could be attributed to an excessive speed limit. There is no one factor or combination of factors that warrants the lowering of the existing 55 mph speed limit on State Route 222.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact my office at 610-871-4489.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chade T. Sankari".

Chade T. Sankari
District Traffic Studies / Signing Manager
Engineering District 5-0

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****Please disregard previous letter dated January 2, 2013, for this letter supersedes it. ****