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Joe,
There is one substantial issue to discuss with the HCS Board that the Route 116 Corridor Study Steering Committee identified. The issue: Traffic congestion at school drop off time.

Traffic congestion in the village area is limited to the morning peak and the afternoon peak times. In the morning, the worst congestion is tied to school drop off time – i.e., we see markedly better traffic flow during school breaks. The Steering Committee suggested that the Town have a conversation with the HCS administration or school board about ways the school could help address this issue. Some ideas discussed include:

- Modifying school bus routes and timing to encourage more parents to put their kids on the bus in the morning – i.e., revise routes or add buses to reduce time on bus - pick up time and bus drive time are two reasons parents often give for driving their children to school.

- Education campaign to parents as to why it's important for their kids to ride the bus in the morning – less traffic, less exhaust emissions, gas usage, etc.

- Eliminate parent drop off in the upper parking lot during the morning – i.e., use alternate drop off location and/or Silver Street access.

- Incentivise or require kids on the village area sidewalk system to walk to school.

- Consider utilizing alternate drop off locations (for school buses and/or parents) in the village. Locations removed from the high traffic Route 116, Silver Street intersection, but within safe/easy walking distance via the village area sidewalk network. The Town Office is one possibility. Lantmans or Papa Nicks might be other possibilities with permission.

I'm copying our Route 116 Corridor Study consultant and CCRPC project manager, in case they have other ideas or have already been in communication with HCS staff.

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