

Re: LETTER FROM MRS. ANN SHACKLETON WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL  
ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1976 (ITEM 4e)  
ROYAL OAK AVENUE

Mrs. Ann Shackleton in her correspondence to Council expressed her concerns on proposed improvements to Royal Oak Avenue. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Ann Shackleton.

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Planning Department,  
Sept. 16, 1976  
Our File #08.640

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING  
RE: PROPOSAL TO FOUR-LANE ROYAL OAK AVE.

The Planning Dept. has now had an opportunity to review the concern expressed by Mrs. Ann Shackleton in her letter dated August 31, 1976 which was received by Council as item 4(e) at their meeting of Sept. 13, 1976.

Mrs. Shackleton's concern appears to focus on the question of four-laning Royal Oak and the negative impact that this might have on the safety of her children crossing to and from the Marlborough Elementary School. Mrs. Shackleton also expresses concern at the present level of safety available at the existing crossing.

On-site inspection of this crosswalk has shown that it has been recently re-painted. While the location of the crosswalk is on a slight grade at Arrow St., sight lines for motorists are very good. The width of Royal Oak in the vicinity of the crosswalk is approximately 46 ft. between curbs which is already a four lane standard although it operates as two moving lanes in this vicinity, with parking where permitted.

The Traffic Supervisor advises that the operation of this crosswalk has presented no particular problems related to pedestrian safety.

The recent discussion by Council of the improvement of Royal Oak Ave. to a four lane standard relates more specifically to the improvement of the steep grade in the vicinity of Buxton St. and generally involves that section of Royal Oak Avenue north from Dover St. The proposed improvements do not affect that portion of Royal Oak Avenue adjacent the Marlborough Elementary School. It should also be noted that no specific time has been established for such improvement as the proposal is still subject to further study by the Planning and Engineering Depts.

In terms of traffic volumes, both present and future, on this route, it should be noted that the route will be subject to natural traffic growth only and that improvements are not planned on the basis of increasing traffic flows but rather to improve the operational safety of Royal Oak generally.

A. L. Parr,  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.