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Subject: FW: Need for blinker light for a pedestrian crosswalk in Ann Arbor

From: Bridget Held <xxxxxx@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 10:46 AM
To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <xxxxxx@a2gov.org>
Subject: Re: Need for blinker light for a pedestrian crosswalk in Ann Arbor

Christopher,

Thank you for your response! After I sent that request in, I thought I should tell you that when cars go south on Stone School Rd from the 94 bridge, they are going fast, so it's hard to slow down there, even if someone is waiting at that crosswalk. Could it be moved a little further south to Stone School and at the other entrance to the apartment complex at Valencia?

Also at the crosswalk at Stone School Rd and Chamagne, it would be beneficial to have a RRFB installed also because cars usually do not stop there for pedestrians waiting at that crosswalk.

Thank you
Bridget

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Subject: RE: Need for blinker light for a pedestrian crosswalk in Ann Arbor

Good morning Bridget

Thank you for contact the Transportation Commission regarding pedestrian crossing conditions at the intersection of Stone School & Pheasant Run / Valencia. City staff is working on procurement and installation of RRFB (rectangular rapid flash beacon) at this intersection. It is expected that this work will be complete in the current fiscal year, which ends in June 2025.

Thank you

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Subject: Need for blinker light for a pedestrian crosswalk in Ann Arbor

Hello Transportation Commissioner, Mr. Taylor, and city administrator,

I hope you are having a good day!

I live on the south side of Ann Arbor and bike, walk and drive all around Ann Arbor daily. I have seen that the blinking lights at some pedestrian crosswalks are very useful because cars actually do stop when they see the flashing lights, they make it very obvious that there is a crosswalk there. It is good that it's a city law to stop there. Not all cars stop at these crosswalks, which makes it very unsafe for the public.

I live near a crosswalk that does not have a flashing light that can be pressed when a biker or pedestrian presses the button.

This location of the crosswalk is on Stone School Rd at Valencia Circle and Pheasant Run Circle, which is just south of the 94 bridge, when going south on Stone School Rd. In-between Windsong Townhomes and South Grove apartment complex.

I have almost never seen cars stop for pedestrians or bikes at this crosswalk. When cars are driving south on Stone School Rd over the I94 bridge, they are going fast and don't slow down for a crosswalk. When cars are coming north on Stone School Rd toward this crosswalk, they often also are going fast to go up the hill up the I94 bridge, and aren't prepared to slow down for this crosswalk.

It is very unfortunate that people stand there at the crosswalk and wait for cars to stop, but they never do. It makes them feel as if there is no point to the crosswalks, and that it's useless to stand and wait for cars to stop for them to cross the street.

Ann Arbor is becoming more pedestrian-friendly, but there are improvements that could be made. In the couple years that the crosswalk has been there, I might have seen two cars ever stop at this crosswalk. It is honestly not obvious to me to stop there when I'm driving when people are standing there, because there is no flashing light that makes it obvious that cars need to stop there.

I'm concerned people will get injured or killed there. This is a public safety issue, and I think it's important for people to be and feel safe when they are using transportation or recreational walking/biking around Ann Arbor. There are a lot of other crosswalks around Ann Arbor that have the blinking lights to press, and they really work to stop traffic- I have seen cars stop all the time at others. I don't know if cars are ticketed for not stopping at these, or law enforced because people often drive right through them when people are at the crosswalk, and I've never seen anyone pulled over by police.

Could you please write back to me about this to know it was received, and let me know if there are any improvements planned for this crosswalk?

Thank you very much for the consideration,
Bridget Held

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