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Hello transportation commission,

I have lived in Ann Arbor for about 5 years now (moved here after college for work in auto industry) and mostly have only good things to say about the town and its infrastructure. That said, i have a major gripe with the traffic engineering in this town. The light scheduling is very simply terrible. I commute from very near the Big House all the way up to 23 north to get to Milford every day. The main street part of the journey can vary from 10-20 minutes, with the high end caused almost invariably from red lights impeding my progress. It is honestly comical how often i hit a red, wait for green, go straight at traffic pace and hit the subsequent red light. Rinse and repeat.

As an engineer, inefficiencies grind my gears (i work on transmissions hehe). I do not know how someone derived this light timing scheme, but i can tell you with a 5 days a week commute schedule over the past 3 years taking me the same route that IT IS TERRIBLE! Catching more than one green at a time is a miracle! Sync those bad boys up! Time in traffic is time WASTED! Don't even get me started on forced yellow turn signals that should be blinking yellow outside of rush hour...

Below is a picture of a WSJ article on timing lights more efficiently - a project that UM is working on! I think it would be great if AA reached out to UM to see if there could be some benefit there!

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In this day and age when we can track our food being delivered, monitor our front door from anywhere in the world and ask artificial intelligence just about anything, must we spend so much time sitting at red lights?

There is hope. Google, for example, is rapidly expanding a one-year-old product, called Green Light, that will create "green waves"—that is, one green light after another—in 14 cities where

Here's to hoping this email does not fall on deaf ears 🙏

Thanks for your time,
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