

# FORT HUNTER / CARMAN ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Conceptual drawing of the Lydius – Carmen Road intersection in the Town of Guilderland, New York.

**Total Study Cost:** \$45,000 consultant effort

**Description:** Accelerating suburbanization and subsequent changes in traffic levels and patterns have affected the quality of life and sense of place in the Fort Hunter / Carman Road area. Automobile and truck congestion has been increasing while pedestrian safety and amenities have been decreasing. The purpose of this study is to develop a comprehensive transportation plan for the neighborhood, which the *Town of Guilderland Comprehensive Plan* called for in 2000.

Recommendations were developed that focused primarily on ways of increasing bicycle and pedestrian activity. The creation of a village center was suggested by changing zoning and condensing the local commercial/retail areas. Carman Road and other high volume streets were recommended to have sidewalks, crosswalks with signals, trees adjacent to the roadway, more street lighting, and “gateways” at several key locations that would identify the corridor and promote a sense of place. To increase the viability of the proposed bicycle route system, some roads would need to be widened to include a paved shoulder and the routes would have to be identified by frequent signage in both directions. To accommodate general traffic the study also called for adding turning lanes at key intersections and consolidating business driveways.

This study was completed in December 2003.

To view the final report, visit <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/linkage/forthunter.pdf>.

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