

Statement displayed on screen during Board of Selectmen's September 8, 2021 Meeting zoom discussion with residents of Oak Hill Road:

We (most of the residents of Oak Hill Rd), are appealing to the Southborough Board of Selectmen to help with what we feel is an escalating safety concern and dangerous increase in accidents on the road. In the past two months there have been seven accidents on Oak Hill, which is a large increase over prior periods. We feel that the current speed limit is too high and unsafe due to the thickly settled residential nature of the street, large number of children, lack of sidewalks, high commercial truck traffic, and multiple blind driveways. We implore the Selectmen to use their new powers under Section 17C of MGL Chapter 90, or other tools available, to reduce the posted speed limit to 25 MPH, as Oak Hill Rd qualifies as a thickly settled road. In addition, we would like the town to install permanent radar speed signs to help influence that change, install a "No Jake Braking" or similar sign on the downslope towards Route 9, add sidewalks per the Complete Streets plan, add back the crosswalks that were removed, and to request of MA DOT to adjust the delay between the lights – as there are many vehicles that run the red light on Route 9 making that one of the top 10 most dangerous intersections in Metrowest¹. Also, if currently proposed legislature passes the state house and the senate to allow for red light cameras within the Commonwealth, we would request that one be placed at the intersection.

1. 495/MetroWest Region's Top Ten Transportation Nightmares - <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/02/28/transportation-nightmares-report.pdf>