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Middlebury Select Board
77 Main Street
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RE: Reduced Speed Limit, VT-125 and VT-116, Middlebury

Dear Board Members:

This letter is in response to your October 8, 2019 letter requesting a review of the speed limits on VT-125 and VT-116 in East Middlebury.

The Traffic Operations unit has conducted an engineering study in this area, including speed studies at six locations, and recommends no change to the speed limits in this area.

We found that the 85th percentile speeds (the speed below which 85% of drivers were traveling) on both VT-125 and VT-116 were generally within 5 mph of the posted speed limit, which is in accordance with the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices guidance on properly posted speed limits. While conducting the speed studies, we observed several vehicles accelerating quickly and noisily from the four-way stop headed north on VT-116, which could add to the local perception of a speed problem. Increasing enforcement presence may help address this concern.

We will forward this recommendation to the Vermont Traffic Committee, who makes the final decision. This topic will be on the agenda of the next Traffic Committee meeting on Wednesday December 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the 25-person conference room at the VTrans Dill Building, 2178 Airport Rd, Barre, VT. Please attend if you wish to present testimony on behalf of the town. If you or members of the public are unable to attend but would still like to participate, please let me know and we can arrange a telephone connection.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 371-8827 or at ian.degutis@vermont.gov if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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