

March 4, 2016

Dear Mr. Charnovich:

This is in further response to the Town of Somerset's traffic safety concerns at the subject location in Montgomery County. The State Highway Administration's (SHA) District Three traffic engineering staff has completed its review and is writing to provide you with the results.

The SHA follows the nationally accepted *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) as a guideline to determine when and where traffic control devices should be installed. These guidelines are nationwide in scope, and are endorsed by the Federal Highway Administration. As a highway operations agency, SHA assumes an obligation to follow these guidelines.

In response to the town's traffic signal request at MD 190 (River Road) and Greystone Street, many factors including traffic counts, AM and PM peak period observations, delay study, sight distance analysis, and crash data among others were considered. Our peak period observations revealed that left-turning traffic out of or into Greystone Street does not experience unusually long queues or high delays. The observed delays and wait times are not unlike those experienced at similar intersections in Montgomery County. Furthermore, our review of the most recently available three-year police reported crash data does not indicate a crash pattern correctable by the installation of a traffic signal. Furthermore, our review of the sight distances for both right-turning and left-turning motorists entering or exiting Greystone Street were found to be adequate to allow these motorists to make their turns safely and legally. For these reasons, a traffic signal at the intersection of MD 190 at Greystone Street is not justified at this time.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my Team Leader for Traffic, Mr. David Murnan, at 301-513-7465 or 1-800-749-0737. Mr. Murnan will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

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