

PennDOT Engineering District 6
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To PennDOT officials:

I am writing to you to request your assistance with several issues we have in our Borough, the Borough of Chester Heights, related to traffic issues on our PennDOT roadways. We have called and written many times. Most times the responses we receive back are cut and pasted from your manual and are not helpful in any way, and do not provide us adequate direction.

For example, we recently inquired about traffic control measures, traffic calming measures, traffic islands, turn lanes, and flashing lights that we want to incorporate in very specific areas of our Borough. When we provided these questions (in writing) to PennDOT we received the following statement back for almost every question, "A Highway Occupancy Permit from the Department would be required...". The other statement we frequently get as a response is that a traffic study would need to be conducted.

In the past month, our Borough has suffered several traffic accidents at key points that we have specifically addressed to PennDOT in the past, but have received no action on resolution. At this point we feel that PennDOT needs to take responsibility for the lack of action on our requests for assistance with issues that are a matter of public safety.

Upon review of the 4 and 12 Year Plans on your website, it appears that no improvements are planned in Chester Heights in either time frame.

We are formally requesting that **traffic studies** be conducted at the intersection of Wawa Road and Valleybrook Road; at Matson Road and Valleybrook Road; and that a **flasher permit** be approved and installed for the stop sign at Valleybrook and Llewelyn Roads. Additionally, we would like a review from the Department to determine if we can obtain a **Highway Occupancy Permit** for traffic calming measures at St. Thomas Church/School and at the intersection of Valleybrook Road and Smithbridge Road.

We would like more information on your Highway Safety Grants program to see if we can utilize the grant process to help ease our traffic concerns. Ideally, a meeting between Chester Heights Borough Council representatives and representatives from PennDOT District 6 would be best to help us review and resolve these issues.

The courtesy of a timely reply to this letter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Anne Searl
Councilwoman
Borough of Chester Heights

Cc: Senator Tom Killion
Representative Chris Quinn
PennDOT Delaware County Maintenance