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Subject: Road Concerns on Mitkof Hwy & 3-Way Stop Sign

Dear Borough Members,

Here are 2 areas of concern, the second could possibly be assessed at the same time:

1. Currently, the speed limit on Mitkof Highway increases to 50 mph after mile 4 before dropping again in certain areas with curves. Given the significant increase in homes and driveways along the highway, it may be necessary to reassess the speed limits, particularly within Service Area 1, to ensure safety for residents and drivers alike.
2. Improving traffic flow and safety at the intersection of Haugen Dr & Nordic Dr, especially during the summer, by installing a 3-way stop.
 - **Traffic Speed Control** – Vehicles entering downtown Petersburg from S Nordic Drive currently do so without slowing down significantly until they reach the 20 mph speed limit zone. A 3-way stop would help gradually reduce speeds before entering the downtown area.
 - **Traffic Congestion Reduction** – The current configuration, with only one stop sign at the base of Haugen Drive, results in frequent traffic backups, sometimes extending past the library and beyond. A 3-way stop could help alleviate this issue by creating a more balanced and controlled traffic pattern. Traffic can also be backed up in both directions on Nordic when vehicles are turning
 - **Safety Considerations** – Even though the corner of the Municipal Power & Light Building was modified to improve visibility when turning onto Nordic Drive, there is still a significant blind spot. Approaching traffic from the south remains difficult to see, creating a potential safety hazard for drivers attempting to merge. A stop sign on S Nordic Dr and N Nordic Dr could enhance safety for both drivers and pedestrians. Increased pedestrian and vehicle activity in this area, during the summer, makes controlled traffic flow even more critical.

Since both issues likely fall under the state's jurisdiction, it may be possible to assess both safety concerns during the same visit by Nathan Purves, Traffic & Safety Engineer. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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