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Good morning, Sharon.

Commissioner Montzka shared with me the City's request for upgrading the ped crossing across County Road 30 at 311<sup>th</sup> St with an Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB). A few things to consider:

Per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance:

- Can be effective with multi-lane crossings and speed limits less than 40 mph
- Average cost is \$22,250
- Should reserve use for locations with "significant pedestrian safety issues"
- Warns that an over-use may diminish their effectiveness

While I understand that there is concern about traffic not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalk at this location (and all locations), the speed limit, road characteristics and sight lines afford the driver all the information needed to negotiate the roadway safely. Simply installing an RRFB system will not address the driver behavior issue here. I would recommend an increased police presence or perhaps the addition of a sign like I have attached to this email. Other cities have used these signs that sit in the road and force the driver to account for it as well as the pedestrians that may be using the crosswalk – unlike signage or flashing lights posted at the side of the road. Center City, Lindstrom and Chisago City have also installed flags for pedestrians to carry when they cross the road. This is also a low cost option that may help with driver behavior.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any additional questions or concerns and let me know if there is anything that I can help with.

Thank you

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