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MEMORANDUM

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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary
FROM: Randy Hill, Public Works Director
DATE: October 18, 2011
RE: Traffic Committee Stop Sign Request – Fairview & Canon Ave.

INTRODUCTION:

The City's Traffic Committee has reviewed a request for a Stop Sign or a Speed bump on Canon Ave. by Fairview Ave.

BACKGROUND:

The committee received a request from a Canon Ave. resident to either install speed bumps or make the Fairview/Canon intersection a four way stop (Stop signs exist on Fairview). They cited the high volume of traffic attributable to Canon being a shortcut from Park Ave. to Highway 22 during times of peak traffic. Motorists drive at a high rate of speed on Canon because there is an uninterrupted stretch of road from Park Ave. to River Road. "Joy riders" seem to get a certain "rush" by driving fast on the Canon Ave. hill – especially in the warm months. The intersection of Canon and Fairview is a blind intersection because of the topography and a driveway very near the intersection. Finally, there is a lot of pedestrian traffic near Canon Ave. due to the trail at the intersection of Canon & River Road (including children).

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

After reviewing the request the Traffic Committee concluded that a temporary speed bump would not solve the problems and could exacerbate them. The committee believes the resident has a legitimate concern about the safety of this intersection. As a result the committee recommends installing Stop Signs on Canon Ave. at the Canon/Fairview intersection.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



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RE: Traffic Committee Stop Sign Request – Lucas & Broadway

INTRODUCTION:

The City's Traffic Committee has reviewed a request for a Stop Sign at Lucas & Broadway by 4th Street Park.

BACKGROUND:

During the Hershey II Sewer Separation Project W. 3rd Street was either a detour route while Mississippi Drive was closed or W. 3rd was closed while construction was occurring in the area. Because of this the volume of traffic increased considerably at Lucas/Broadway/4th Street. Residents around 4th Street Park requested a temporary Stop sign be installed at Lucas & Broadway during construction.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

The Traffic Committee believes this Stop Sign has been very effective in increasing the safety of the 4th Street Park neighborhood. In particular users of the park, especially children, can realize a higher degree of protection because the Stop sign exists.

Therefore, in order to validate this traffic control device the Committee recommends making the temporary Stop sign at Lucas & Broadway permanent.

If you have any questions, please contact me.