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Hi Association Board members

Our next Board meeting will be Thursday February 28 at $7 \mathrm{pm}$ to hear about Mangias and other things.

Today I attended the Transportation Forum held at DOT on Wolf Road and spoke about our desire to have the flooding eliminated on Western and a new sidewalk on the north side of Western. Generally I said that at this time I am less interested in "grand plans" than in getting some specific improvements, like pedestrian cross walk signs, better coordination between the Town's snow removal from sidewalks and the State's snow removal from the highway, a lessened speed limit on Western Avenue and greater pedestrian safety on Fuller Road and Western Avenue. Walking is part of transportation, just as is biking. I intend to send a longer letter to the commissioner of DOT since we were limited to 3 minutes and there was more to say--like safe walking routes for children in McKownville.

About 75 people were there, the commissioner of NYDOT convened the Forum and was the main speaker but other speakers included Paul Tonko of NYSERDA and a dozen more before it was opened to the audience.

Third--the current issue of the Enterprise is worth reading--the article about Grimm/Redlich and the police and Redlich's blog site--amazing.

Fourth--I got just a few comments back about the proposed roundabout on Fuller. I certainly have no antipathy towards it and I guess neither do you so persons anxious for the Association to come out in opposition to it will be disappointed, unless someone comes up with a winning argument.

Fifth--I spoke again to the Town about Hansen's--illegal sign and questioned their right to put in an apartment without another public hearing.

Sixth--from casual observation, there are many users of the new bus shelters.

Don Reeb