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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council Members

CC: Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator

FROM: Brian Stineman, Public Works Director

DATE: February 20, 2020

RE: Request to Reduce Time to Remove Traffic Signals at Hershey & Main

INTRODUCTION:

At the December 19, 2019 city council meeting the council approved the installation of an all-way stop at Hershey and Main with the caveat that the existing traffic signals be keep in red flash for six month and then covered for six months before removal.

BACKGROUND/RATIONAL:

After the installation of the flashing all-way stop signs at the intersection of Hershey and Main the traffic signals were placed in red flash and have been that way for almost three months. There have been no accidents or reported issues at this location since that time. Staff feel that waiting another three months in red flash and then six months with the signal heads covered is an inordinate amount of time to make this transition. We request that the signals be allowed to be covered at the end of March 2020 and after three months of them being covered with no issues allow them be removed at the end of June 2020. This will speed this transition process up by six months and allow us to move on from this area in a more timely manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the traffic signals at Hershey and Main be covered for a period of three months starting on March 31, 2020 and the signals and poles be allowed to be removed after June 30, 2020. The intersection will then remain an all-way stop with stop signs from that point forward.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

N/A