

Back to School Alert: Speed limits have been permanently reduced on Moe Road in the vicinity of the Shenendehowa Campus to 35 mph and 25 mph during school hours. The Town is working with our Law Enforcement partners to ensure enforcement of the new speeds. Please share with family and friends, especially those younger drivers in your household.

Many parents, community members, school personnel, and young student drivers commute most weekdays near Shenendehowa's High School Campus, including two school road curb cuts onto Moe Road. Post covid, Clifton Park has seen an increase in local traffic as more people have chosen to drive their children to school rather than utilize school busing. Therefore, the Town commissioned the services of a traffic engineering firm to evaluate the speed limit along a $\frac{3}{4}$ section of Moe Road from the Route 146 Intersection heading south to the intersection with Clifton Park Center Road.

Conclusions from the traffic analysis include:

1. Higher-than-normal rates of accidents are present along Moe Road at three intersections: School Drive North, School Drive South, and Tracy Court.
2. Predominant contributing factors for accidents include following too closely, failure to yield the right of way, and driver inattention.
3. High bike and pedestrian activity are present along this section of Moe Road.
4. 85% of drivers traveling on that roadway section drove at 43 mph or less while 50% of drivers drove at 37 mph or less.
5. Traffic on Moe Road is largely composed of residents and local commuters supporting a reduced speed limit of 35 mph with a 25 mph school speed limit near the Shenendehowa Campus Entrances/Exits from Moe Road.

While reduced speeds may lessen the severity of damage and injury resulting from vehicular accidents, the data suggests from accident history following too closely, failure to yield the right of way, and driver inattention necessitates the need for encouraging positive messaging for drivers to avoid these unsafe driving behaviors.

The Town encourages drivers and parents to review the following safety tips when using Moe Road near the school facilities in Clifton Park:

Drive cautiously through school zones. Take things slowly. The speed limit in the Moe Road School Zone is 25 miles per hour, and drivers can drive slightly under that based on conditions. Drivers should be prepared to respond to anything requiring a sudden stop or slowing down.

Keep scanning. One benefit of driving slow enough, is increasing drivers' ability to respond and react, if necessary, to sudden unsafe movements and maneuvers from pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists within the Moe Road corridor.

Avoid distractions. A driver's mobile phone should be placed in a vehicle location that avoids distraction. Doing such increases the likelihood of drivers' eyes always being on the roadway and aware of surrounding conditions.