

June 25, 2013

County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive  
Edward A. Rath County Office Building  
95 Franklin St., 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear County Executive Poloncarz,

I respectfully request your help with resolving a serious pedestrian safety hazard on Heise Rd. in the Town of Clarence Center. The location involves the bridge over Ransom Creek and the intersection of the walking/biking trail, and access to it along Heise Rd. I have some ideas on how to correct the situation.

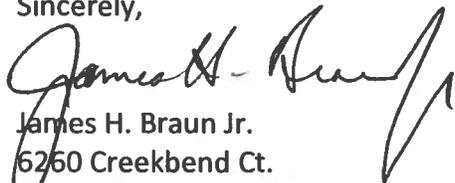
The bridge over Ransom Creek presents a serious safety hazard to pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. It is a bottleneck, forcing vehicles into the center of the road. The bridge has no walkway for safe passage of pedestrians. In addition, it is in a valley which limits visibility for/oncoming traffic. Heise Rd. is heavily traveled by large truck traffic.

There is no safe pedestrian walkway to and from the bike path along Heise Rd. The surrounding area is very developed now with hundreds of homes in the area. The speed limit is 45mph, unlike most developed roads in Clarence where it is 35 mph.

On June 24, 2013, I met with Legislator Ed Rath at the location. Legislator Rath has been very responsive to my concerns. He saw first-hand the situation I am addressing.

County Executive Poloncarz, I appreciate your concern and attention to this serious problem. It is an accident waiting. Fixing the problem would be a real public service. Please let me know how I may be of assistance. I am very happy to help with this project.

Sincerely,

  
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