

# Sample Editorial

## Is it to Late

There needs to be another lane built for emergency vehicles only. It takes too long for those vehicles to reach the emergency. What if you were caught in a fire and couldn't get out because the truck couldn't get there in time. Does that change your mind.

The largest cause of this delay of time in the vehicles is T-R-A-F-F-I-C!!! You are to blame for that. Not many of you pull over when you hear a siren. Large emergency vehicle going at a high speed can't come to a sudden stop and squeeze through spaces between the cars, on the shoulder, and on the median. That problem is an issue during rush hour and when a light is red.

Once when I was traveling on H27 with my grandma we just stopped at the light at the intersection of Oak Hill Road. Just after the cars stopped across from us a fire truck came flying in from behind them and had to stop. The cars were moving, but in every direction and just made a bigger mess. The truck couldn't get through. The light we were at and the two lights at the intersection all turned green before the light the truck was at. It caused at least a five minute delay for that truck.

There is a way to stop this mayhem. The city could add on one lane to roads high in traffic. Those roads are the highways, possibly the parkway, and roads downtown Somerset. On the highways they could build another lane going both ways on the inside or outside of the road. In town they don't have to build whole lanes, but you could put in "short cuts". Like roads they could use that would get them from one road to another without having to dodge cars, make sharp turns, and stopping at lights. One "short cut" could be where Sulusky's and the old Book Keeping & Taxes buildings were. Another could be where that road is by the library.

I understand your side of this mess. I know the cost for that much construction will be outrageous. I know the construction will really cause some traffic jams. I also know people will use that lane when it is done as a passing lane. You may think it will bring more chaos than it will good.

Now, to solve those problems. Cameras-they can film a color video of all the cars that drive on it. They can also get plate/tag numbers. That person can be fined, \$250, \$500, \$750, or \$1,000, for their wrong doings. Cars could still use four lanes on H27 and two on H80 while they are under construction. The city could take donations and/or have a fund raiser.

What if your house burnt or a family member died because of this little problem. Or what if it were you that was injured. Don't think it can't happen to you cause it very well could. How would you feel. Think about it. Lets do what has to be done.