

Traffic woes?

I believe my friend Mark Van Summern exaggerates the normal traffic situation in his opposition to the Y's planned move to Mahackeno (Minuteman, March 6).

I have lived for 32 years on Cavalry Road, off Red Coat Road, 3.3 miles from my office on Riverside Avenue. I average 7 minutes to reach my office between 8 and 9 a. m., six days a week, sometimes as little as 5-6 minutes if I make every light. I have no trouble getting on Wilton Road from Red Coat, never wait more than one traffic light at the Merritt and Kings Highway North (a.k.a. Fort Apache); and usually wait no more than one light at the Post Road to cross onto Riverside.

In the evening between 5 and 6 p. m., five days a week, I average 8-9 minutes going home unless there is downtown congestion on Riverside and the Post Road in which case I sometimes divert to Kings Highway North usually seldom waiting more than one light to turn left onto

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Wilton Road; or I take KHN/Old Hill Road to Partrick waiting no more than one minute to turn left onto Wilton. I almost never have to wait more than one light to get past the Merritt and return home.

On occasion, I travel east on the Merritt to exit 41 and usually get off with virtually no wait. I suspect the one-mile wait claimed by Mark are times when the Merritt is backed up by an accident and more cars than usual get off at exit 41 which also leads to long lines going south and east at Fort Apache.

I look forward to the Y finding a new home at Mahackeno and perhaps adding a minute or two to my commuting time.

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