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ROADWAY: 200-300 block of Shady Lane

SPEED SURVEY

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INITIAL COMPLAINT: The Traffic Safety Unit conducted this survey based on a complaint from the ward commissioner.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA: Shady Lane Pike is a local road that is a main route from Pine Rd. in Philadelphia to Huntingdon Pike on east side of Abington Township. It traverses residential areas as well as the south end of Lorimer Park. The roadway is a two lane roadway which has dual jurisdiction (Abington Twp. westbound and Rockledge Boro eastbound).

INFORMATION GATHERING METHOD: Speed survey was conducted with a handheld radar gun. Crash data was obtained from the two closest intersections (Jarrett Ave. and Rockledge Ave.) for the past 5 years. Crash data at Shady Lane and Jarrett Ave. showed 2 crashes with neither occurring at the intersection. Both occurred east of the railroad bridge and involved hitting fixed objects. One was weather related. There were 2 crashes reported at Rockledge Ave. with one not at the actual intersection. The only crash at the intersection was a rear end crash. The crashes at both locations were not speed related.

FACTORS: The speed of the vehicles using this section of Shady Lane showed that 6.9 % of the traffic met the criteria for enforcement on the westbound side. The 85th percentile speed for this section of Huntingdon Pike was 32 MPH.

ANALYSIS: At this time, speeding does not seem to be an issue on this section of Shady Lane. The average speed was 20 MPH. The posted speed limit is 25 MPH. Based on the analysis the roadway appears to be appropriately posted.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue the normal enforcement. Abington Township and Rockledge Borough are also adding additional signage and roadway markings to make motorists more aware of the area.

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