

Testimony from Vince Wuebker

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House Transportation Committee

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Yielding and stopping while operating a bicycle on a roadway.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, my name is Vince Wuebker. I am a cyclist from Fargo. In 2020 I rode over 11,000 miles. In the past 3 years I have ridden more than 23,000 miles with most of those miles coming on North Dakota roads. Regarding stopping at a 4 way stop, unless there is a vehicle approaching from any direction, I will slow down and roll through the stop sign to keep up some momentum. It is an unwritten rule of the cyclist. If there is a vehicle approaching, I will stop as I am worried the vehicle will be the one to run a 4 way stop. A battle I would not win.

Regarding the Red Stop Light, I as a cyclist will always stop. If there are no vehicles approaching either direction I will continue through the red light. This is especially important to note that not all red lights have a cross walk button to push and the weight of a cyclist is not going to trigger the light to change. So, at 5 am I will yield and proceed through the red light.

House Bill 1252 in the world of the cyclist is total common sense and the right thing to do. And making it part of driver's education would continue to make North Dakotans aware of the continued growth of those of us that are riding bicycles on the North Dakota roadways. I urge a DO PASS vote on House Bill 1290.

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