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Ms. Colleen Messina  
7583 East Dead Creek Road  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Dear Ms. Messina:

RE: ROUTE 690 NB & SB RAMPS AT DOWNER ST.  
TOWN OF VAN BUREN, ONONDAGA COUNTY

In further response to your phone call to our office, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has completed a review of the subject locations for the appropriateness of installing a three-color traffic signal. That review included an analysis of a six-year crash history, three-day traffic count, signal warrant analysis, delay study, and the on-site conditions during the morning and evening peak periods.

Based upon the results of this study, NYSDOT anticipates that both the Route 690 NB and SB Ramps at Downer Street will meet engineering warrants for a three-color traffic signal in the near future. While neither intersection meets the warrants today, the historical growth rate of vehicles has steadily increased over the years resulting in increasing delays and queues for motorists on the ramps.

Therefore, NYSDOT will be initiating the design process to have three-color signals installed at both intersections under the next available traffic signal project. Due to constrained resource limits and competing priorities at other intersections, it is anticipated that both new three-color signals will be constructed in the 2024 construction season.

Your interest in transportation safety is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Parmley, Regional Traffic Engineer at (315) 428-4381.

Very truly yours,

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**D.P. SMITH**

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cc: Honorable William B. Magnarelli, New York State Assembly  
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