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## New Seward Rumble Strips MP114.5 to 117.5

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Randy and Sean,

During a recent Rabbit Creek Community Council meeting several comments were received from those in attendance regarding rumble strip installation, traffic studies and general safety. These were:

1) The validity of the turning movement study being conducted for the Potter Valley Road (PVR) and New Seward Highway (NSH) intersection will be inaccurate because access to the Old Seward Highway is blocked (detour) due to construction on the Old Seward Highway. Turning traffic from the NSH onto PVR is reduced for north and south bound traffic.

2) AASHTO sound studies to assess impact of rumble strips on neighborhoods have not been conducted. Sound propagates strongly uphill and is clearly audible at considerable distance from the NSH.

3) Safety along the Potters Marsh portion of the NSH might be better served by enforcing no passing through the marsh area and by painting a wider median strip. An additional safety concern was noted for southbound traffic turning into the McHugh Creek parking area. Because of high traffic volumes there can be considerable delays in making the turn and the guard rail prevents traffic from going around turning cars. Skid marks from breaking are clearly evident in the southbound lane.

Regards,  
Jess Grunblatt