

SAFE ROUTES PEEKSKILL

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Mr. Andrew Stewart, City Manager
Peekskill City Hall
840 Main Street
Peekskill, NY 10566

Dear Mr. Stewart,

The Safe Routes Peekskill Coalition represents members of the Peekskill City School District, the Peekskill Parent-Teacher Organization and Peekskill Walks. As a coalition, we are advocating for the remediation of the dangers that our children encounter walking and biking to/from school.

The Safe Routes Coalition is making budgetary requests for city improvements on behalf of our school children as follows for the 2022 Peekskill City Budget. We are asking for the following upgrades and maintenance:

- **School Zones-** update school zones around each building to be consistent with NYS Law
- <https://www.dot.ny.gov/about-nysdot/faq/posing-speed-limit-within-a-school-zone>
- **Crosswalks-** consistent maintenance of current crosswalks; increased number of crosswalks within school zones
- **Signage-** align School Zone signage to be consistent with NYS law around *all* school buildings
- **Crossing Guards-** fill open positions, with a minimum of one guard near each building during school arrival and dismissals
- **Police Enforcement-** for traffic violations within school zones during arrival and dismissal times
- **Code Enforcement-** for all property owners re: overgrown bushes; snow & ice removal; broken sidewalks, etc. to ensure walking safety

The Coalition would like to meet with you, and city representatives, and a subsequent meeting with you and the city council, to share our recent research and observations on the obstacles to safe routes to our schools and to discuss short and long term goals. We request that we be added to a Committee of the Whole agenda in an upcoming meeting.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We look forward to working with you towards a safer, healthier Peekskill for all of our students and families.

Sincerely,

Safe Routes Peekskill Coalition

[Peekskill City School District - Peekskill Parent-Teacher Organization - Peekskill Walks]

And the Undersigned Parents, Students, and Residents