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**RE: ROUTE 20 @ JOHNSON RD
SIGNAL #67, ALBANY CO.**

Dear Mr. Ingalls:

We are in receipt of your letter dated May 16, 2014 requesting the Department to review the timing of the subject traffic signal in order to allow Alton Road traffic more time to make a left turn.

All of the Department's traffic signals are fully vehicle actuated, meaning there are vehicle detectors for every approach and the signal's controller determines when to terminate the green phases, based on vehicle occupancy of the detectors. This allows for the most efficient use of green time within the signal timing cycle.

The Department has no plans to alter signal timing in order to allow motorists waiting at unsignalized downstream intersections greater gaps to enter the flow of mainline traffic. Doing so would unnecessarily delay the 29,000 vehicles that use this portion of Route 20 on a daily basis and increase the release of vehicle emissions. If motorists attempting to access Route 20 from Alton Road feel there are insufficient gaps in the mainline traffic, they have the option to use the signalized intersection of Route 20 @ Church Road.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Kennedy".

Mark Kennedy, P.E.
Regional Traffic Engineer