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Re: Speed on Harding Ave.

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Bryan Barnett <barnettb@rochesterhills.org>

Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 1:49 PM

To: Paul Shumejko <shumejkop@rochesterhills.org>

Cc: Paul Davis <davisp@rochesterhills.org>, Allan Schneck <schnecka@rochesterhills.org>

Let's talk about this later this week. What would be your recommendation?

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 11:40 AM, Paul Shumejko <shumejkop@rochesterhills.org> wrote:

Mayor,

This issue does come up every so often and poses interesting dilemma.

The NO TURN ON RED traffic control device went into effect after a bicyclist was struck and killed when heading SB on Livernois at Harding. The bicyclist had the WALK symbol and proceeded through street approach. The driver, however, couldn't see bicyclist due to the retaining wall obstruction and also probably due to only focusing on looking south because of boulevard. This went to the ATSB with recommendation to install a NO TURN ON RED to force driver to STOP and reduce conflict between bicyclist/pedestrian and vehicle. There are several solutions to this issue that I can think of:

- 1) Lower water main, and move the wall further to the east to get it out of the traffic sight distances lines. May be expensive.
- 2) Request RCOC to perform traffic signal study to verify if signal is still warranted. If not, remove it and install 18"x18" STOP signs for the pathway users at Harding. Path STOP signs cannot be placed now because there is a pedestrian WALK and DON'T WALK signal head. The active traffic control device, i.e., signal, always supersedes the passive traffic control device, i.e., STOP sign.
- 3) Go to ATSB and request to remove the NO TURN ON RED restriction and install a "Turning Vehicles YIELD to Pedestrian Sign" for WB Harding traffic. The issue with this option is that nothing has been improved to the existing condition since the NO TURN ON RED restriction was implemented and it would be difficult to justify the removal of sign. Also, the below sign doesn't

resolve the issue of not being able to see pedestrians heading SB.



In my opinion, I think option 2 holds the most promise. In driving this area, I don't see too often where there aren't gaps in Livernois that necessitates a traffic signal. At least a study would bear that out. This may be difficult to gain support from area residents off those streets. I think the signal was originally installed with Livernois project preemptively per request from area residents in lieu of waiting to be installed based upon an actual signal warrants being satisfied. On the flip side, many of the residents who were involved with Livernois project back in 1996 may have moved on and not have recollection.

The other side of Livernois at Springwood has the same issue, however, that one is more to due to the landscaping blocking sight lines.

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On Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 10:59 AM, Bryan Barnett <barnettb@rochesterhills.org> wrote:
We get a lot of complaints about that no turn on red sign. Any thoughts?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: <jeff@whitbey.com>
Date: August 17, 2015 at 8:32:56 AM EDT
To: "Bryan Barnett" <barnettb@rochesterhills.org>
Subject: RE: Speed on Harding Ave.

Hi Bryan

The speed issue has improved on Harding. Still needs help. I noticed the speed wagon up on 1st Street and asked the Chief. Yes they are having the same issue there. I think the way the Sherriff is working this is effective and as it continues will resolve the concern.

Now that the patrols have been out, we see cars speeding up at the high point of the street to make the light more often.

At the light is a No Turn on Red Sign. In the past when asked it was said that the sight lines are weak and cars could not see pedestrians. That is true. But it is also true that you cannot see pedestrians when you are rushing the light and the go on the Don't Walk light.

As pedestrians seem to go no matter what the Walk/Don't Walk light the No Turn on Red Sign is not really working and it is creating a situation that cars are approaching the light at double the speed limit.

I believe a better solution that I have seen around the county and state would be a Stop Sign for the South bound pedestrians and a removal of the No Turn on Red Sign. This would alert pedestrians to the risk and might help quiet the traffic flow along Harding and give a more sane and safe intersection flow of traffic.

Could you forward this to people with the wrench to remove the No Turn on Red Sign and Thank the Sherriff Dept for the help?

Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Speed on Harding Ave.

From: Bryan Barnett <barnettb@rochesterhills.org>

Date: Mon, July 20, 2015 9:12 pm

To: "jeff@whitbey.com" <jeff@whitbey.com>

Jeff,

Thanks for the email. lets talk about this tomorrow at Rotary. Ill try and think of some good ideas thanks

On Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 8:50 AM, <jeff@whitbey.com> wrote:
Hi Bryan

The speeds on Harding have been faster. It is a 25mph street. 35 to 40 is normal in the daytime. The early morning has been the worst with speeds in the 40 to 60 range. There are some much faster The pedestrians are in the street on Harding in the street and several pets have been lost.

Several of my neighbors and myself have called the Sheriff. They have been around and put a speed wagon up but the issue is still out of control.

What can be done to change the street speeds?

Thank you,

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