

# Ottawa County Road Commission

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April 20, 2005

Ms. Trinka Jeffery  
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Dear Ms. Jeffery:

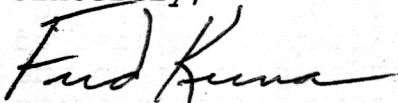
Thank you for your April 15th letter concerning pedestrian safety on Baldwin Street across from the township offices. The Ottawa County Road Commission has a continuing traffic safety improvement program and appreciates your interest in this important issue.

In determining the need for STOP and GO Traffic Signal Control the road commission follows nationally accepted Traffic Signal Warrants contained in the Michigan Manual of Traffic Control Devices (1994 Edition). The warrant used to establish a STOP and GO Traffic Signal at a mid-block location based on pedestrian activity requires a minimum of 100 pedestrians per hour for four hours or 190 pedestrians for any one hour during an average day. It is unlikely that the library/township offices would generate that amount of pedestrian activity during an average day thus making it difficult to justify installation of a STOP and GO Traffic Signal.

While the road commission would prefer that pedestrians cross at protected signalized intersections (i.e. 12th at Baldwin or 20th at Baldwin) we recognize that may be unrealistic for those residents that live mid-block. At Georgetown Township's request we would be willing to consider reviewing a location for placing a marked and signed crosswalk (the cost of which would be at the township's expense) provided there is a need. Keep in mind that a marked crosswalk is for the guidance of pedestrians and it is still the responsibility of the pedestrian to make sure there is adequate gaps in the traffic flow before attempting to cross the street.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 850-7220.

Sincerely,



Fred Keena  
Traffic Engineer

cc: R.J. Poel, Georgetown Township Clerk